# Man Asset Management (Ireland) Limited

#### **Sustainability Risk Policy**

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This document sets out the Sustainability Risk Policy (the **"Policy**") of Man Asset Management (Ireland) Limited **("MAMIL")**, in respect of the integration of sustainability risk in the investment decision-making process in respect of the Products (as defined below).

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("SFDR")) requires MAMIL to publish on its website information about their policies on the integration of sustainability risks in the investment decision-making process in respect of the Products (as defined below). Furthermore Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2021/1270 (the "UCITS Amending Directive") and the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1255, (the "AIFMD Amending Regulation") issued by the European Commission on 21 April 2021, amend respectively the UCITS and AIFMD laws to provide that sustainability risks and sustainability factors should be taken into account as part of the implementation of the investment decision making process for UCITS and AIFS.
- 1.2 **"Sustainability risk**" is defined in the SFDR as meaning an environmental, social or governance event that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or potential material negative impact on the value of the investment.
- 1.3 MAMIL, in the course of its activities, delegates day-to-day portfolio management activities to GLG Partners LP, GLG LLC, AHL Partners LP, Man Solutions Limited, Numeric Investors LLC and Man Global Private Markets (UK) Limited (together the "Investment Managers"). This document sets out MAMIL's and the Investment Managers' approach in respect of the integration of sustainability risks in the investment decision-making process, as required by Article 3 SFDR, and the taking into account of sustainability risks as required by the relevant provisions of the UCITS Amending Directive and the AIFMD Amending Regulation. Where an Investment Manager integrates sustainability risk in their investment decisions, this Policy applies to all investment professionals of such Investment Manager, and applies in respect of all portfolio management services, investment advisory services, AIF management and UCITS management, in each case in relation to a product subject to Article 6, Article 8 or Article 9 of SFDR (together the "Products"), whether such service is carried on by MAMIL directly or through delegation via the Investment Managers.
- 1.4 This policy was initially adopted on 10 March 2021 and most recently updated on the date set out above.

# 2. Purpose of this Policy

- 2.1 MAMIL takes a diversified approach to the integration of sustainability risk across the Investment Managers, recognising the importance of having due regard to sustainability risk across asset classes and strategies where relevant. The Investment Managers' diversified range of alternative and long-only strategies seek to apply the best practices of sustainability risk integration in the way that is most relevant to their fields of research – there is no 'one size fits all'.
- 2.2 The purpose of this Policy is to outline MAMIL's recognition, commitment and support for the development and integration of sustainability risk modalities across the Investment Managers. The diversified nature of MAMIL's multi-strategy businesses means that no single Environmental, Social and Governance ('ESG') framework, and in particular this Policy, is universally applied. Accordingly, MAMIL expects the Investment Managers to apply the norms and best practices in having regard to sustainability risk in a way that is most appropriate for their strategies and asset classes.

- 2.3 For MAMIL these norms and best practices include:
  - **Sustainability risk**: integrating the consideration of sustainability risks into the investment decision-making processes of the Investment Managers where appropriate;
  - **Stewardship**: enhancing the value and interests of MAMIL's clients' assets through voting and active engagement;
  - ESG factors: considering and/or applying ESG criteria in the investment decision-making process;
  - Education & activities: participating and educating in relation to sustainable investment within the investment community.

It is recognised that in some cases, the evaluation of sustainability risks is conducted at the time of the formulation and approval of the overall investment strategy of the relevant Product and that, as a result of such evaluation, the relevant Investment Manager may deem sustainability risks not to be relevant to the returns of the funds it manages or to require the separate assessment of the sustainability risks attaching to individual investment positions. The table in section 3.5 of this Policy sets out the manner in which each Investment Manager evaluates sustainability risks and, where relevant, integrates such assessment into its investment process.

