Sustainability-related Financial Product Disclosure

Catella European Residential Fund III SCS SICAV-SIF

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(the "Fund")

Торіс	Description
Summary	Catella European Residential Fund III ("CER III" or "the Fund") is an open-ended investment fund that aims to achieve its financial objectives while also pursuing environmental and social goals. The Fund is classified as an Article 9 fund under the Sustainable Financing Disclosure Regulation (SFDR), meaning it has defined sustainable, social, and governance objectives as binding elements for its investment strategy.
	CER III incorporates environmental, social, and governance (ESG) considerations throughout all phases of its investment process, including acquisition, refurbishment/development, and operation. The Fund is committed to identifying and mitigating principal adverse impacts (PAI) related to climate change risks.
	To ensure it meets its environmental and social objectives, CER III has implemented an ESG Policy that guides its planning and decision-making processes. The Fund has also implemented a range of measures covering all phases of investment, from acquisition to operation.
	In terms of sustainability factors, the Fund focuses on two key indicators: fossil fuels and energy efficiency. It also aligns its activities with the EU Taxonomy objectives, particularly in relation to climate change mitigation and adaptation. CER III conducts climate risk and vulnerability assessments for every acquisition it makes, based on guidelines provided by the EU Taxonomy Commission Delegated Regulation.
	The Fund also takes steps to prevent pollution and control hazardous contaminants in soil when acquiring properties. Additionally, it assesses the impacts on ecosystems if a building is to be constructed on a greenfield site and avoids building on protected natural areas or land of recognized high biodiversity value.
	CER III is a member of the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI) and is committed to responsible investments. It aims to achieve high-level ESG credentials and maintain a positive contribution to solving societal sustainability issues. The Fund follows the Catella Code of Conduct and Group Policy Framework, which provide ethical guidelines, and it requires compliance with minimum human labor rights in contractual agreements with partners.

	The investment strategy of CER III focuses on investing in a diversified portfolio of modern and affordable residential assets in core markets across Western Europe, and limited allocations will be made to a select number of satellite markets. The Fund targets stable cash flow, long-term value growth, and limited leverage. It aims for a 5-6% internal rate of return net to investors and adheres to a 40% loan-to-value ratio. CER III also aims to achieve a high level of affordability in terms of rents and sets ambitious carbon emissions reduction targets in line with the Paris Agreement 1.5-degree scenario. The Fund uses the GRESB as a reference benchmark for its Climate Change Mitigation objective and participates in the annual GRESB survey to report its ESG activities. CER III's sustainable investment objectives align with various United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), such as ensuring access to affordable and modern energy, increasing
	renewable energy consumption, improving energy efficiency, making cities sustainable and resilient, and taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. Catella Residential Investment Management GmbH, the Investment Advisor of the Fund, emphasizes sustainable corporate governance through its culture, corporate governance philosophy, and management processes. The company promotes health and well-being among its employees and adheres to the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact, which cover issues such as
	human rights, labor rights, and environmental protection. Overall, CER III strives to be a residential investment fund with leading sustainability and social credentials, delivering stable returns to investors while positively impacting society and the environment.
No significant harm to the sustainable investment objective	The indicators for the assessment of the adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account by the Fund, have been selected by the Investment Advisor of the AIFM, are selected in accordance with the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) of 6 April 2022 and are (i) fossil fuels and (ii) energy efficiency.
	In addition, in view of its Climate Change Mitigation target and in connection with the Fund's eligible economic activities of Acquisition and Ownership of buildings, the Fund needs to not cause significant harm to the other objectives under the EU Taxonomy objectives.
	With respect to Climate Change Adaptation, Appendix A of the EU Taxonomy Commission Delegated Regulation has detailed a non-exhaustive list of climate-related hazards, representing the most common climate hazards that should be considered as a minimum in the assessment of climate risks. It has also set out the criteria with which the Fund's activities in the "Acquisition and owning of buildings" need to comply. For every acquisition the Fund makes, as part of its acquisition due diligence process, a robust climate risk and vulnerability assessment will be performed based on these guidelines.
	The climate risk and vulnerability assessment is proportionate to the scale of the activity and its expected lifespan, such that for all other activities, the assessment is performed using the highest

