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# **Norron Sustainable Equity**

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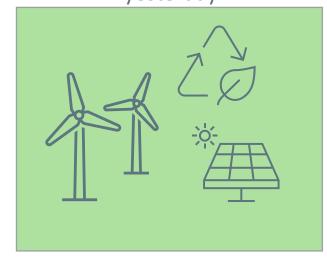


## Sustainable investment – Contribute to sustainable development



Sustainable investments today

# Sustainable investments yesterday





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**Sustainable Equity** 

# Finding the winners | Active management | Sustainable long-term returns

"We will **identify the winners** in the transition to a more sustainable world and believe that **active management** is key to finding those winners and **avoiding crowding effects**."

"If a company thinks and acts in a **sustainable manner**, it will not only contribute to a better world but will also benefit from **increased future valuations** driven by **higher growth** and **reduced cost of capital**."



#### Investment case

- Article 9 fund investing in four themes with diversified exposure
- Supports the transition towards a sustainable economy through active management
- Invests in companies that offer sustainable solutions and supports the transition
- Long-term business opportunity by multiple expansion and growth
- Captures Norron's proven capability of alpha-generation in the Nordic region
- Knowledge of current and future regulation



# Strategy & process

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#### Investment strategy



Primary focus on Nordic markets with the opportunity to find small cap "enabling" companies outside the Nordics

# Profit-driven social and environmental impact

Emphasis on companies, that are competitive through sustainable products and services

#### Long investment horizon

Give companies the best possible opportunities to long-term sustainable growth through active management and support Investments in line with the UN SDGs and the EU Taxonomy

Article 9, according to SFDR

#### **Excess returns**

Several factors to contribute to excess return. strong underlying drivers, long-term investment horizon, enabling companies

#### Diversification

~ 45 companies in the portfolio in order to reduce risk



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## Selection process

#### What we are looking for

#### MARKET CAP LIMITATIONS EXCLUSION CRITERIA

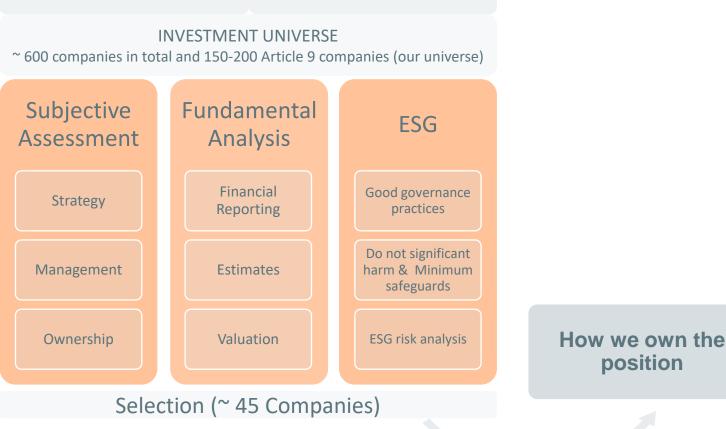
#### Sustainability specific

- Sustainable companies that actively contribute to one of the fund's sustainable objectives
- Companies that contribute to one of the UN SDGs
- Companies with high EU Taxonomy alignment
- Particularly focusing on enabling companies



#### **Company specific**

- Focusing on companies driven by interesting themes, secular trends and regulatory tailwinds.
- Quality companies where we believe that growing profits will be higher than what is discounted by the market.
- Companies with high potential in-house analysis creates opportunities

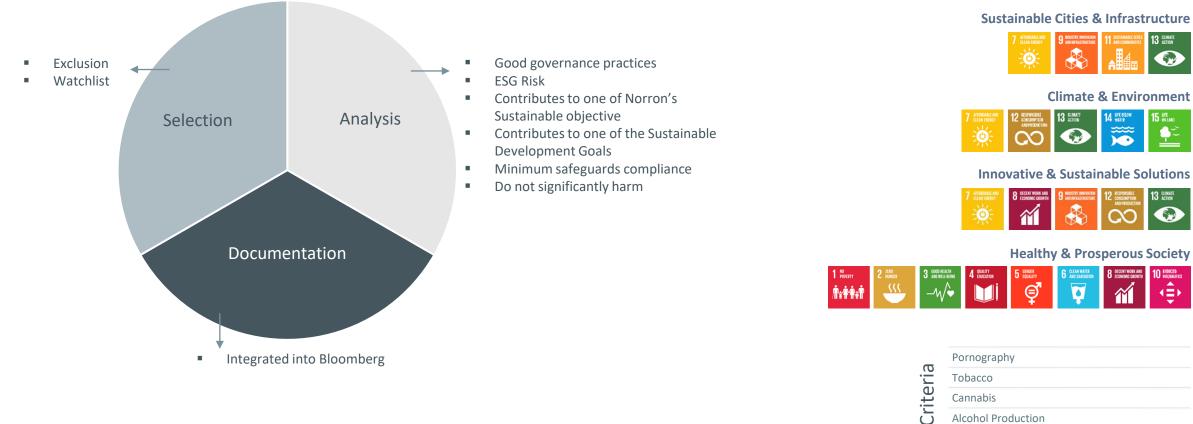


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#### Link: Exclusion Criteria – Norron

