

# **OPKOMENDE MARKTEN FONDS (NL)**

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Annual Report 2025

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## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

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## 2. MANAGEMENT BOARD REPORT

### 2.1 Key figures Participation Class U

		2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net asset value (x 1,000)	€	47,505	43,772	43,688	45,627	58,132
Participations outstanding (number)		1,616,607	1,748,075	1,974,659	2,134,462	2,297,092
Net asset value per participation	€	29.39	25.04	22.12	21.38	25.31
Transaction price	€	29.39	24.98	22.07	21.32	25.23
Dividend per participation	€	-	-	-	-	-
Net performance Participation Class	%	17.35	13.18	3.50	-15.53	5.20
Performance of the index	%	17.76	14.68	6.11	-14.85	4.86
Relative performance	%	-0.41	-1.50	-2.61	-0.68	0.34

#### Summary of investment result

Amounts x € 1,000	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Investment income and other results	616	571	945	1,096	1,332
Revaluation of investments	6,809	5,032	726	-9,631	2,097
Operating expenses	-136	-133	-136	-155	-188
<b>Total investment result</b>	<b>7,289</b>	<b>5,470</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>-8,690</b>	<b>3,241</b>

#### Summary of investment result per participation

Amounts x € 1	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Investment income and other results	0.37	0.31	0.46	0.50	0.55
Revaluation of investments	4.04	2.71	0.35	-4.36	0.87
Operating expenses	-0.08	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07	-0.08
<b>Total investment result</b>	<b>4.33</b>	<b>2.95</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>-3.93</b>	<b>1.34</b>

### 2.2 Key figures Participation Class Z

Participation Class Z of the Fund was introduced on 11 July 2014. The fund's assets of this Participation Class were less than € 3,000 from the introduction date until 31 December 2025. Due to the low fund assets since the inception of this Participation Class, no key figures have been included for this Participation Class.

## **2.3 Notes to the key figures**

### **2.3.1 Reporting period**

The key figures relate to the positions at 31 December and the period from 1 January through 31 December, unless stated otherwise.

### **2.3.2 Net asset value per participation**

The net asset value of each participation class of the Fund will be determined by the manager. The manager calculates the net asset value per participation class each trading day. The net asset value per participation of each participation class is determined by dividing the net asset value of a participation class by the number of outstanding participations of that participation class at the calculation date.

### **2.3.3 Transaction price**

The transaction price of each participation class of the Fund is determined by the manager on each trading day and is based on the net asset value per participation of each participation class with an upcharge (subscription fee) or discount (redemption fee) to cover the costs of purchase and sale of the 'physical' investments. The subscription and redemption fee is for the protection of existing participants of the Fund and is beneficial to the Fund. When no transaction has taken place on a trading day, the transaction price is equal to the net asset value per participation.

In this transaction price, developments of relevant indexes after the cut-off time have been taken into account.

### **2.3.4 Net performance**

The net performance of each participation class of the Fund is based on the net asset value per participation, taking into account any dividend distributions. The relative performance is the difference between the net performance of each participation class of the Fund and the performance of the index.

### **2.3.5 Index**

MSCI Emerging Markets (NR).

### **2.3.6 Average number of participations outstanding**

The average number of outstanding participations, used for the calculation of the investment result per participation, is based on the weighted average of the outstanding participations on a daily basis. This is in line with the number of days that the calculation of the net asset value takes place during the reporting period.

### **2.3.7 Key figures per participation**

Due to the timing and volume of subscriptions and redemptions in combination with the volatility of the results during the reporting period, the calculation of the key figures per participation can provide a different outcome compared to the development of the net asset value per participation during the reporting period.

## 2.4 General information

Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL) ('the Fund') does not have any employees. Goldman Sachs Asset Management B.V. (hereafter: 'GSAM BV' or 'the manager'), located in The Hague is the manager of the Fund and is licensed by the Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets ('Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten', also referred to as 'AFM') under the Dutch Financial Supervision Act ('Wet op het financieel toezicht', also referred to as 'Wft'). All shares in GSAM BV are held by Goldman Sachs Asset Management International Holdings B.V. Both entities are part of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as 'Goldman Sachs').