	available resolution, state-of-the-art climate projections across the existing range of future scenarios consistent with the expected lifetime of the activity, including, at least, 10 to 30 year climate projections scenarios. The climate projections and assessment of impacts are based on the Carbon
	Risk Real Estate Monitor tool, as amended from time to time.
	For existing activities and new activities using existing physical assets, the Fund implements physical and non-physical solutions ('adaptation solutions'), over a period of time of up to five years, that reduce the most important identified physical climate risks that are material to that activity. An adaptation plan for the implementation of those solutions is drawn up accordingly if and where needed.
	Catella Group is a member of the UNPRI and is committed to act in alignment with the principle of responsible investments. The Fund is committed to achieve the ESG practices into its business strategy and operations. While doing so the Fund will treat partners and suppliers and stakeholders with respect and integrity with the aim of developing lasting and trusted business relationships. The overarching aim of the Fund is to provide a positive contribution to solving societal sustainability issues, through operations of the Fund.
	To grant compliance with the minimum safeguards the Fund stands by the Catella Code of Conduct, and Group Policy Framework, which provide ethical guidelines. Additionally, the Fund requests compliance with minimum human labour rights in contractual agreements with its partners. More information can be found on the following websites:
	 https://www.catella.com/en/investor-relations/corporate-governance/internal- control/policies#:~:text=Responsibility%20is%20at%20the%20core,compliance%20with%20la ws%20and%20regulations
	 https://www.catella.com/en/germany/property-funds-germany/residential-investment- management/esg-at-catella-residential-im
Sustainable investment objective	The objective of the Fund is to be a residential investment fund with leading sustainability and social credentials alongside providing stable returns to its investors. The Fund has a Climate Change Mitigation goal within the meaning of Article 10 of Taxonomy Regulation. More specifically, the Fund aims to deliver upon its Climate Change Mitigation objective by focusing on the following items, as identified under Article 10 of Taxonomy Regulation:
	 (b) improving energy efficiency, (g) establishing energy infrastructure required for enabling the decarbonisation of energy systems, (h) producing clean and efficient fuels from renewable or carbon-neutral sources, and (i) enabling any of the activities listed in the above points of this paragraph.
	The Fund's Climate Change Mitigation objective is to achieve, in 2030 and onwards the operational carbon emission saving targets, calculated under the 1.5-degrees 2050-scenario, as defined by the

Paris Agreement¹, as per national pathways, and as calculated by the Carbon Risk Real Estate Monitor Initiative's Tool, as amended from time to time. The Fund is engaged in the eligible economic activity of Acquisition and ownership of buildings (associated with NACE code L68 in accordance with the statistical classification of economic activities established by Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006). In addition to this environmental objective, the Fund has a social objective on rental affordability. For this objective the Fund aims to rent out at least 80% of the portfolio (measured by fair market value) below the median market rent for each respective asset's group of comparable assets. The Fund reports on this objective on a yearly basis. The Fund shall use GRESB as reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining the Climate Change Mitigation objective it has set. GRESB is a global ESG benchmark for real assets comprising of indicators on environmental and social factors. The Fund is reviewed amongst other funds within the same peer group annually. The benchmark figures are changing over time in order to challenge funds in reaching long term goals for sustainable investments. The Fund is committed to participate and report its ESG activities in the annual GRESB survey. It is noted that GRESB qualifies as an EU Climate Transition Benchmark or an EU Paris-aligned Benchmark under Title III, Chapter 3a of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011. For the latest information on the benchmark and the methodology for calculation please refer to the following website: https://gresb.com/. To achieve the environmental objective CER III has committed to investing in and developing of sustainable assets or upgrading existing assets that are currently not compliant with CO2 or energy intensity pathways as derived from the Paris Agreement as mentioned above. This goal is aligned with various United Nation's SDGs: 7 Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all 7.2 Increase renewable energy including consumption from tenants 7.3 Improve energy efficiency via LED lightning 11 Sustainable cities and communities 11.6 Reduce environmental impact, by improving waste management 13 Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts The social objective of the Fund Improves access to affordable housing with good living conditions. CERIII's social impact goal is to increase the supply of good-quality affordable housing thereby delivering positive social outcomes to the community. The impact is maximized by focusing on those income groups which are most challenged in getting access to affordable housing. These target groups typically earn too much to be entitled to social/subsidised housing but equally lack the financial capacity to rent in the premium housing segment. For this purpose, the Fund has defined that the base rent (i.e. rent excluding services charges and utilities) for at least 80% of all residential units in the Fund's portfolio should be below the median rental level in their respective