2.4 For the purposes of SFDR, the regime around sustainability risks is concerned with the risk that ESG events could impact on the value of the Products. In other words, this Policy covers "value" rather than "values", and does not take into account the perspective harm that a Product's investment positions might do externally to sustainability factors. The impact of principal adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors is covered by separate Principal Adverse Risks Policies, in respect of MAMIL, GLG Partners LP and AHL Partners LP (with regard to AHL Partners LP, only in respect of Man AHL TargetClimate ("**Man AHL TargetClimate**"), a sub-fund of Man Funds VI plc).

### 3. Application of sustainability risks policy

- 3.1 MAMIL and the Investment Managers have reviewed the sustainability risks which are potentially likely to cause a material negative impact on the value of the Products, should those risks occur. While these risks will vary by strategy and by subgroup, they may include the following.
  - <u>Environmental sustainability risks</u> may include climate change, carbon emissions, air pollution, water pollution, harm to biodiversity, deforestation, energy inefficiency, poor waste management practices, increased water scarcity, rising sea levels / coastal flooding, and wildfires / bushfires.
  - <u>Social sustainability risks</u> may include human rights violations, human trafficking, modern slavery / forced labour, breaches of employee rights / labour rights, child labour, discrimination, restrictions on or abuse of the rights of consumers, restricted access to clean water, to a reliable food supply, and/or to a sanitary living environment, and infringements of rights of local communities / indigenous populations.
  - <u>Governance sustainability risks</u> may include lack of diversity at Board or governing body level, inadequate external or internal audit, infringement or curtailment of rights of (minority) shareholders, bribery and corruption, lack of scrutiny of executive pay, poor safeguards on personal data / IT security (of employees and/or customers), discriminatory employment practices, health and safety concerns for the workforce, poor sustainability practices in the supply chain, workplace harassment, discrimination and bullying, restrictions on rights of collective bargaining or trade unions, inadequate protection for whistleblowers, and non-compliance with minimum wage or (where appropriate) living wage requirements.
- 3.2 In evaluating sustainability risk, the Investment Managers may take account of the "physical" or tangible risks of a sustainability event (for example, the impact of severe climate events leading to business disruption or losses for its investment positions). In addition, the Investment Managers may also take account of the "transition" risk, which focuses on the risk to investments as the world moves towards a more sustainable environmental and social model. Finally, the Investment Managers may,

where appropriate, view sustainability risk as cross-cutting into other categories of risk (such as litigation risk or reputational risk).

- 3.3 The Investment Managers' approach to sustainability risk management is differentiated by various factors including (amongst other things) the time horizon for investments (for example, longer term investments driven by fundamental analysis vs. shorter term investments driven by systematic trading programmes); asset class (noting that single name equity, single name fixed income and real estate investments may potentially be more exposed to sustainability risks than other asset classes such as FX, rates or derivatives on broad based equity or fixed income indices); and the availability of adequate reliable data.
- 3.4 While the Investment Managers that integrate sustainability risks in their individual investment decisions are provided with information on sustainability risks, and shall take sustainability risks into account when making an investment decision, sustainability risk would not by itself prevent them from making any investment. Instead, sustainability risk forms part of the overall risk management processes, and is one of many risks which may, depending on the specific investment opportunity, be relevant to a determination of risk. However, as a matter of baseline processes, MAMIL and such Investment Managers do not apply any absolute risk limits or risk appetite thresholds which relate exclusively to sustainability risk as a separate category of risk.
- 3.5 As such and as per the below table, sustainability risks are currently integrated into the investment strategy and investment decisions of GLG Partners LP and GLG LLC (together 'Man GLG'), Numeric Investors LLC ('Man Numeric'), Man Global Private Markets (UK) Limited ('Man GPM'), AHL Partners LLP ('Man AHL') and Man Solutions Limited ('Man MSL') in the manner set out below. None of these entities are in scope for SFDR and as such they do not have a specific Sustainability Risk Policy but the considerations below are reflected in the market risk policies of the relevant Investment Manager. Each Investment Manager has confirmed to MAMIL its intention to invest in accordance with the sustainability risk considerations below and to notify MAMIL in advance in the event that it was to update or amend its approach.