Goldman Sachs is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and qualifies as a bank holding company under US law. It is a globally operating financial institution that offers a substantial variety of financial services to private individuals, companies and institutions its leading companies and subsidiaries.

The AFM and the central bank of the Netherlands ('De Nederlandsche Bank N.V.', also referred to as 'DNB') act as supervisors. The AFM oversees conduct supervision under the Wft. Prudential supervision is performed by DNB.

## 2.5 Objective

The Fund aims to achieve returns in line with those of the MSCI Emerging Markets (NR) Index by investing in equities of companies included in the index that conduct their operations in a sustainable manner.

## 2.6 Investment policy

The Fund is actively managed and aims for a risk-return profile in line with the MSCI Emerging Markets (NR) Index. Simultaneously, sustainability criteria are applied to enhance the Fund's sustainability profile relative to the index through positive selection based on risk analysis of ecological and governance aspects.

The index broadly represents the Fund's investment universe. The Fund may not invest in securities outside this universe but may receive securities due to restructurings and corporate actions, which should be sold promptly while considering investor interests. Exclusions of companies that do not meet the manager's sustainability criteria will result in differences between the Fund's composition and the index. An optimization method is employed to align the risk-return profile with that of the index.

The Fund aims to invest in (certificates of) shares (including claims, convertible bonds, profit-sharing and founder certificates, options, warrants for acquisition or disposal of such securities, and other similar securities) of companies in emerging markets that pursue sustainable development policies meeting the manager's criteria. Sustainable companies operate in accordance with social and environmental standards and generally accepted corporate governance guidelines. They combine striving for financial performance with respect for social standards (such as human rights, anti-discrimination, combating child labour) and environmental responsibility.

The Fund promotes ecological and social characteristics as described in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (regarding sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector, which may be amended from time to time).

The Fund applies stewardship along with an ESG integration approach and exclusion criteria concerning various activities. Additional information can be found in the prospectus.

The Fund primarily considers the principal adverse impacts (PAIs) on sustainability factors through stewardship. Information on the most significant adverse impacts on sustainability factors can be found in the prospectus.

The Fund has the flexibility to maintain investments both directly and indirectly - for example, through exposure to relevant financial instruments via derivatives or investments in other investment funds. Derivatives such as options, futures, warrants, swaps, and forward foreign exchange contracts may be used for hedging purposes and efficient portfolio management. These instruments can amplify market sensitivity, but measures are taken to ensure the portfolio complies with investment restrictions. The risk profile associated with the type of investor targeted by the Fund remains unchanged due to the use of these instruments.

In addition to the above, the following applies to the investment policy of the Fund:

- Investments will be made in various currencies;
- Where the manager deems it necessary, risks such as currency risks may be hedged against the index;
- If the capital is not invested in the aforementioned financial instruments, there is the possibility to invest the capital in certain money market instruments (e.g., certificates of deposit and commercial paper), money market investment funds, or to hold it in the form of cash;
- This Fund's 'global exposure' is determined using the 'commitment' method;
- The Fund manager has the authority to enter into short-term loans on behalf of the Fund;
- Transactions with related parties will be conducted on market-conforming terms;
- The Fund invests globally in financial instruments in accordance with its investment policy. Major stock markets are located worldwide, including examples such as South Korea, Brazil, and China;
- The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets via Stock Connect in Chinese A-shares issued by companies based in the People's Republic of China (PRC). Chinese A-shares are Renminbi-denominated shares of companies listed on stock exchanges in mainland China. Stock Connect is a program designed to facilitate investments in Chinese stock markets. At the time of the prospectus publication, the Stock Connect program between Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Hong Kong is active. Stock Connect consists of a Northbound Trading Link, allowing investors in Hong Kong and abroad to purchase and hold Chinese A-shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE) and Shenzhen Stock Exchange (SZSE), and a Southbound Trading Link, enabling investors in mainland China to purchase and hold shares listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (SEHK). Therefore, the Fund may be exposed to risks specific to the PRC, including but not limited to geographical concentration risk, risks related to changes in PRC's political, social, or economic policies, liquidity and volatility risks, RMB currency risk, and tax risks concerning the PRC. The Fund is also subject to specific risks associated with investing via Stock Connect, such as quota limitations, trading restrictions, limits on foreign ownership interests, trading suspensions, withdrawal of participating shares, clearing and settlement risks, custody risks, uncertainty regarding recognition of ownership rights or interests in shares, price fluctuations of Chinese A-shares — particularly when Stock Connect is inactive but the PRC market is open — regulatory risks, and operational risks. Stock Connect is a relatively new trading program, meaning that some rules have not been fully tested and are subject to change, which could have negative consequences for the Fund;
- The Fund will not invest more than ten percent of its managed assets in units of other investment funds.

## 2.7 Dividend policy

The Fund does not distribute dividends.

## 2.8 Structure

The Fund is a Fund for joint account and therefore not a legal entity. Barring exceptional circumstances, the Fund may issue or redeem participations on every trading day.

The Fund is an investment institution as defined in Article 1:1 of the Wet op het financieel toezicht ('Wft') and as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 1, subparagraph a of the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ('AIFMD') in the form of an open-ended investment company. GSAM BV acts as manager of the Fund. In this capacity GSAM BV has a license, as defined in Section 2:65(1), preamble and (a) of the Wft from the AFM.

Goldman Sachs Bewaerstichting I ('the Depositary Trust') is the legal owner of or is legally entitled to the assets of the Fund that are invested by the manager. All assets that are or become part of the Fund are or will be acquired for the purpose of their management by the relevant Depositary Trust for the benefit of the participants in the Fund. Obligations that are or become part of the Fund are or will be entered into in the name of the Depositary Trust. The assets are held by the Depositary Trust for the account of the participants.

The Fund has one or more different classes (categories) of participations ('Participation Class' or 'Participation Classes'). For each class, the participation provide entitlement to a proportionate share of the assets attributable to the relevant Participation Class. Participation Classes within the Fund may differ in terms of cost and fee structure, the minimum amount of initial investment, demands on the quality of the investors, the currency in which the net asset value is expressed, etc.

**Summary of the main characteristics per Participation Class**

**Participation Class U**

Investor type	This is a Participation Class intended for insurers approved by the manager and related products for the purpose of capital accumulation.
Legal name	Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL) - U
Commercial name	Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL) - U
ISIN code	NL0010622841
All-in fee	0.30%

**Participation Class Z**

Investor type	This is a Participation Class intended for other UCITSs and collective investment schemes managed by the manager or professional investors which pay a management fee to the manager itself or to a party affiliated with the manager.
Legal name	Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL) - Z
Commercial name	Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL) - Z
ISIN code	NL0010622858

**Subscription and redemption fee**

Subscription fee	0.19%
Redemption fee	0.23%
Maximum subscription fee	0.70%
Maximum redemption fee	0.70%

**Fees**

All-in fee

An annual All-in fee is charged to the Participation Class, which is calculated pro-rata on a daily basis by using the total net asset value of the Participation Class at the end of every day.

Other costs

Other costs may be charged to the Participation Class. These costs, if applicable, are further explained in the notes to the respective Participation Class as included in the financial statements.

### Subscription and redemption fee

This concerns the fee charged to participants upon the purchase or sale of participations in the Fund. The fee is calculated as a percentage markup or markdown on the net asset value per participation, serves to protect the existing participants of the Fund and is beneficial to the Fund.

The actual percentage of the subscription and redemption fee can fluctuate and is published on the manager's website. This percentage may be changed without prior notice if the manager deems it necessary to protect the existing participants of the Fund.

### Maximum subscription and redemption fee

For transparency reasons, the manager has set a maximum percentage of the net asset value of the participations for the subscription and redemption fee. In exceptional market conditions, at the discretion of the manager, the manager may, in the interest of the existing investors of the Fund, apply a higher percentage than the maximum percentage applicable to the Fund at that time. In addition, the manager may, in the interest of the existing participants, apply a higher percentage than the maximum percentage applicable to the Fund at that time in the event of exceptionally large orders to buy and sell participations in the Fund, to compensate for the related additional transaction costs.