¹ United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (2015).

markets. To achieve this, a comparative rent analysis is carried out for each target property as part of the purchase process. Next to affordability, ensuring good living conditions is also essential.
This goal is aligned with the following United Nation's SDGs: 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere
11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
11.1: By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums
11.6: By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management
Integrating sustainable corporate governance through culture, corporate governance philosophy and management processes.
Corporate governance at Catella Residential Investment Management GmbH ("CRIM") is based on a legally compliant and transparent compliance culture. CRIM ensures compliance with applicable laws and other regulations as well as internal policies and encourage our employees to report violations or suspicions to their superiors.
Health and well-being of its employees is a top priority at Catella Residential Investment Management GmbH. Therefore, CRIM carries out a wide range of personnel development measures and grant employees a variety of additional benefits, such as optional company pension plans or activate them to do more physical exercise. In addition, a trust-based culture with sufficient room for home-office is in its DNA.
CRIM management allows flexible working hours according to the model of trust-based working hours. The company provides all necessary resources (IT budget, infrastructure & technology, applications, etc.) to promote effective remote working.
In addition, Catella Residential Investment Management GmbH is committed to the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact. These include issues such as the rejection of child labour and any form of forced labour, freedom of association, the protection of international human rights and environmental protection.
 We have firmly implemented the following standards or codes of conduct into the corporate structure of Catella Residential Investment Management GmbH: (1) OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, (2) ILO Guiding Principles on CER III ESG Policy (3) the International Convention on Human Rights, (4) Principles for Responsible Investment and the (5) Sustainable Development Goals
The Fund is a Luxembourg-based open-ended investment fund providing institutional investors access to Catella Group's flagship pan-European residential investment platform. The Fund's investment strategy is to invest in and manage a core diversified portfolio of modern and affordable residential assets, providing stable cash flow and long-term value growth, including new

developments as well as undersupplied sub-segments such as senior living, student housing and serviced apartments.

Geographically, the focus is on core markets in Western Europe including Germany, the Benelux, Austria, France and the Nordic countries. Limited allocations will be made to a select number of satellite markets such as Ireland, Northern Italy, Poland, Spain/Portugal and the UK. The Fund will be investing in good-quality properties with a balanced return/ risk-profile and properties with significant strong long-term value growth potential. Primarily focused on assets with stable, low volatility and steady cash-flows.

The Fund will follow a core strategy and target a 5-6% internal rate of return net to investors, while keeping leverage limited to a 40% loan-to-value ratio. In addition the Fund targets an 80% affordability in terms of rents and aims to achieve an ambitious carbon emissions reduction target by 2030 onward, as described below.

The binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective are as follows:

- Climate Change Mitigation: the objective is to achieve by 2030 and onwards the operational carbon emission saving objectives for 2050 under the 1.5-degrees scenario as defined by the Paris Agreement, as per national pathways, and as calculated by the Carbon Risk Real Estate Monitor Initiative's Tool, as amended from time to time.
- Social: the Fund aims to rent out at least 80% of the portfolio (measured by fair market value) below the median market rent for each respective asset's comparable assets; and
- Financial: stable annual distributable income with a net 5-6 % p.a. IRR return over the Fund's life.