## Selection process: Sustainability analysis





**Climate & Environment** 

13 CLIMATE ACTION



**Innovative & Sustainable Solutions** 



**Healthy & Prosperous Society** 

1 NO POVERTY	2 ZERO HUNGER	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	4 EDUCATION	5 GENDER EQUALITY	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	10 REDUCED NEQUMITES
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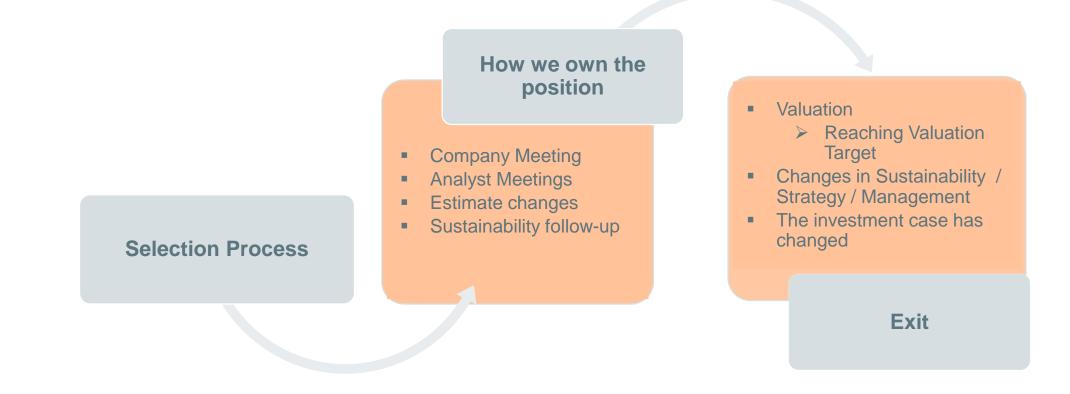
Criteria	Pornography
	Tobacco
ite	Cannabis
Exclusion Cr	Alcohol Production
	Controversial and Conventional Weapons
	Gambling
	Oil, gas & Coal (Fossil Fuels)
	Corruption

Companies that violate International Standards



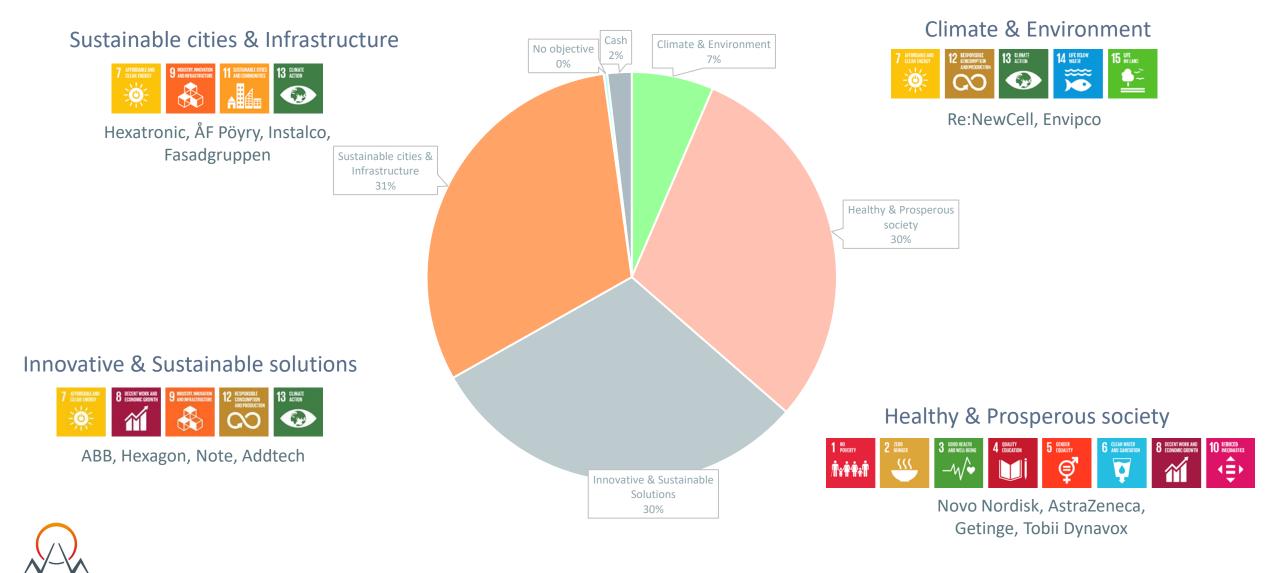
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## Management Process