## 2.9 Transfer Agent

Participations of Participation Classes U and Z of the Fund can be bought and sold through the mediation of The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV in Brussels, Belgium. The costs associated with the safe-keeping of participations of investors by The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV in Brussels, Belgium are charged by the Manager to the relevant Participation Classes. The Transfer Agent, i.e. The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, is responsible for the evaluation and the acceptance of the buy and sell orders concerning participations of the relevant Participation Classes as entered in the order book, subject to the conditions stated in the prospectus and the relevant supplement.

The Transfer Agent will only accept orders which have been entered on the basis of a settlement deadline which is in line with generally accepted market practice. After closure of the order book, the Transfer Agent will forward the balance of all buy and sell orders to the Fund. The transaction price at which these buy and sell orders are executed on the following trading day is to be published by the manager.

## 2.10 Depositary of the Fund

The assets of the Fund are in the safe-keeping of The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Amsterdam branch, as the depositary of the Fund (the 'depositary').

The depositary's equity amounts to at least € 730,000.

The manager and depositary of the Fund have entered into a written agreement relating to management and depositary services. The main elements of this agreement are the following:

- The depositary ensures that the cash flows of the Fund are properly controlled and in particular that all payments by or on behalf of investors during the subscription for participations have been received and that all cash of the Fund has been entered on cash accounts in the name of the Depositary Trust acting on behalf of the Fund or in the name of the depositary acting on behalf of the Fund, opened with, in principle, an entity as described in Article 18(1)(a), (b) and (c) of European Directive 2006/73/EC (a credit institution or a bank authorised in a third country).
- The assets of the Fund consisting of financial instruments, are entrusted to the depositary. The depositary holds in safe-keeping all financial instruments that can be registered on a financial instruments account in the books of the depositary, on separate accounts in the name of the Depositary Trust for the benefit of the Fund. In addition, the depositary holds in safe-keeping all financial instruments that can be physically delivered to the depositary.

- The depositary ensures that the sale, issue, redemption and repayment of participations take place in accordance with Dutch law and the regulations of the Fund.
- The depositary ensures that the value of the participations in the Fund is calculated in accordance with Dutch law, the regulations of the Fund and the relevant procedures.
- The depositary carries out the instructions of the manager, unless they conflict with Dutch law or the regulations of the Fund.
- The depositary ensures that the equivalent value of the transactions involving the assets of the Fund is transferred to the Fund by the usual deadlines.
- The depositary ensures that the income of the Fund is allocated in accordance with Dutch law and the regulations of the Fund.

In the context of depositary services, the depositary acts in the interests of the investors in the Fund.

## 2.11 Principal risks and uncertainties

Investing in the Fund entails financial opportunities as well as financial risks. The value of investments can both rise and fall, and participants in the Fund may receive back less than they invested. Diversification of investments is expected to have a mitigating effect on these risks.

A comprehensive overview of the risks, categorised as 'high, medium, and low,' associated with the Fund is provided in the prospectus. In the event of new regulations regarding risk management, additional information will be added. The primary risks faced by the Fund include:

### Market risk

The Fund is sensitive to changes in the value of investments due to fluctuations in prices in financial markets such as equity or fixed-income markets (market risk). Additionally, prices of individual instruments in which the Fund invests may also fluctuate. If the Fund utilises derivatives as described under 'Investment Policy', these may be used for both hedging risks and efficient portfolio management. This may involve leveraging, thereby increasing the Fund's sensitivity to market movements.

To mitigate market risks, investments are diversified across various countries, sectors, and/or companies.

The section 'Fund specific developments in 2025' of the management report includes further details on the potential use of derivatives during the reporting period.

Volatility is expressed as the standard deviation, which is calculated on a monthly basis over a 36-month period. A large standard deviation (= high volatility) indicates a broad range of possible outcomes. The standard deviation was 11.38% at the end of 2025 (end of 2024: 13.72%).

Tracking error is a risk measure that indicates the extent to which the portfolio's return deviates from the return of the index. Tracking error is calculated on a monthly basis over a 36-month period. The tracking error was 1.87% at the end of 2025 (end of 2024: 2.30%).

### Currency risk

If investments can be made in securities denominated in currencies other than the currency in which the Fund is denominated, currency fluctuations can have both positive and negative impacts on the investment results.