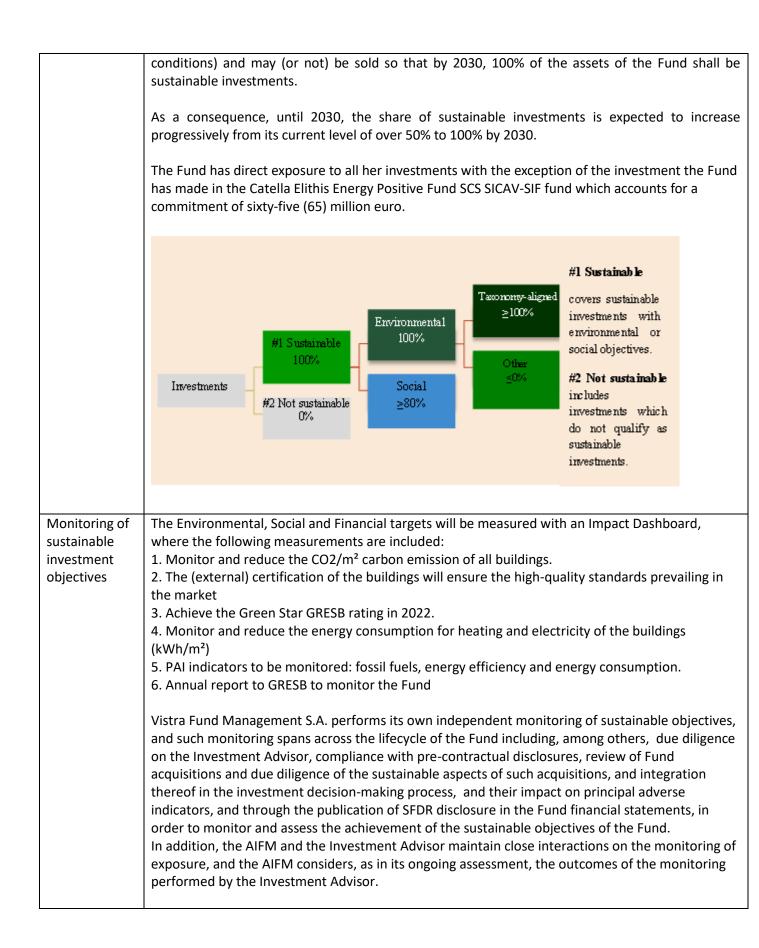
The Fund will use the following performance indicators for measuring attainment of and progress against its sustainable investment objectives:

- for its Climate Change Mitigation target (operational carbon emission reduction) the Fund is measuring the effects of its activities primarily in terms of kgCO2/m2 p.a. A secondary indicator is the impact of actions on the energy performance of its assets, measured in kWh/m2 p.a.. Both indicators are included in the GRESB reference benchmark (as amended from time to time);
- for its social target the Fund is measuring the effects of its activities in terms of the share of its assets qualifying as affordable as a percentage of the externally appraised fair market value of the combined portfolio of assets.

The policy and strategy implementation will be governed by several Investment Committees ("IC"). The IC of Catella Residential Investment Management, as Investment Advisor, governs the impact/ESG aspects in all its acquisitions and recommends the acquisition to the AIFM IC for final approval.

Catella Residential Investment Management is a wholly owned daughter of Catella AB from Sweden, which in turn follows several international declarations, conventions, standards, and guidelines. These include the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Fundamental Conventions of the International Labor Organization (ILO), the UN Guiding Principles on Business and

	 Human Rights, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Global Compact. Additionally, Catella AB is a signatory of the UN Principles on Responsible Investments (UNPRI). Furthermore, it aims to continue to build its group and the products offered based on environmental, social and governance aspects and thus grow, and integrate sustainability into its business offering and processes. Its stated goals are: ensuring the integration of ESG perspectives in property management, conversion and transactions counteracting corruption and protect customer privacy ensuring a sustainable supply chain
Proportion of investments	The asset allocation of the Fund is as follows: - <u>Geographical allocation limits (country, region)</u> :
	 Target countries 1 (50-100%): Germany, France, BeNeLux, Nordic countries, and Austria
	• Target countries 2 (<50%): Spain, UK/Ireland, North of Italy, Poland, and other countries
	The demographic and economic framework of the defined target investment regions will be regularly reviewed and analysed.
	- <u>Sector allocation limits</u>
	The Fund invests predominantly in traditional residential properties (50-100%) with focus on good quality and affordable asset categories. Further diversification will be achieved by including a good mix of other modern living formats up to max. 50% of the portfolio, like in the sub-segments student housing, serviced apartments, senior housing and co-living (max. twenty per cent (20%) by each segment).
	The Fund started its investment in 2019 and adopted the strategy of investing in sustainable investments at the time of the implementation of SFDR.
	Accordingly, for each new investment, the Fund aims to invest its funds only in assets qualifying as sustainable investments. A hundred per cent (100%) of the new assets follow the Fund's environmental target and therefore have an environmental objective. The Fund will also aim to have at least eighty per cent (80%) of the portfolio contributing to the social objective of affordable renting. A big part of the portfolio will therefore qualify as a sustainable investment from both the environmental and/or the social criteria perspective.
	For the avoidance of doubt, the commitment from the Fund to have hundred per cent (100%) of the assets in the portfolio qualifying as sustainable investments does not comprise liquidity held by the Fund. Liquidity shall not be taken into account in the assessment of the achievement by the Fund with its sustainable investment objectives set forth therein.
	For clarity purpose, taking into account the assets acquired by the Fund before the implementation of the sustainable investment strategy, some assets could be transitioned to meet the requirements of sustainable assets under the Taxonomy Regulation, while other could not (at reasonable