#### Investment process – Sustainable objectives End of February







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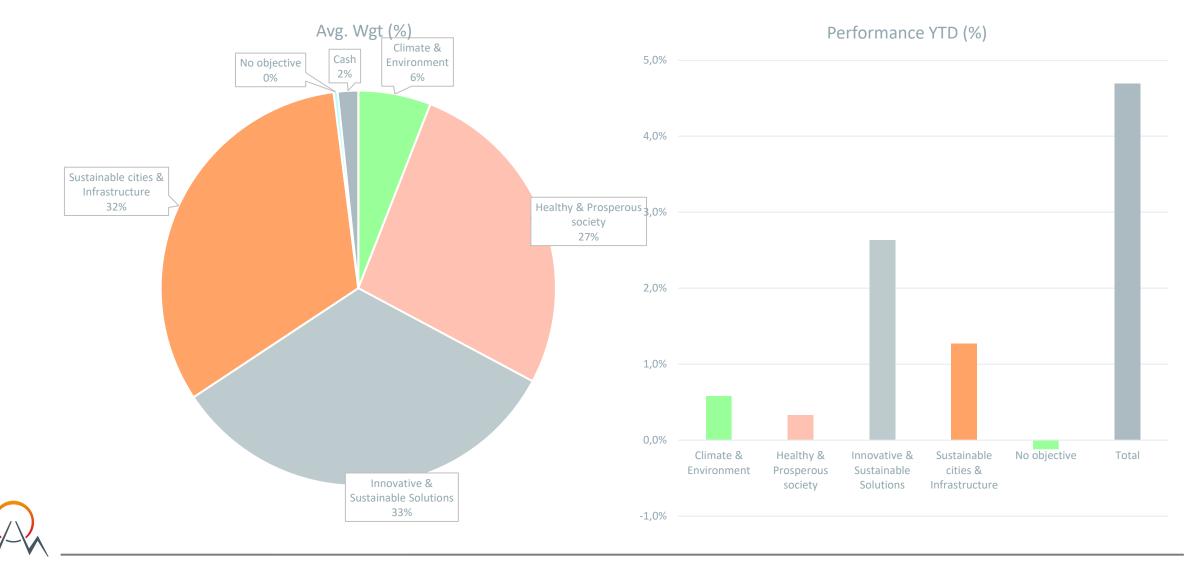
# The portfolio

#### Performance since inception 37.3% ITD, 3.0% YTD (end of February)



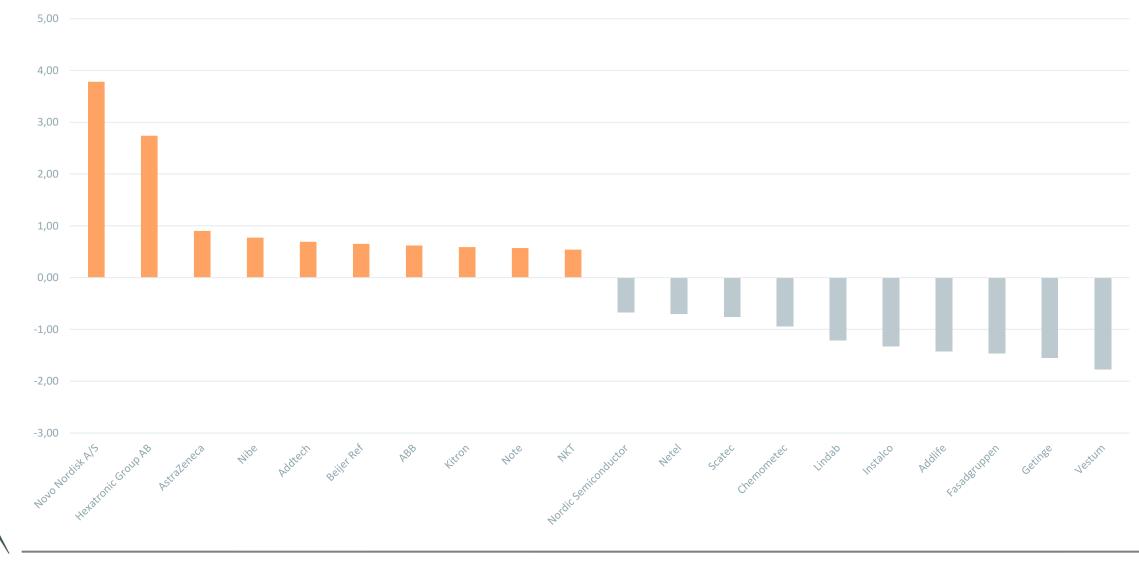
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#### Performance break down YTD 2023

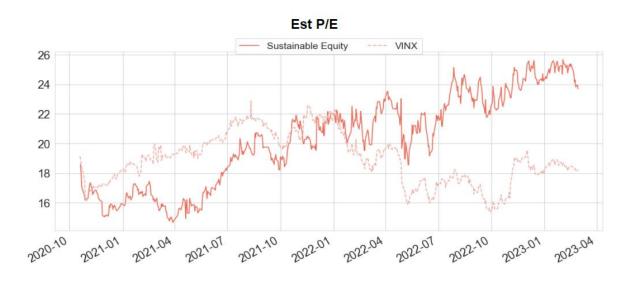


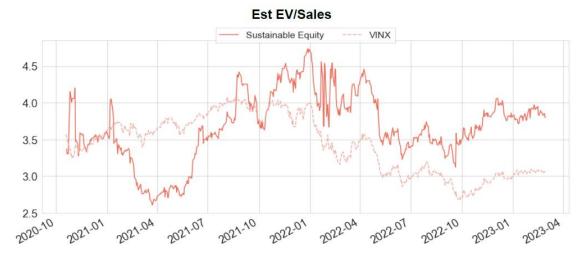
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#### Best & worst performers RTM – End of February



