

## **Sustainability-related Disclosure**

#### Financial product promoting environmental or social characteristics

This document provides you with sustainability-related information about this financial product and is made available on our website. It is prepared in relation to Article 10 of the Sustainability Finance Disclosure Regulation (EU) 2019/2088. The information disclosed is required by law to help you understand the sustainability characteristics and/or objectives and risks for this financial product. It is advised that this disclosure be read alongside other relevant documentation and disclosures for the financial product.

#### **Summary Website Disclosure**

|  | Product Name | Lazard US Equity Concentrated Fund | Legal Entity Identifier | 5493005846GTJ5GL6564 |
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| No sustainable investment objective                | This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics but does not have sustainable investment as its objective.  |  |
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| Environmental<br>and/or social<br>characteristics  | obtaining exposure to companies that are deemed by the Investment Manager to violate United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) principles.  To promote certain minimum environmental and social safeguards by applying specific exclusion thresholds on corporates that are involved in controversial weapons production, military weapons production, thermal coal mining or production, or tobacco production.  Lazard US Equity Concentrated Fund is an all-cap, concentrated equity fund that seeks long-term capital appreciation. Stocks are selected for the Fund using a fundamental investment process as described in the section of the Fund's Supplement entitled "Investment Policy".  The Fund does not commit to making sustainable investments.  At least 90% of the Fund will be aligned with environmental/social characteristics. The remainder may include cash, cash equivalents, and derivatives.  Specific environmental or social characteristics promoted by each financial product are monitored internally by the relevant portfolio management function, supported by the Investment Manager's Risk Management function. Specific exclusion criteria are coded in Trading and Compliance systems, facilitating |  |
| Investment<br>strategy                             |   |  |
| Proportion of investments                          |   |  |
| Monitoring and Due Diligence                       |   |  |
| Data Sources,<br>Methodologies,<br>and Limitations | The Investment Manager has access to ESG data from internal and external resources. The Investment Manager assesses data quality of third-party data providers during initial and periodic due diligence assessments. These data sets are expanding in coverage, although reporting the level of estimated data across all vendors and relevant data points is currently challenged without further disclosure across providers.  The Investment Manager may apply different methodologies to measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are met. The methodology selected is dependent on the source of data used to measure the environmental or social characteristics.  The Investment Manager notes that a central limitation to ESG methodology or data sourcing is the lack of corporate disclosure. This is particularly relevant for data points identified as adverse sustainability impacts   |  |

|                          |                        | in the SFDR regulation. To address data challenges, the Investment Manager relies upon a combination of internal and external resources.   |
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| Engagement policies stra |                        | The Investment Manager may undertake stewardship activities for its applicable fundamental investment strategies. The relevant investment management teams seek to build a constructive dialogue with senior management representatives, to share views when given the opportunity, and to support companies undertaking positive changes. The Investment Manager seeks to incorporate the insights from stewardship activities into investment decisions, and vice versa, to enhance long-term value.  Although engagement is not directly linked to the specific environmental or social investment strategy of the Fund, certain stewardship activities may consider relevant adverse sustainability impacts. |
|                          | Reference<br>benchmark | There is no reference benchmark designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.  |

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### Full website disclosure

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| SFDR Classification   | Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial sector (SFDR)   |  |  |
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| No sustainable investment objective   |   |  |  |
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| Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product  |   |  |  |
| What environmental and/or social (E/S) characteristics are promoted by this financial product?                              | The Fund's environmental and social characteristics are:  1. To maintain a lower weighted average carbon intensity (WACI) than the Benchmark Index (as referred to in the section of the Fund's Supplement entitled "Benchmark"), based on third-party environmental data.  2. To avoid investing in companies that violate global environmental and social norms. The Investment Manager assesses companies against an internally generated watchlist, which leverages third-party vendor information. An exclusion policy is applied by the Fund that prohibits investing in or obtaining exposure to companies that are deemed by the Investment Manager to violate United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) principles. This helps to avoid investments that, at a minimum, do not meet social and environmental norms with regards to human rights, labour, and anti-corruption, as well as environmental degradation.  3. To promote specific minimum environmental and social safeguards by excluding corporates that are involved in controversial weapons production, military weapons production, thermal coal mining or production, or tobacco production. |  |  |
|   | Investment strategy   |  |  |
| What is the investment strategy used to meet the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product? | Lazard US Equity Concentrated Fund is an all-cap, concentrated equity fund that seeks long-term capital appreciation. Stocks are selected for the Fund using a fundamental investment process as described in the section of the Fund's Supplement entitled "Investment Policy".  More information regarding the investment strategy used to meet the environmental or social characteristics for the Fund can be found in pre-contractual disclosure information within the Fund's Supplement.   |  |  |
| What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?   | information from third-party ESG data sets. These data sources also provide governance-related  |  |  |