Methodologies	The following methodologies are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable objective:
	The Fund utilizes CRREM as its reference benchmark and reports annually to GRESB a global real estate sustainability benchmark. GRESB maintains a direct partnership with CRREM. Therefore, when reporting to GRESB, the Fund gains insights not only into portfolio performance and management systems relative to the market but also concerning transition risks associated with decarbonization pathways defined by CRREM, the reference benchmark endorsed by the European Union and the real estate industry.
	The Benchmark report encompasses three key dimensions: management, performance, and development, offering a detailed, indicator-by-indicator comparison of the Fund's performance in relation to its peers. Environmental indicators, such as energy, water, carbon, and waste, are assessed to determine the efficiency of the portfolio in comparison to peer entities. Moreover, the report tracks progress through the annual reporting of like-for-like Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
	The transition risk report specifically evaluates the potential risk associated with shifting towards low-carbon assets, a measurement achieved through the decarbonization pathway outlined by CRREM. This analysis integrates metrics related to greenhouse gas (GHG) intensity at the asset level. Importantly, CRREM has aligned its methodology with the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), where "science-based" targets adhere to the latest climate science recommendations to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement, particularly the objective of limiting global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels which is aligned with the Fund's environmental objective.
	The Fund is reviewed amongst other funds within the same peer group annually. The benchmark figures are changing over time in order to challenge funds in reaching long term goals for sustainable investments. GRESB qualifies as an EU Climate Transition Benchmark or an EU Parisaligned Benchmark under Title III, Chapter 3a of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011. For further information on the benchmark and the methodology for calculation please refer to the following website: https://gresb.com/.
	For the Fund's social target of rental affordability the Fund benchmarks its assets' rents to an asset-by-asset varying set of comparable assets located in such asset's broader local market based on the resulting median market rent. In the absence of a consistent European-wide, externally produced benchmark for this specific metric, the Fund uses two different methods.
	Where possible the Fund will use external market data aggregated by Catella's proprietary Artificial Intelligence tool as a specific benchmark. This is the preferred benchmarking method.
	In countries/cities where this is not (yet) possible the Fund will use Castella's in-house research department to independently provide us with the median market rent for comparable assets.
Data sources and processing	The data sources in order to measure performance against (a.o.) the Fund's KPIs are derived from a multitude of sources such as, digital collectors, smart metering, network providers, invoice consumption. Insofar assets require additional investments in order to achieve the data, in
	determining the required investment, where contractually possible and physically available the