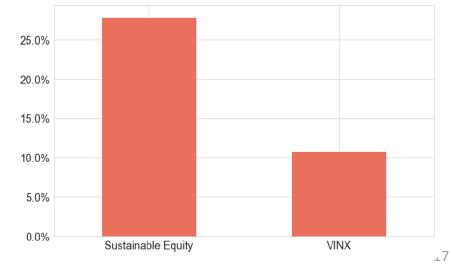
#### Valuation & Growth Estimates End of February



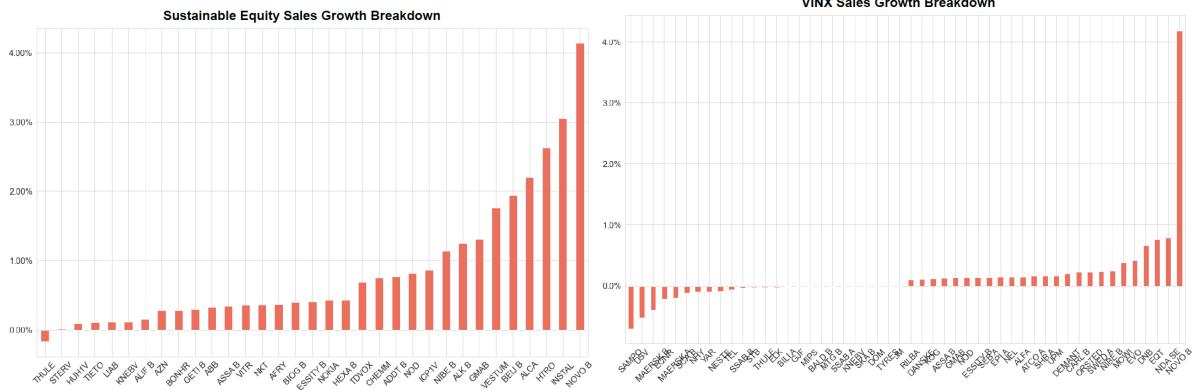




**Est Sales Growth NTM** 



#### Sales growth – forward looking End of February



**VINX Sales Growth Breakdown** 



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Reporting

ESG data – February	Climate & Environment	Healthy & Prosperous Society	Innovative & Sustainable Solutions	Sustainable Cities & Infrastructure	No Objective
Sustainable Investments				96	%
Global Compact Signatories	Global Compact Signatories			79	%
SBTi Commitments				9%	6
SBTi Target Set				33	%
SBTi Net Zero				5%	6
Female representation Board				34	%
Female representation Top Management			23	%	
Female representation Workforce			34	%	
Companies with Sustainability reporting				84	%
Sustainalytics ESG Risk Score			20	,6	





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Appendix

# Sustainable objectives

The fund focuses on four sustainable objectives that contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**Climate & Environment** 



Investments that, through its products or services, contribute to a reduced impact on the climate, environment or oceans, or contribute to a more sustainable agriculture or forestry. The investment can also offer products and services that enable others to reduce climate and environmental impact.

#### **Innovative & Sustainable solutions**



Investments that provide innovative services and products that contribute to a sustainable society. The investment can also aim to support others in the transition to sustainable development. The investment can also promote products and services that contribute to resource efficiency and the use of sustainable materials.

# Healthy & Prosperous society



Healthy and prosperous society The Sub-Fund will make investments that provide products or services that contribute to a well-functioning society or improvements in people's modern everyday life. The investment can also offer food, services and products in health, medicines or medical aids.

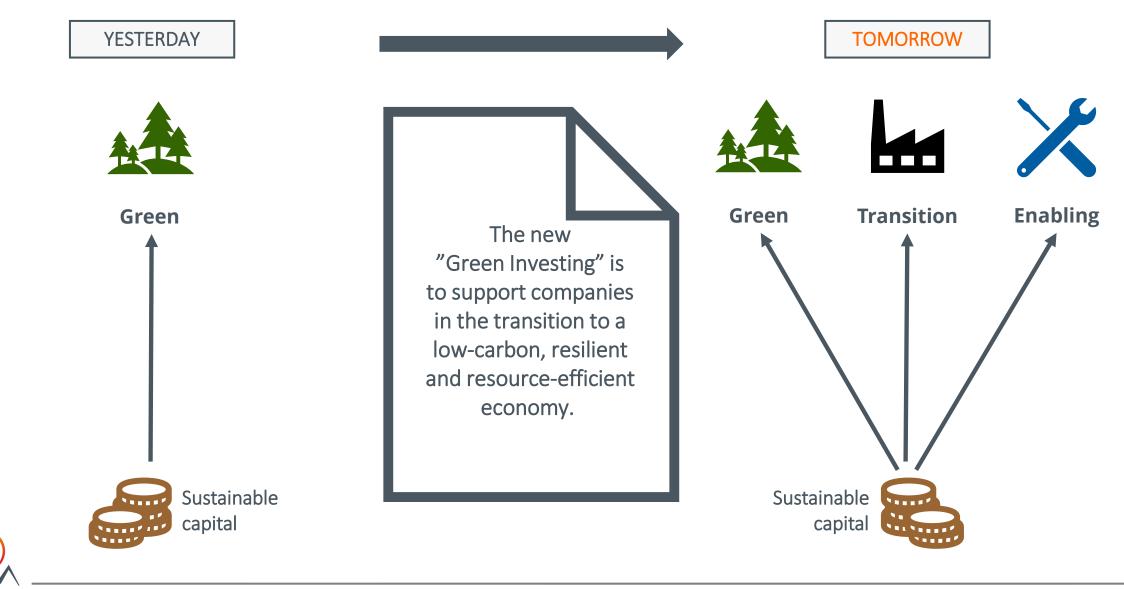
#### Sustainable cities & Infrastructure