Investment Manager	Approach to the Integration of Sustainability Risks	
Man GLG	As a discretionary investment manager with a diverse product offering, Man GLG methods and approaches to sustainability risk integration vary between strategies and Man GLG focuses on empowering individual investment teams to incorporate sustainability risks in a way that is relevant and effective to them.	
	To ensure that investment teams have the resources to analyse a company from a sustainability risk perspective, Man GLG subscribes to a number of leading ESG data providers. Man GLG utilises a wide array of metrics, such as carbon footprint, social supply chain incidents and controversy scores to facilitate the monitoring and reporting of sustainability risks and exposures in real time. This allows investment teams to understand the sustainability risks faced by their investments and to embed this into their investment decision-making process.	
	In evaluating sustainability risk, an investment team may take into account the "physical" or tangible risks of a sustainability event (for example, the impact of severe climate events leading to business disruption or losses for its investment positions) and/or the "transition" risk, which focuses on the risk to investments as the world moves towards a more sustainable environmental and social model. In some cases, this sustainability risk may cross-cut into other categories of risk (such as litigation risk or reputational risk).	

	Sustainability risk forms part of the overall risk management process and is one of many aspects which may, depending on the specific investment opportunity, be relevant to a determination of risk. While Man GLG's investment professionals shall take sustainability risks into account when making an investment decision, sustainability risk may not by itself prevent Man GLG from making any investment. Man GLG consider that sustainability risks are relevant to the returns of the funds.		
Man MSL	Man MSL does not consider sustainability risks to be relevant to the returns of the funds it manages because it is generally expected that (a) the funds will invest in a diversified portfolio of underlying funds, (b) the underlying funds will be diversified and not contribute to the funds' portfolio significant exposure to any particular underlying issuers, and/or (c) the underlying funds will not hold any particular positions for an extended period of time. As such, Man MSL does not specifically integrate sustainability risks into		
	individual investment decisions in respect of the funds.		
Man AHL	Save for Man AHL TargetClimate, Man AHL does not consider sustainability risks to be relevant to the returns of the funds it manages because it is generally expected that the funds will (a) trade a diversified portfolio of financial instruments, (b) not have significant exposure to any particular underlying issuers, and/or (c) not hold any particular underlying positions for an extended period of time. As such, Man AHL does not specifically integrate sustainability risks into investment decisions in respect of the funds, save for Man AHL TargetClimate.		
	Integration of Sustainability Risk for Man AHL TargetClimate		
	Sustainability risk forms part of the overall risk management process and is one of many aspects which may, depending on the specific investment opportunity, be relevant to a determination of risk. While Man AHL shall take sustainability risks into account when making an investment decision, sustainability risk may not by itself prevent Man AHL from making any investment.		
	Securities in the investment universe of Man AHL TargetClimate go through a multi layered ESG scoring system which is based on the analysis of a triangulation of environmental metrics, as detailed in investment policy of the fund. As set out therein, this process results in a selection of assets that are deemed to be aligned with the transition to a low carbon economy and climate change mitigation.		
	Those securities considered to have more exposure to the adverse impacts of climate change and/or weaker ESG practices compared to their peers, and which thus represent some form of sustainability risk, are therefore expected to be excluded.		
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companies create long-term benefits for those parties, and weak						
environmental, social, and/or governance practices present a sustainability risk for those parties.						

However, due to the lack of access to reliable ESG data in respect of the fund's portfolio, the ESG alpha model is not currently implemented for the fund and Man Numeric effectively deems the ESG alpha model, including sustainability risks, to not yet be relevant to the management of the fund. Man Numeric continues to monitor and research the data availability with the ultimate goal to improve the ESG alpha model and utilise it for the fund when appropriate.

# Man Numeric Emerging Markets Equity, Man Numeric RI Global Equity, Man Numeric RI European Equity, Man Numeric US High Yield

Man Numeric's investment process for the funds integrates a comprehensive ESG alpha model that analyses company and management impact to shareholders, employees and the broader environment in a peer-relative framework on the basis that good governance practices and responsibly-minded companies create long-term benefits for those parties, and weak environmental, social, and/or governance practices present a sustainability risk for those parties.