	Fund will use asset-specific, actual consumption data, including energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, water consumption and waste management. The data is reviewed through an independent third party (Deepki/EnviroSustain) to ensure achieving the GRESB required standard, compliant with ISO 14064-3. Where this is not possible the Fund may work with data derived from building energy certificates, industry data sources, benchmark providers such as GRESB, or Deepki, as well as ESG consultants, or other 3rd parties, or possibly CRIM's proprietary data in order to help define the required level of investments. In order to track performance against the sustainability targets, actual asset level consumption data will be used and will be benchmarked against (a.o.) said benchmarks. However, for benchmark reporting the Fund is compliant with GRESB data estimation guidelines.
Limitations to methodologies	The data and methodologies employed to measure performance against (a.o.) the Fund's KPIs, suffer from a number of specific limitations. Whilst there is benchmark data available, very few, if any, of the benchmarks have been available sufficiently long enough to ensure solid inferences. Equally, benchmark constituency is still growing, further playing to the same challenge. In addition, there is limited to no certification in respect of these benchmarks, which poses challenges in respect of reliance.
	Another challenge is the fact that relevant regulations are subject to continuous change and still under review. This leads to uncertainty in respect of the adequacy of methodologies. This point is further challenged by the fact that there is no (industry) standardization of methodologies yet. Finally, and specific to the Fund's target sector (residential), privacy and disclosure regulations are challenging the effective measurement of performance. Proprietary benchmarking methods can suffer from limited data coverage, requiring the resulting outcomes to potentially be qualified and/or in need of additional substantiation.
	These limitations are not anticipated to impair the attainment of the environmental objective of the Fund, because real consumption data collection is expected to be an integral part and requirement for any investment. Where such is not the case, the Fund will aim to retrieve data from network providers, or the performance will be certified by virtue of obtaining updated energy certificates as evidence. As such, attainment of the objective should always be capable of being measured.
Due diligence for sustainability characteristics	The due diligence process implemented by the Investment Advisor of the AIFM include among the others the following areas of investigations: Legal, Environmental, Technical, Tax, Financials, Transaction structuring including acquisition financing, Market analysis and location, Asset valuation, fragility analysis and ESG. The ESG due diligence covers among the others the following aspects: Stranding and physical risk assessment including "do not significant harm" review.
	Vistra Fund Management S.A., as AIFM of the Fund, performs its own independent assessment on assets contemplated by the Fund for investment, including the outcome of due diligence studies, in accordance with its relevant internal controls, policies and procedures, and integrates the results of the above-mentioned due diligence process implemented by the Investment Advisor, as part of its own independent investment review and assessment process, and its investment decision-making process.

	The AIFM and its Investment Committee implement a corresponding approach to the Fund's sustainability objectives and considers the sustainable aspects of Fund acquisitions submitted to its approval, as part of its investment decision-making process.
Engagement policies	To further align investors and Investment Advisors goals the Fund added a penalty clause on any one of its environmental, financial or social objective established in Appendix I of the Private Placement Memorandum which come into force if any of the objectives is not achieved. During any particular fiscal year, a penalty of up to five per cent (5%) of the annual Management Fee will be paid by the General Partner to one or more non-profit foundation(s) or UN non-profit organisation(s) promoting environmental and social objectives aligned with those of the Fund chosen by the General Partner. The environmental, financial or social objective shall be deemed non-achieved if the indicator for the relevant objective does not achieve its respective required threshold as disclosed in Appendix I of the Private Placement Memorandum.
Attainment of	
the sustainable investment objective	GRESB is becoming a highly relevant Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark to evaluate ESG performance, the framework supports to shape material issues for the industry. The methodology is consistent through its standardized framework across regions, investment vehicles and property types. To support the investment objective, the Fund conducts both the Benchmark Report, which goes into details about the GHG intensities based on the three different scopes and the Transition Risk Report which analyses the performance of the Fund through the Paris Climate Goals with the CRREM Tool.
	The 'Carbon Risk Real Estate Monitor' is developed by the EU-funded Horizon 2020 project and the analysis shows where individual assets are against the 1.5C pathway. The tool is endorsed by the UN-convened Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance and the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change, which has also now been aligned to the Science Based Targets initiative. To report to GRESB the Fund is implementing efforts to work with as much data consumption as possible. If unavailable GRESB fills the gaps with the Estimation Model, using known data points like floor size, location, property type and using linear. For this reason, since the calculation of GHG emissions is comparable and consistent and will be updated annually based on the latest data set, the benchmark is aligned with the EU Climate Transition Benchmark and EU Paris Aligned Benchmark.
	Concluding if an asset is stranded or not based on CRREM is key to determining if it's sustainable or not. For this we use a combination of both GRESB and CRREM. Where we report actual consumption to GRESB and were data is missing they estimate these numbers to eventually come to a CRREM alignment or not. For standing assets this is the process, for our assets in development we base our assessment on the results provided during the Due Diligence were CRREM is also included.
	For further information on the benchmark and the methodology for calculation please refer to the following website: <u>https://documents.gresb.com/generated_files/real_estate/2022/real_estate/reference_guide/complete.html</u>