Investments that provide or support infrastructure and properties for the sustainable society. The investment can also offer services and products for sustainable renovation, maintenance and development of properties and infrastructure. The investment can also contribute to mobility.

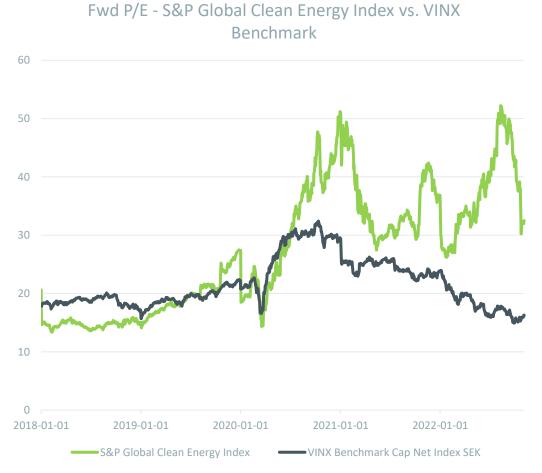


# EU Taxonomy for sustainable investments



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#### Investment process Be ahead of the curve and avoid crowding effects

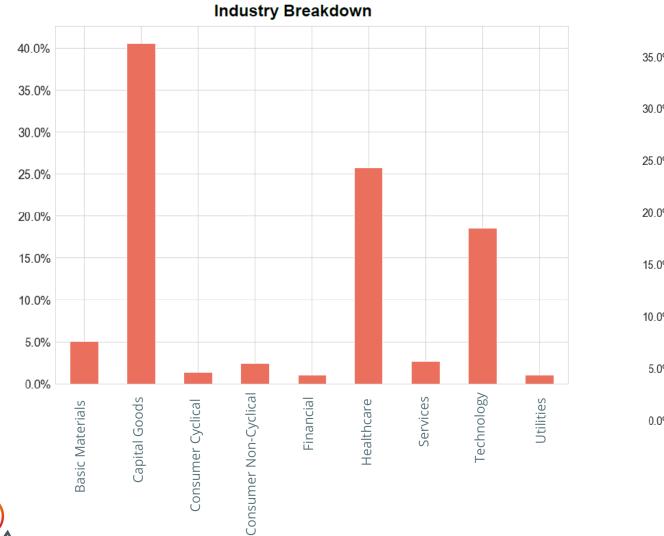




S&P Global Clean Energy Index

#### EV/S - S&P Global Clean Energy Index vs. VINX Benchmark

# Portfolio – Sector exposure February 2023



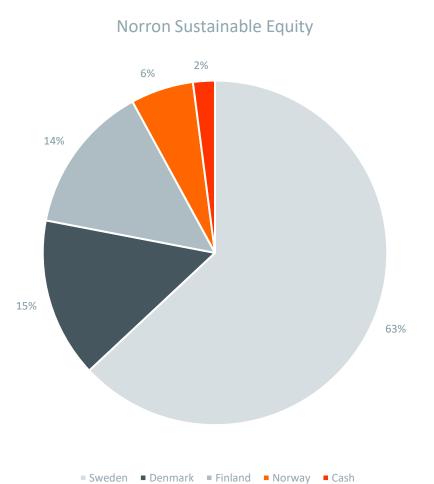


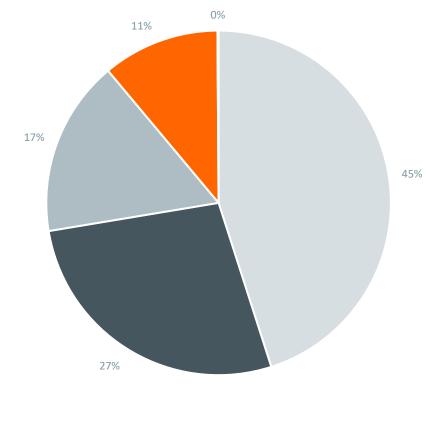
Market Cap Breakdown

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# **GEOGRAPHICAL EXPSOURE**

February 2023





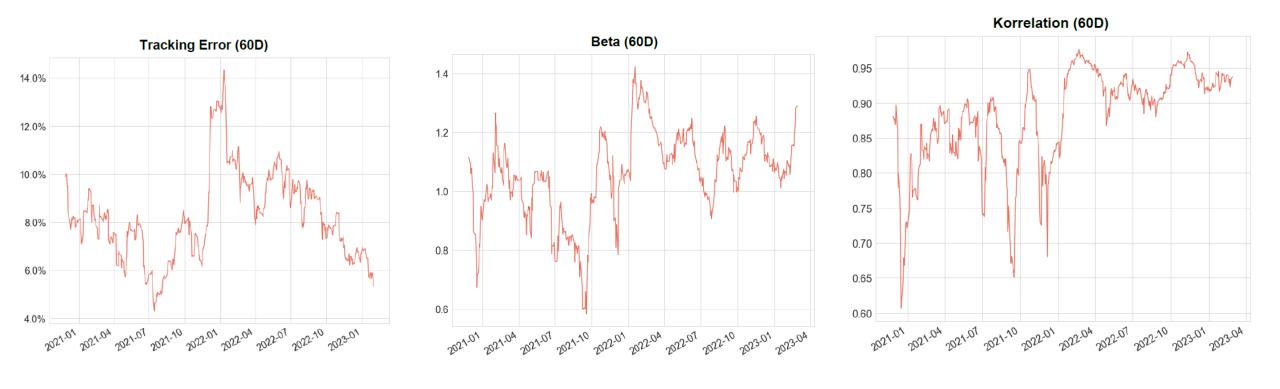
VINX Benchmark Cap Net Index SEK

Sweden Denmark Finland Norway Iceland



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# **STATISTICS** February 2023

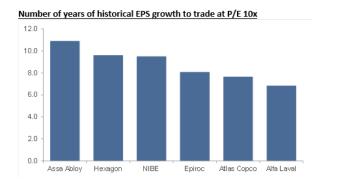




#### Investment case – NIBE

#### **Investment case**

- NIBE is a quality company benefiting from strong underlying drivers. This is, for example, driven by current energy crisis.
- High demand for its products. In addition, installers like NIBE for its reliability, support and service.
- NIBE is one of the most innovative manufacturers, which at least should enable maintained market shares in the future.



#### Valuation & triggers

- Regarding valuation, the company is trading around EV/EBIT 29x compared to a 5-year average of 27x. The high growth means that multiples will drop relatively quickly.
- Historically, the company has overdelivered compared to expectations. If we see a continued positive trend in the estimates, this means that prevailing multiples are artificially high.
- Between 2010-2018, EV/EBIT was 15x for NIBE two years out. At the same time, NIBE grow 2-3% organically. NIBE is now trading at 25x two years out and is investing for double-digit organic growth. This means that the valuation today is attractive.

- NIBE makes environmentally friendly and energy-efficient climate and heating systems for private and industrial properties.
- Meets sustainability requirements.
- The company is signatory to UN Global Compact, has a comprehensive code of conduct for suppliers and has comprehensive certified management systems.
- Contributes to: Sustainable cities and Infrastructure



Science Based Targets	No
Global Compact	Yes
Sustainability risk in AR	Yes



## Investment case – Tobii Dynavox

#### **Investment case**

- Tobii Dynavox offers aids for people with special needs to communicate effectively.
