

Statement on principal adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors.

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Summary

West Invest Gesellschaft für Investmentfonds mbH (LEI: 5299000LASXRAUKW4937) considers principal adverse impacts of its investment decisions on sustainability factors. The present statement is the consolidated statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors of West Invest Gesellschaft für Investmentfonds (hereinafter due to group affiliation "Deka Immobilien") on behalf of its investment funds.

This statement on principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors covers the reference period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

Principal adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors (hereinafter also "Principal Adverse Impacts" or "PAI") are understood to mean negative impacts on environment and society associated with Deka Immobilien's investments in companies, sovereigns and supranationals, as well as real estate assets.

The consideration of PAI includes the identification, measurement and prioritization of PAI, as well as measures to mitigate and reduce PAI in the investment processes of Deka Immobilien. All PAI indicators defined in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing the Disclosure Regulation as being applicable to investments in real estate assets are used here (two indicators). According to the regulatory requirement, an additional environment-related PAI indicator is also considered. The additional indicator was selected based on data availability and quality, irreversibility and severity or scope of the negative sustainability impacts, the relevance for the main asset class of real estate and the overall sustainability orientation of Deka Immobilien. In 2023, the consideration of PAI was extended to the liquidity investments of the products. The mandatory PAI indicators defined in the Delegated Regulation to the Disclosure Regulation ((EU) 2022/1288) were used (14 indicators for investments in companies, 2 indicators for investments in states and supranational organizations). In addition, two further PAI indicators are taken into account, one of which is an environmental PAI indicator and one a social PAI indicator.

Negative sustainability impacts are measured using PAI indicators for all target funds and real estate assets in the investment universe, as far as we are able, to the best of our ability, to obtain data. For this purpose, property information and energy consumption data for self-managed properties are collected independently for the real estate asset class. Consumption data is collected via a standardized query and is transferred to a central database, which enables systematic analysis. An experienced energy consulting company then validates these figures. Implausible data and data gaps are identified and replaced by using specific benchmarks. In addition, the data used to identify PAI are based on publicly available information from issuers (e.g. from annual reports, sustainability reports and databases), internal research performed by Deka and using data and ESG ratings from external research and rating agencies.

The measures for dealing with PAI include a PAI control mechanism for products with sustainability characteristics, which sets target values for the PAI ratio of the products in question via minimum exclusions.

The ability to consider all PAI depends largely on the availability of corresponding information on the market. The required data is not available to a sufficient extent and in the necessary quality for all real estate assets in the funds. Deka Immobilien is constantly working to obtain PAI data that is as complete as possible, while maintaining a high quality. In addition, extensive professional and technical measures were introduced to improve data quality and data availability.

Due to the nature of its business activities, Deka Immobilien has not implemented any rules on cooperation.

Deka Immobilien supports and/or complies with a variety of international standards for responsible corporate governance as well as for due diligence and reporting. These include the principles of the UN Global Compact and the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI).