**Allianz** (II) Global Investors

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# Allianz Global Water

Investing in sustainable water solutions for the future

- The Fund aims at long-term capital growth by investing in global equity markets with a focus on companies engaging in the area of water resource management
  facilitating the achievement of one or more of the Sustainable Development Goals ("SDG") targets set by the United Nations General Assembly and/or the EU Taxonomy
  Objectives in accordance with the SDG-Aligned Strategy.
- The Fund is exposed to significant risks relating to investment/general market, water sector, emerging market, company-specific and currency (such as exchange controls, in particular RMB), and the adverse impact on RMB share classes due to currency depreciation.
- The Fund is exposed to investment risks relating to SDG-Aligned Strategy (such as foregoing opportunities to buy certain securities when it might otherwise be
  advantageous to do so, and/or selling securities when it might be disadvantageous to do so or relying on information and data from third party ESG research data
  providers and internal analyses which may be subjective, incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable). The Fund focuses on SDG-Aligned investments which may reduce risk
  diversifications and may be more susceptible to fluctuations in value.
- The Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments ("FDI") which may expose to higher leverage, counterparty, liquidity, valuation, volatility, market and over the counter transaction risks. The Fund's net derivative exposure may be up to 50% of the Fund's net asset value.
- · This investment may involve risks that could result in loss of part or entire amount of investors' investment.
- In making investment decisions, investors should not rely solely on this material.

Note: Dividend payments may, at the sole discretion of the Investment Manager, be made out of the Fund's capital or effectively out of the Fund's capital which represents a return or withdrawal of part of the amount investors originally invested and/or capital gains attributable to the original investment. This may result in an immediate decrease in the NAV per share and the capital of the Fund available for investment in the future and capital growth may be reduced, in particular for hedged share classes for which the distribution amount and NAV of any hedged share classes (HSC) may be adversely affected by differences in the interests rates of the reference currency of the HSC and the base currency of the Fund.

# Allianz Global Water – focusing on environmental, social and financial alpha

The Allianz Global Water ("the Fund") invests in companies whose products and services may improve water supply, water quality or water efficiency, helping to advance the sustainability of global water resources.

As the necessary investments in water infrastructure and technology are still yet to be made, the structural imbalance between water supply and demand continues to grow. Hence, water investment is now at the forefront of the global agenda, making it one of the attractive investment themes.

Population growth and rising living standards, particularly in emerging markets, have resulted in increased demand for water. Food demand grows with population, and changes in diet have favoured protein rich foods with a higher water footprint. Industrialisation and digitisation further intensify demand through the water cost of energy generation.

Despite pressure, capital expenditure on the issue has been relatively low over the past decade. However, as social and environmental implications have reached a critical point, political support has increased. This, coupled with the development of new technologies such as smart water applications, has brought water investments into focus.

# 3 opportunities to invest:



#### SDG-aligned

The Fund provides an opportunity for the investors to take part in developing solutions for key environmental and social issues. Our investable universe is aligned with four of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their underlying targets, facilitating the generation of environmental and social alpha.



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#### High conviction – defensive growth

The strategy builds a high-conviction, sector and region agnostic portfolio of high quality stocks aiming at the most stable and promising areas of the water industry. Through bottom-up stock selection, we identify companies with strong earnings prospects, attractive valuations, and low tail risks.

#### **ESG integrated**

We integrate environmental, social and governance factors (ESG) into our decision-making process in order to mitigate tail risk and increase alpha potential. Weak scores are reviewed for materiality and effect on business operations.

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## Did you know ...?

- 70% of available water is used for agriculture.<sup>1</sup>
- Formerly the world's fourth largest lake, the Aral Sea, has been shrinking since the 1960s after the rivers that fed it were diverted by irrigation projects. By 1997, it had declined to 10% of its original size.<sup>2</sup>
- Utilities lose USD 9.6 billion p.a. on water leakage.<sup>3</sup>
- Smart water networks can save utilities up to USD 12.5 billion p.a.<sup>3</sup>



### **Fund Details**

Share Class	Class AT (EUR) Acc.	Class AT (USD) Acc.
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI EUR TOTAL RETURN (NET) IN EUR	MSCI AC World Total Return (Net)
Fund Manager	Andreas Fruschki	
Fund Size <sup>5</sup>	USD 1,029.32m	
Number of Holdings	36	
Sustainability-related Disclosure Regulation <sup>6</sup>	Article 8	
Base Currency	USD	
Subscription Fee (Sales Charge)	Up to 5%	
Management Fee (All-in-Fee <sup>7</sup> )	1.50% p.a.	1.50% p.a.
Total Expense Ratio <sup>8</sup>	2.10%	2.10%
Unit NAV	EUR 149.72	USD 11.2312
Inception Date	24/10/2018	18/12/2019
Dividend Frequency	N/A	N/A
ISIN Code	LU1890834598	LU2089279066
Bloomberg Ticker	ALZGATE LX	ALGWATU LX

Source: All fund data quoted are Allianz Global Investors/IDS GmbH, as at 30/09/2023, unless stated otherwise.

- 1 "Managing water sustainably is key to the future of food and agriculture", oecd.com, 2017.
- 2 "World of Change: Shrinking Aral Sea", Earthobservatory, 2018.
- 3 "Water 20/20: Bringing Smart Water Networks Into Focus", Sensus, 2017.
- 4 "The water footprint of food", Professor Arjen Y. Hoekstra, Twente Water Centre, University of Twente, the Netherlands, 2008.
- 5 The Fund Size quoted includes all share classes of the Fund.
- 6 EU Sustainability-related Disclosure Regulation. Information is accurate at time of publishing.
- 7 The All-in-Fee includes the expenses previously called management and administration fees.
- 8 Total Expense Ratio (TER): Total cost (except transaction costs) charged to the Fund during the last financial year (as at 30/09/2022) expressed as a ratio of the Fund's average NAV. For share classes that have been incepted for less than one year as at close of the last financial year (please refer to the Inception Date in the Fund Details table), the TER will be annualised. For share classes incepted after the close of the last financial year, the TER will be reflected as N/A.

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