- The company has a strong market position and, depending on the market, the products are mostly financed by public financing or private insurance.
- The market is non-cyclical and is expected to grow at an annual growth rate of approximately 9% until 2030.





#### \*Arthur D. Little

#### Valuation & triggers

- We assess that the outlook for Tobii Dynavox looks positive. This is explained by a strong product offering as well as relief regarding both COVID-19 restrictions and prevailing component shortages.
- The company trades around EV/EBIT 17x 2024, which we see as attractive given underlying market growth and the company's opportunities for margin improvements.



- The company contributes to increased inclusion for people with communication challenges.
- Meets sustainability requirements.
- The company is not a signatory to the UN Global Compact, but the code of conduct is based on the principles and OECD guidelines, the ILO and the Declaration on Human Rights.
- Contributes to: Healthy & Prosperous society



Science Based Targets		
Global Compact	No	
Sustainability risk in AR	Yes	

#### Investment case – Novo Nordisk

#### **Investment case**

- Novo Nordisk has leading treatment options in diabetes and obesity.
- Globally, the majority of deaths are caused by non-communicable diseases.
- Driven by progress against many infectious diseases and an aging population, it is expected that non-communicable diseases will become increasingly dominant as a cause of death.

#### Valuation & triggers

- Novo Nordisk is expected to show strong profit growth in the coming years, among other things, driven by Wegovy.
- Despite increased competition in the area in the coming years (Eli Lilly), we believe that the market is large enough for two players.
- What justifies a premium multiple versus market:
  - Non-cyclical business
  - Solid position in a growing market
  - Quality company



- Novo Nordisk is a strong player in the pharmaceutical industry that enables increased health.
- Meets sustainability requirements.
- The company is a signatory to the UN Global Compact, has set climate targets according to SBTi and has a comprehensive code of conduct for suppliers.
- Contributes to: Healthy & Prosperous Society



Science Based Targets	Yes
Global Compact	Yes
Sustainability risk in AR	Yes



## Investment case – Hexatronic

#### **Investment case**

- Hexatronic has been successful in fiber rollout in Sweden and the business activity abroad is now having momentum
- Different from competitors with a comprehensive offer (MATRIX) and products with easy installation
- Great Britain, Germany and the United States are interesting markets where Hexatronic has a good position. These markets are expected to show very good growth next year.
- Hexatronic has made interesting acquisitions in 2021 that strengthen its offer