Man Numeric's ESG integration is consistent with its existing investment philosophy: a principles-based approach that focuses on data and academic research rather than datamining factors. Using data science techniques, Man Numeric's created a fundamentally-based framework anchored by a number of key pillars representing E, S and G. Multiple data sources are mapped to the principles-based pillars and the factors used and resulting weights are industry-focused and based on the expertise of the hundreds of analysts from the primary data providers. The key pillars are adjusted for country, industry/sector and factor biases. The result is an ESG signal that is integrated into the funds' model mix. All the stocks in the investment universe of the funds are assigned alpha scores based on the ESG alpha model. The stocks considered to have weaker ESG practices compared to their peers, and which thus represent some form of sustainability risk, are expected to receive lower scores on the ESG model. If a stock scores poorly on the ESG alpha model, there is a higher hurdle that the other alpha models would need to overcome for the stock to be held in the portfolio.

Save as set out herein in respect of Man Numeric China A Equity, Man Numeric consider that sustainability risks are relevant to the returns of the funds.

Man GPM As a discretionary investment manager with a varied product offering, Man GPM's approach to sustainability risk integration varies between strategies and Man GPM seeks to empower individual investment teams to incorporate sustainability risks in a manner and to the extent that is relevant and effective to such teams, the underlying asset classes of the relevant product and the investment restrictions pursuant to which they invest.

Integration of sustainability risk is a particular focus for Man GPM in respect of certain categories of direct real estate investment (such as the Man GPM RI Community Housing Fund to which MAMIL has been appointed), including where social and environmental factors are deemed relevant in determining the value of an investment, its long-term returns potential, and/or the social impact of the real estate that is brought to market (such as social and affordable residential housing). Factors that will be considered in such sustainability risk analysis include housing quality standards as they relate to social and employee matters, financial sustainability as it relates to the affordability of housing, additionality as it relates to the provision of housing as an essential social good, environment-related indicators and anti-bribery and anti-corruption matters as they relate to transactional counterparties and the impact that such factors may have on the value of the investment. Sustainability risk may also be factored into the investment and risk management process through an assessment of the potential impact on value of a sustainability event. For example, in evaluating sustainability risk in relation to a direct investment in physical real estate, the investment teams may take into account the risk of extreme-weather events linked to climate change. Such events (for example flooding), or the likelihood of such events, may impact marketability of assets, may lead to damage of properties, disruption to supply chains or other business operations, resulting in loss of operating income, which would in turn negatively impact investment returns and the value of underlying assets if not

# 4. Governance and senior management responsibility

4.1 MAMIL's Board of Directors are ultimately responsible for the firm's policies and procedures in respect of sustainability.

managed appropriately.

4.2 MAMIL's Board of Directors has approved this Policy.

# 5. Monitoring

5.1 As a member of Man Group, MAMIL is supported by Man Group's Responsible Investment Committee and Stewardship Committee which oversee and review the implementation of all the responsible investment policies and processes at Group Level, including this Policy and the integration of sustainability risk across the Investment Managers. The Stewardship Committee is composed of senior representatives and ESG professionals from all of Man Group's underlying businesses, ensuring a broad perspective of responsible investment across asset classes and investment strategies. Through its team of investment professionals based in Ireland, MAMIL oversees the Investment Managers to ensure compliance with this Policy.

# 6. Disclosure of this Policy

6.1 SFDR requires that MAMIL must publish on its website information about this Policy. MAMIL satisfies this requirement by disclosing this Policy on Man Group's website at www.man.com/responsible-investment.

# **Revision History**

Version No.	Version Description	Responsible Party	Date	Reviewers
1	Initial Policy to comply with SFDR	MAMIL	10 March 2021	Man, Matheson
2	Updated Policy to reflect Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2021/1270 and the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1255	MAMIL	2 September 2022	Man, Matheson
3	Update to reflect Man AHL TargetClimate	MAMIL	25 October 2022	Man, Matheson