Sustainability-related Disclosure

Financial product promoting environmental or social characteristics

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Product Name	**Lazard Global Equity Franchise Fund**	**Legal Entity Identifier**	**549300125D2B35HIHV10**

Summary

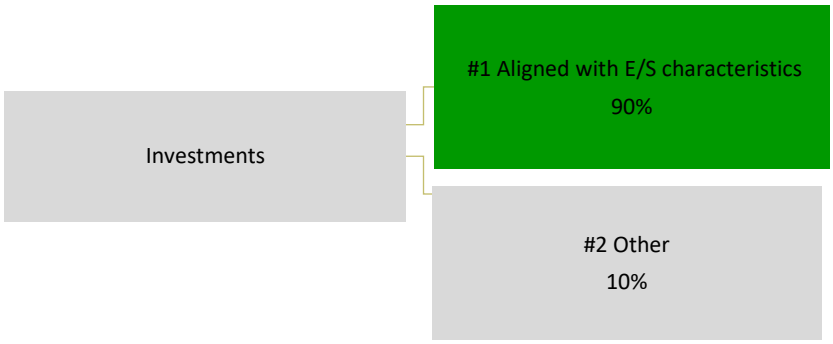
No sustainable investment objective	This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics but does not have sustainable investment as its objective.
Environmental and/or social characteristics	The Fund's environmental and social characteristics are: • To ensure that at least 90% of the Fund's aggregate investment in companies is in companies with have an ESG Risk Rating of no higher than 40 (a score of 40 and above constituting a "Severe ESG Risk Rating". The ESG Risk Rating methodology is based on the third-party ESG rating provider's assessment of companies' exposure to, and management of, material ESG issues. • To promote adherence to and the conduct of business activities in accordance with global environmental and social norms by avoiding investment in companies that violate them. The Investment Manager assesses companies against an internally generated watchlist, which leverages third-party vendor information and 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 or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. • To promote (i) human rights in avoiding complicity in activities that can cause widespread harm or violate human rights; (ii) climate change mitigation and avoidance of harm to the environment; and (iii) health and avoidance of harm due to significant and well-documented public health risk associated with tobacco use; by avoiding investment in corporates that are involved in: (i) the production of controversial weapons (ii) thermal coal mining or production; or (iii) tobacco cultivation and production; respectively.
Investment strategy	The Lazard Global Equity Franchise strategy is an actively managed portfolio that seeks long-term returns by investing globally in a range of franchise companies. Stocks are selected for the Fund using a fundamental investment process as described in the section of Fund's Supplement entitled "Investment Policy" and in accordance with the strategy described in pre-contractual disclosure information for selecting investments to attain the environmental and social characteristics of the Fund.
Proportion of investments	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.
Monitoring and Due Diligence	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 pre-trade compliance and preventing investment in excluded securities. Exclusion criteria are also monitored on a post-trade basis.

Data Sources, Methodologies, 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.
Engagement policies	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 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

SFDR Classification	Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial sector (SFDR)
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 ensure that at least 90% of the Fund's aggregate investment in companies is in companies which have an ESG Risk Rating of no higher than 40 (a score of 40 and above constituting a "Severe ESG Risk Rating"). The ESG Risk Rating methodology is based on the third-party ESG rating provider's assessment of companies' exposure to, and management of, material ESG issues. 2. To promote adherence to and the conduct of business activities in accordance with global environmental and social norms by avoiding investment in companies that violate them. The Investment Manager assesses companies against an internally generated watchlist, which leverages third-party vendor information, and 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 or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. 3. To promote (i) human rights in avoiding complicity in activities that can cause widespread harm or violate human rights; (ii) climate change mitigation and avoidance of harm to the environment; and (iii) health and avoidance of harm due to significant and well-documented public health risk associated with tobacco use; by avoiding investment in corporates that are involved in: (i) the production of controversial weapons (ii) thermal coal mining or production; or (iii) tobacco cultivation and production; respectively.
Investment strategy	
What is the investment strategy used to meet the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?	The Lazard Global Equity Franchise strategy is an actively managed portfolio that seeks long-term returns by investing globally in a range of franchise companies. Stocks are selected for the Fund using a fundamental investment process as described in the section of 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?	The assessment of good governance practices is supported by a broad range of governance information from third-party ESG data sets. These data sources also provide governance-related controversy information, which can be used to flag governance issues at investee companies. Governance assessments and information are fully incorporated into investment due diligence processes, ongoing monitoring of issuers in the portfolio, and stewardship activities. The Investment Manager has also developed Global Governance Principles that set out

	expectations for corporate governance on issues such as board independence, accountability and composition, as well as culture, remuneration, shareholder rights, amongst others. The principles provide a framework for governance assessments and stewardship activity, clearly setting out the Investment Manager's expectations of company management and effective 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 sustainable investment	0%
Asset allocation table/description	 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 or social characteristics promoted by the financial product and the sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of each of those environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product monitored throughout the lifecycle of the financial product and what are the related internal or external control mechanisms?	1. Specific exclusion criteria are coded in Trading and Compliance systems, facilitating pre-trade compliance and preventing investment in excluded securities. Exclusion criteria are also monitored on a post-trade basis. 2. 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. 3. On a quarterly basis, the Investment Manager's Compliance and Risk Management functions provide oversight of environmental and social characteristics and relevant sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of those characteristics from third-party sources. 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. All publicly available policies and reports can be found online at: https://www.lazardassetmanagement.com/ie/en_uk/references/sustainable-investing/policy-documents
Methodologies	

What are the methodologies to measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are met?	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, such as: 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
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?**	The Investment Manager has access to ESG data from internal and external resources, including: 1. 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, 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. 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

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. 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
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: **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
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?	There is no reference benchmark designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

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