#### Valuation & triggers

- Interesting valuation in relation to the company's positioning and our estimates for sales growth and profitability growth in the coming years
- Recent reports have shown:
  - I. Good organic growth
  - II. There is good leverage in margin when capacity coming up

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DIVERSITY & GENDER EQUALITY

 Has historically been active in M&A, there are also interesting opportunities going forward

- Hexatronic contributes by providing infrastructure and delivering fast connectivity for a connected society.
- Meets sustainability requirements.
- The company is signatory to the UN Global Compact and has a comprehensive code of conduct for suppliers.
- Contributes to: Sustainable cities and Infrastructure



Science Based Targets		
Global Compact	Yes	
Sustainability risk in AR	Yes	



# Norron follow up

#### Tracking in Bloomberg

#### **All Funds**

- Global Compact Signatories
- The Company's follow-up of the Global Goals for sustainable development
- Taxonomy Eligibility
- Taxonomy Alignment
- Minimum Safeguards Compliance
- ESG Questionnaire Completion
- Anti-corruption policy
- Science Based Targets commitment

#### Bond data

- EU Green Bond
- Green, Social, Sustainability Linked Bond

#### **Article 9 funds**

• Follow-up against of the fund's sustainability goals

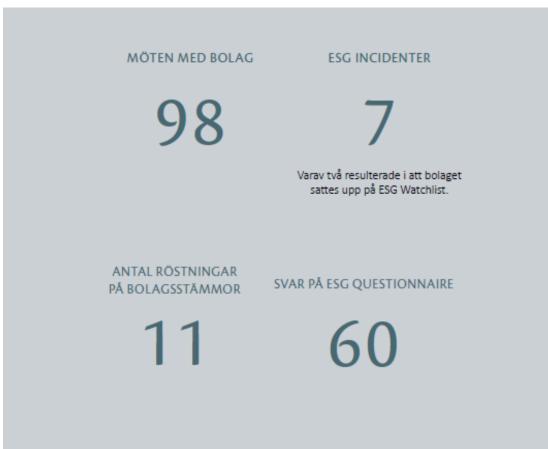


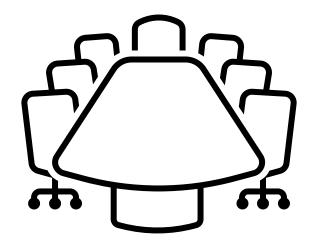


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# Company interactions 2021

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# Norron ESG Questionnaire

The questionnaire is based on the Principal adverse sustainability impacts (PAI) that Norron must report in the funds



The goal of sustainable investments is to create strong economic return and use this to achieve common improvements across industries. For us to meet our obligation to disclose the required information on our portfolios and comply with the SFDR regulation we have formulated following questionnaire regarding your company's operations and processes. This will make us able to assess and evaluate the sustainability in our portfolios with respect to the Principal Adverse Impacts stated in the regulation. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

- GHG emissions
- Science Based Targets Commitment
- Energy intensity and share of non-renewable energy sources
- Negative impact on biodiversity-sensitive areas
- Emissions to water
- Hazardous waste management
- Exposure to the fossil fuel sector



- Violation of UN Global Compact principles and OECD guidelines
- Lack of processes and compliance regarding the above
- Gender pay gap
- Ratio of female to male of board members
- Whistleblower function and follow-up procedures
- Collective agreement
- Code of conduct for suppliers
- Exposure to controversial weapons
- Latest sustainability report

## ESG - fully Bloomberg integrated

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#### ESG Data & Taxonomy Updates

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Primary ticker	Primary Ticker	Analyst name	Johan Solini	
Company name		ESG Note Type	ESG Data & Taxonomy Updates	
Sector		Date for Update		
ARE WE ALLOWED TO I	NVEST			
Investment included in Fund	Investment Univ	verse		
Company on ESG Watch List				
TAXONOMY & SUSTAIN	IABLE INVES	TMENT DATA		
Taxonomy Eligible		Sustainable Investment		
Taxonomy Aligned		Environmental Inv. Taxonomy		
Green/Low Carbon		Environmental Inv. Other		
Enabling		Social Investment		
Transition				
Taxonomy Source				
NORRON COMMENTS ON ESC	G DATA UPDATE	(EG SOURCE, REASON FOR UPDATE	ETC.)	
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NORRON SUSTAINABIL	ITY TARGETS			
Global Compact Signatory				
Committed to or set Science I	Based Targets (S	BTI)		
0: No Commitment				
1: Committed				
2: Target Set				
3: Net Zero Target Set				
Company includes sustainability risks in annual and/or sustainability report				
OTHER INDICATORS				
Anti-corruption Policy		Non Male Board Rep (%)		
Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating		Non Male Top Man Rep (%)		
Sustainability Report		Non Male Workforce Rep (%)		
SR According to GRI				



#### SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT RESEARCH

#### Good Governance Practices

Sound Company Structure, Sound Relation to Employees, Sound Employee Compensation, Sound Income Tax Code, Anti-Corruption Policy and Whistle Blower Function