The section 'currency risk' in the notes to the balance sheet includes information on the currency positions in the portfolio at the balance sheet date.

### **Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risks may arise when a particular underlying investment is difficult to sell. Because the Fund may invest in illiquid securities, there is a risk that the Fund may not have the ability to free up financial resources that may be needed to meet certain obligations.

During the reporting period, no issues arose regarding marketability. The liquidity position of the Fund was sufficient to manage the inflow and outflow of capital during the reporting period. It is expected that this will also be the case in the upcoming reporting period.

### **Solvency and financing needs**

Due to the nature and activities of the Fund, there are no solvency issues or financing needs. This is due to the fact that the Fund will only pay investors for redemptions based on the net asset value. In addition, no external funding will be attracted. The provisions in the prospectus allow the Fund to withhold redemption payments in situation where the Fund is unable to convert investments into readily available cash.

### **Operational and compliance risk**

The Fund operates based on a control framework that complies with the Dutch Financial Supervision Act and the related regulatory requirements. The control framework is designed in line with the size of the organization and legal requirements. The control framework has been functioning effectively during the reporting period.

An assessment of the effectiveness and functioning of the control framework is performed annually. No relevant findings have emerged from this assessment, which means that no significant operational or compliance risks have occurred during the reporting period which have impaired GSAM BV's license.

### **Fraud risks and corruption**

Fraud is any intentional act or omission to mislead others, causing loss to the victim and/or profit to the perpetrator. Corruption is the misuse of entrusted power for personal gain, including bribery. A lack of controls in the payment process, for example, would increase the likelihood and therefore creates the opportunity for fraud.

The asset management industry is characterised by the management of third party assets. Having access to these assets increases GSAM BV's inherent fraud and corruption risk profile. To manage this risk, GSAM BV conducts an annual fraud and corruption risk assessment to determine the identification, exposure to and management of these risks. GSAM BV concludes in its annual risk assessment that there are no high residual risks in the context of fraud and corruption. The main inherent risks identified by GSAM BV in the annual risk assessment are the following:

- Cyber risks;
- Unauthorised withdrawal of funds;
- Fraudulent invoices;
- Insider trading risk;
- Bribery.

The following measures have been taken to mitigate these inherent risks:

Cyber risks, cyber risk is recognised as a collective term which, knowingly (e.g. ransomware) or unknowingly (e.g. hacking), can lead to a withdrawal of assets. The range of techniques that a malicious person can use is extensive. That is why it is important for GSAM BV to be aware of these techniques and to test its own environment accordingly. Measures to seriously reduce the impact of this scenario are manifold. GSAM BV has developed a cyber security approach based on 3 mitigation strategies: Prevent (e.g. by network protection), Detect (e.g. website scanning), and Respond (e.g. security incident management procedures).

Unauthorised withdrawal of funds, is prevented by having authorization limits and a four (or more) eyes principles, whereby modern techniques such as 2 factor authentication are required.

*Fraudulent invoices*, the payment of invoices at the expense of an investment fund is only permitted if this corresponds with the prospectus. The beneficiary as well as the correctness of the amounts charged are verified, through a link with the assets. Invoices must be assessed and approved in advance by budget holders, in accordance with the procurement policy. Within this process, a separation of functions has been made between ordering, entering and approving.

*Insider trading risk*, involves misusing information for personal gain, or having orders executed in such a way that self-enrichment can be achieved at the expense of the fund. The measures taken to prevent this are diverse, including best execution review, mandatory periodic reporting on personal investment portfolios, education in the form of mandatory training and pre-employment screening.

*Bribery* involves having a tender being influenced by, for example, bribes, dinners, travel and gifts. To mitigate this, GSAM BV has a strict policy, whereby anything with a value of more than fifty euros may not be accepted. Furthermore, in the context of broker execution, price and quality assessments are carried out periodically, the outcome of which is indicative of the extent to which orders are allocated to these brokers.

The residual risk, taking the existing controls into account, is determined by GSAM BV as 'medium' and is accepted through a formal risk acceptance.

Furthermore, there is a clear legal and operational separation between the asset manager, the external administrator, the Fund and the custodian. This segregation of duties has an important preventive effect on the risk of fraud and corruption.