stakeholder management. More information can be found online at: **Global Governance Principles** https://www.lazardassetmanagement.com/docs/-m0-/101881/GlobalGovernancePrinciples en.pdf **Proportion of investments** Minimum proportion 0% sustainable investment **Asset allocation** table/description #1 Aligned with E/S characteristics 90% Investments #2 Other 0% More information regarding the asset allocation for the Fund can be found in pre-contractual disclosure information within the Fund's Supplement. Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics How are the environmental Specific exclusion criteria are coded in Trading and Compliance systems, facilitating preor social characteristics trade compliance and preventing investment in excluded securities. Exclusion criteria promoted by the financial are also monitored on a post-trade basis. product and the sustainability indicators Specific environmental or social characteristics promoted by each financial product are used to measure the monitored internally by the relevant portfolio management function, supported by the attainment of each of Investment Manager's Risk Management function. those environmental or 3. On a quarterly basis, the Investment Manager's Compliance and Risk Management social characteristics functions provide oversight of environmental and social characteristics and relevant promoted by the financial sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of those characteristics from product monitored third-party sources. throughout the lifecycle of the financial product and The Investment Manager maintains a set of internal policies and procedures to govern its ESG processes that may be updated or changed to reflect evolving industry practices and standards. what are the related internal or external control All publicly available policies and reports can be found online at: mechanisms? https://www.lazardassetmanagement.com/ie/en\_uk/references/sustainable-investing/policydocuments Methodologies What are the The Investment Manager may apply different methodologies to measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are met. The methodologies to measure

methodology selected is dependent on the source of data used to measure the environmental

or social characteristics, such as:

how the environmental or

social characteristics

# promoted by the financial product are met?

- 1. For characteristics that are supported by the Investment Manager's proprietary processes and frameworks, the methodology will be detailed within product-specific documentation, such as the Fund's Supplement. Any changes to specific methodologies will be included in future updates to relevant documentation.
- 2. For characteristics that are supported by third-party ESG data providers, each provider uses its own methodologies and set of internal processes. While there is limited influence over these methodologies (as an end consumer of this data), the Investment Manager aims to provide appropriate levels of oversight and due diligence to ensure services meet data quality expectations.

More information can be found online at:

#### **Sustainable Investment and ESG Integration Policy**

https://www.lazardassetmanagement.com/docs/-m0-/669/SustainableInvestmentAndESGIntegration.pdf

#### **SFDR Sustainability Risks Policy**

https://www.lazardassetmanagement.com/docs/-m0-/117535/LFMISFDRWebsitePolicy.pdf

The Investment Manager has access to ESG data from internal and external resources, including:

#### Data sources and processing

# How are the data sources used to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

What measures are taken to ensure data quality?

How is data processed?

What is the proportion of data that are estimated?

- Internal information, including: an ESG Watchlist report that flags companies scoring poorly on a selection of ESG risk factors and stewardship activity (engagement, proxy voting, shareholder resolution) related to ESG issues.
- 2. Third-party data and information, including: ESG ratings and risk scores for systematic comparison of ESG performance across companies, controversies analysis and information, global norms compliance screens, and a wider set of ESG metrics for corporates and sovereign issuers in the investible universe. External data providers include Sustainalytics, S&P Global Trucost, Bloomberg ESG, MSCI, Clarity AI.

The Investment Manager assesses data quality of third-party data providers during initial and periodic due diligence assessments. These data sets are expanding in coverage, although reporting the level of estimated data across all vendors and relevant data points is currently challenged without further disclosure across providers.

Data processing internally can take place in different formats. For example, the Investment Manager has built internal data tools that are designed to combine both internal and external datasets from multiple third-party sources. Portfolio management teams can also access certain third-party datasets via online portals, systems, and reports.

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#### Limitations to methodologies and data

What are potential limitations to the methodologies or data sources and how do such limitations not affect how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are met?

The Investment Manager notes that a central limitation to ESG methodology or data sourcing is the lack of corporate disclosure. This is particularly relevant for data points identified as adverse sustainability impacts in the SFDR regulation. To address data challenges, the Investment Manager relies upon a combination of internal and external resources.

Proprietary fundamental ESG assessments may also differ from that of external providers, possibly because of provider data gaps, or because the Investment Manager seeks to generate differentiated insights using fundamental analysis to supplement external data.

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#### Due diligence

What due diligence is carried out on the underlying assets of the financial product (including the internal and external controls?)

Investment management teams incorporate ESG considerations into their security selection and portfolio construction as part of investment due diligence processes, in line with the Investment Manager's sustainability-related investment policies.

Further information can be found online at:

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#### **Engagement policies**

What is the engagement policy applied, in the case that engagement is part of the environmental or social investment strategy (including any management procedures applicable to sustainability-related controversies in investee companies)?

The Investment Manager may undertake stewardship activities for its applicable fundamental investment strategies. The relevant investment management teams seek to build a constructive dialogue with senior management representatives, to share views when given the opportunity, and to support companies undertaking positive changes. The Investment Manager seeks to incorporate the insights from stewardship activities into investment decisions, and vice versa, to enhance long-term value.

Although engagement is not directly linked to the specific environmental or social investment strategy of the Fund, certain stewardship activities may consider relevant adverse sustainability impacts.

More information can be found online at:

#### **UK Stewardship Code Report**

https://www.lazardassetmanagement.com/docs/-m0-/128307/UKStewardshipCode.pdf

#### **Engagement Policy for Shareholder Rights Directive II**

https://www.lazardassetmanagement.com/docs/-m0-/88455/SRDIIEngagementPolicy\_en.pdf

#### **Designation reference benchmark**

Has an index has been designated as a reference benchmark to meet the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product? If yes, how that index is aligned with the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product, and where can one find information with regards to input data, methodologies used to select those data, the rebalancing methodologies and index calculations?

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