#### Comment

#### Minimum safeguards compliance

OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights plus ILO Core Conventions

#### Comment

Do no significant harm

Environmental and social objective (Principle Adverse Impact)

#### Comment

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE

Sustainability Objective (CE, HPS, ISS, SCI, SF)

Motivation

EXPLANATION ARTICLE 9 SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES			
CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT (SDG 7, 12, 13, 14, 15)	CE		
HEALTHY & PROSPEROUS SOCIETY (SDG 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10)	HPS		
INNOVATIVE & SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS (SDG 8, 9, 12, 13)	ISS		
SUSTAINABLE CITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE (SDG 7, 9, 11, 13)	SCI		
SUSTAINABLE FINANCE (SDG 8, 16, 17)	SF		
NO SUSTAINABLE OBJECTIVE	No Objective		

#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPEMENT GOALS (SDG) CONTRIBUTION

SDG Contribution SDG

(0 No SDG Contribution, 1 – 17 SDG Contribution)

SDG CONTRIBUTION COMMENT

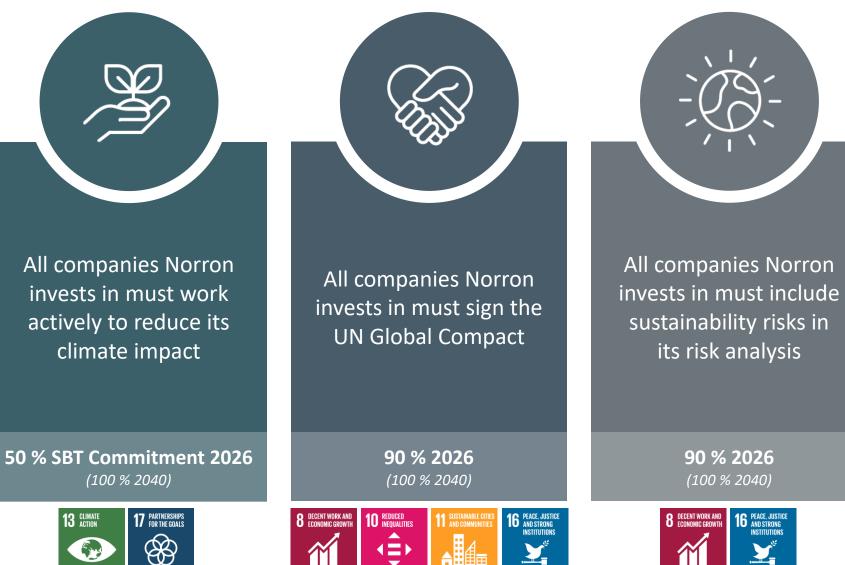


ESG ANALYSIS	
Date Annual ESG Research Update	
ESG Questionnaire Completed by the Company	
COMPANY'S IDENTIFIED MATERIAL SUSTAINABILITY TOPICS	
COMPANY SUSTAINABILITY TARGETS AND GOALS	
COMPANY'S IDENTIFIED SUSTAINABILITY RISKS	
GOVERNANCE	
IMPROVEMENTS MADE SINCE LAST ESG RESEARCH	
NORRON IDENTIFIED KEY SUSTAINABILITY RISKS	
NORRON SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS	
NORRON REQUIRED ACTIONS WITHIN 12 MONTHS TO BE SFDR COM	<b>I</b> PLIANT
NORRON OTHER COMMENTS	



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#### Norron sustainability targets







## Standards and initiatives



Norron's approach to sustainability is an integral part of the investment process and is based on the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.



Norron is a member of the UNPRI and follows the Principles for Responsible Investments. <u>www.unpri.org</u>.



Norron is a UN Global Compact signatory and supports their 10 corporate responsibility principles.



We have set Science-Based Targets in accordance with the SBT Sector Guidance for Financial Institutions.

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## **Exclusion criteria**

**Pornography** Production: 0% of sales

Production: 0% of sales Distribution: Maximum 5% of sales

**Tobacco** Production: 0% of sales Distribution: Maximum 5% of sales

**Cannabis** Production: 0% of sales Distribution: 0% of sales

**Alcohol Production** Production: Maximum 5% of sales Distribution: N / A

**Controversial weapons** Production: 0% of sales Distribution: 0% of sales

**Conventional Weapons** Production: Maximum 5% of sales Distribution: Maximum 5% of sales

**Gambling** Production: Maximum 5% of sales Distribution: Maximum 5% of sales

Oil, Gas and Coal (Fossil Fuels)

Corruption

Extraction: Maximum 5% of sales Distribution: Maximum 5% of sales

Companies that violate international standards

#### About the exclusion criteria and hedging strategies specifically

The exclusion criteria above include industries in different broad market indices. Part of a hedge fund's strategy means that the fund takes short and long positions in such indices, with the possibility of so-called delta hedging where certain companies and industries are neutralized from the hedging. The purpose of these strategies is to reduce the market risk for the fund in accordance with its management mandate. For a hedge fund, this means that the fund from time to time will have a certain exposure to industries that it otherwise excludes in its long book. However, such exposure must never mean that the funds become net long in a position that Norron excludes. As regards the fund's investments in general, the manager must always take into account the exclusion criteria above.

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