The aforementioned control measures are part of a larger control framework, of which various parts are periodically assessed by an external auditor via the GSAM BV ISAE 3402 report. Furthermore, GSAM BV applies the 3-lines of defence mechanism, in which risk management and internal audit continuously test and monitor the effectiveness of the administrative organization and internal control. GSAM BV also implemented various soft controls, such as tone at the top, e-learning, code of ethics and a whistleblower policy.

Goldman Sachs Group maintains a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, supplemented by 14 Business Principles, and a compendium of internal policies to inform and guide employees in their roles. The company endorses Goldman Sachs Group's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics set out on the Goldman Sachs public website and looks to conduct its business in accordance with the highest ethical standards and in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

### **Sustainability risk**

GSAM BV's approach to ESG integration is aligned with the GSAM Public Markets investing business, and is structured around four key pillars: Identify, Assess, Apply and Engage. This approach is designed to support the integration of material ESG factors into security selection and portfolio construction in certain products and strategies across asset classes, helping mitigate ESG-related risks and capture long-term value opportunities. GSAM BV follows a 3 lines of defence model, whereby the first line (portfolio managers) are primarily responsible for measuring, managing and monitoring sustainability risks where material and second line (AM Risk) conducts an independent oversight and monitoring of certain key ESG metrics for a specific set of funds. The 3rd line of defence refers to the Audit function within the firm that conducts independent audits of various processes within the firm of which sustainability is a topic. The portfolio managers and analysts can leverage a wide variety of tools that help them in identifying and assessing material sustainability factors in their investment process. More detail can be also found on the manager's website.

## 2.12 Risk management

The manager applies the GSAM BV Control Framework concerning the design of the administrative organization and internal control. The GSAM BV Control Framework includes all core processes, along with the key risks associated with each process. For each of these risks, the critical controls are defined, which are regularly monitored, reviewed and tested to ensure compliance with internal and external regulations. Significant risks are determined periodically in a systematic manner. The existing system of internal control measures mitigates these risks.

The manager's operations, insofar as they apply to the activities of the investment fund, are also focused on managing financial and operational risks. The section 'In control statement' provides further details on how the manager's operations are structured.

GSAM BV, the manager, uses a system of risk management measures to ensure that the Fund, in general, and the investment portfolio, in particular, continually comply with the conditions set forth in the prospectus, the legal frameworks, and the more fund-specific internal execution guidelines. These guidelines cover aspects such as portfolio diversification, the creditworthiness of debtors, the quality of counterparties, and the liquidity of investments.

A broad and well-diversified portfolio is expected to have a stabilizing effect on identified price risks, while selection based on creditworthiness and limit monitoring enables the management of credit risks. Liquidity risks can be limited by primarily investing in liquid, publicly traded securities.

The Fund may use derivative financial instruments to hedge or manage price risks, such as currency and interest rate risks. These instruments also offer opportunities for efficient portfolio management, for example, in anticipation of inflows and outflows. These derivatives can be used for risk hedging, efficient portfolio management, and enhancing returns. This may also involve leverage, which increases the Fund's sensitivity to market movements. Additionally, derivatives will be used in a manner that ensures the overall portfolio remains within the investment restrictions.

## 2.13 Leverage and Value at Risk

Leverage refers to the method by which the manager increases the position of a Fund using borrowed money, securities lending, or leverage through derivative positions.

The conditions under which a Fund may use leverage, the permitted types and sources of leverage, and the associated risks, as well as any limitations on the use of leverage, collateral arrangements, and the reuse of assets, the maximum leverage that the manager can employ for the Fund, and any potential changes to the maximum leverage allowed for the Fund, along with any rights related to the reuse of collateral or guarantees provided under the leverage arrangement, are described in the prospectus of the Fund. This information will be updated as necessary.

The expected maximum leverage is expressed as the ratio of the Fund's economic position to its net asset value.

The allowed maximum leverage for the Fund is calculated as a percentage of the net asset value, using: i) the commitment method (net leverage), and ii) based on the sum of the nominal values of the derivatives (gross leverage).

Leverage calculation according to the net-method accounts for risk-reducing measures like netting and hedging, in accordance with the relevant guideline, while the leverage calculation according to the gross-method does not take such measures into account.

While the calculated leverage serves as an indicator, it is not an official restriction. The leverage in the Fund may exceed the level mentioned in the prospectus if it aligns with the risk profile and Value-at-Risk limits. Depending on market movements, the expected leverage level may vary over time, but in no case shall the use of derivatives or other financial instruments lead to deviations from the investment policy as described in the prospectus.

When the leverage calculation is larger than 100%, there is leverage in the Fund. A leverage of 100% implies that there is no leverage and that the economic position of the Fund is equal to its net asset value. The net leverage is a risk factor but does not fully represent the Fund's risk profile. A complete investment- and risk profile can be found in the prospectus.

The use of derivatives can introduce leverage when a relatively small amount is invested compared to the cost of directly acquiring the underlying assets. The greater the leverage, the more sensitive the derivative becomes to price movements in the underlying asset. The potential gains and risks of derivatives will increase when there is an increase in leverage. In addition, derivatives can also be used to improve risk management. There is however no guarantee that using derivatives will help to achieve the objectives.

The below table provides information on the level of leverage.

	2025	2024
Name Fund	Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL)	
Average level of net leverage*	100.2%	100.2%
Average level of gross leverage**	100.2%	100.2%

\* The net leverage level is determined according to the commitment method taking into account netting and/or hedging.

\*\* The gross leverage level is determined based on the sum of the nominal values of the derivatives without considering netting and/or hedging.

## 2.14 Developments during the reporting period

### 2.14.1 General financial and economic developments in 2025

#### Macro

A key event in January was newly elected President Trump's inauguration speech. Ahead of the event, market participants were worried about tariffs, but a lack of any concrete details led to short-term relief, helping risk assets. In February, major developed market central banks, excluding the Bank of Japan (BoJ), continued to point towards a gradual easing of interest rates even though inflation remained above target. In March, weaker US activity data, especially business and consumer surveys, coupled with trade policy uncertainty weighed on risk sentiment. The US Federal Reserve (Fed) revised its 2025 growth estimate down and inflation estimate up. In Europe, Germany launched a significant fiscal package to support growth and bolster national security.

Tariff-related news drove financial markets in April. On April 2, the Trump administration announced a 10% tariff on most trading partners coupled with country-specific reciprocal tariffs, which were higher than market expectations. On May 12, the Trump administration announced that the US and China had agreed to reduce tariffs by 115%, which left US tariffs on Chinese imports at 30% and Chinese tariffs on US imports at 10%. This led economists to revise their growth expectations for both economies upwards. However, hard data in the US softened, with core retail sales, industrial production and core capital goods orders weaker than expected. While trade policy remained volatile, the Trump administration proceeded quickly on the fiscal policy front. The House passed the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act", which could boost US growth in 2026 but would likely keep deficits elevated. In June, US labour market data was sufficiently healthy to alleviate concerns about recession. This positive sentiment was bolstered by weaker inflation data, which heightened expectations about Fed rate cuts.

In July, US payroll data remained solid and consumer spending resilient, but core CPI edged up to 2.9%, suggesting tariffs were starting to have a limited impact on prices in some sectors. The US and Japan announced a trade deal during the month. Eurozone inflation eased modestly, while the Chinese economy showed continued signs of weakness. President Trump's latest round of tariffs took effect in August, with new rates on 90 countries including 39% on Switzerland and 50% on Brazil. There were signs of the US labour market weakening, with slower payroll increases and cooling wage pressures, while consumer confidence dipped and housing activity remained subdued. The Eurozone composite PMI rose to 51.1, its highest level in 15 months. Problems in the Chinese property market persisted, with authorities reacting by extending targeted measures for developers and easing some credit conditions. US economic data released in September generally pointed to strength, although there were further signs that the labour market was weakening. Inflation remained well above the Fed's 2% target. In Europe, French President Macron appointed Sébastien Lecornu as the country's new prime minister following the collapse of the government headed by François Bayrou, while euro zone core CPI came in slightly higher than expected at 2.3% Year over year (YoY).

The US government entered a partial shutdown on October 1 after lawmakers failed to reach an agreement on federal spending, resulting in the release of key economic data being delayed. There was optimism about US trade with China and India but concerns about the health of the regional banking system in the US. Israel declared a ceasefire in Gaza, while France's prime minister resigned after just 26 days in office, only to be reappointed a few days later. Sanae Takaichi, a proponent of proactive fiscal spending, became Japan's new prime minister. The government shutdown finally ended on November 12, making it the longest-ever US shutdown at 43 days. Data released during the month suggested the labour market was softening and inflation, while still well above the Fed's 2% target, was not increasing markedly. UK core CPI fell to a six-month low of 3.4% YoY, while Chinese industrial production growth fell to 4.9% YoY, below expectations.

US GDP growth for the third quarter of 2025 surpassed expectations, registering an annualized increase of 4.3% quarter-over-quarter, compared to a projected 3.3%. This performance was attributed to strong consumer spending and a 1.6 percentage point contribution from net trade. On the other hand, the unemployment rate continued its upward trend, rising from 4.44% in September to 4.56% in November. Two monthly employment reports were disseminated concurrently in December due to the government shutdown that occurred earlier in October and November.

## Monetary Policy

2025 began with the European Central Bank (ECB) reducing its policy rate in January by 25bps to 2.75%, in line with expectations. As in 2024, the BoJ remained an outlier, hiking rates by 25bps to 0.5%. In the UK, the Bank of England (BoE) cut by 25bps, as expected, at its February meeting. In March, the Fed left rates unchanged and signalled that it was in no rush to cut rates if the labour market was healthy.

Chair of the Fed, Jerome Powell noted that the Fed was well positioned to wait for greater clarity given the highly uncertain outlook. Across the border, the Bank of Canada held its policy rate at 2.75%, as widely anticipated. The ECB cut rates by 25bps, with the ECB Governing Council noting that the growth outlook had deteriorated due to trade uncertainty. In May, the Fed kept rates unchanged, as did the BoJ. With no major surprises in inflation or labor market data, the Fed maintained its stance at its June meeting. In Europe, the highlight in June was the German budget draft proposal, which signalled a more frontloaded fiscal boost. Earlier in the month, the ECB cut its policy rate by 25bps.

The major central banks all kept their rates unchanged in July. The BoE cut rates by 25bps to 4.0% in August, as expected. The Fed kept rates unchanged but at Jackson Hole, Fed Chair Powell highlighted downside risks to employment while noting that the inflationary impact of tariffs was only likely to be temporary. In September, the Fed cut rates by 25bps to 4.00-4.25%, as widely expected. Chair Powell referred to the move as a “risk-management” cut in response to pressures on the labour market. The ECB, BoE, BoJ and People’s Bank of China all kept rates on hold.

The Fed cut rates by another 25bps in October and announced that balance sheet run-off would end at the start of December, although Chair Powell’s press conference was more hawkish than expected. The BoJ and ECB kept rates on hold. The BoE kept rates unchanged by a 5-4 vote in November. October’s Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting minutes released in November made clear there were strongly differing views among participants about whether the Fed should cut rates again in December.

Amid a gradually increasing unemployment rate, the Fed, as anticipated, opted to reduce its policy rate by 25bps during its December FOMC meeting. A couple of FOMC members dissented during the December meeting, citing inflation persistently above the target level. The ECB maintained its policy rate, as widely anticipated. In the UK, the BoE cut policy rate by 25bps, as expected, with a vote split of 5-4.

## Equity Markets

Global equities got off to a strong start in 2025, largely led by strong performance from Euro area and US equities. In the US, technology stocks underperformed, mainly due to a sell-off on January 27 on news that DeepSeek, a Chinese artificial intelligence (AI) lab, had released an open-source reasoning model with performance comparable to that of OpenAI’s O1 but at a fraction of the cost. As a result, market participants questioned the growth and profit potential of AI-related stocks. Weaker US activity data and policy uncertainty soured risk sentiment in February. However, in Europe, improving earnings coupled with better-than-expected economic data resulted in Euro area equities rising. Weaker activity data in the US coupled with trade and fiscal policy uncertainty again weighed on US equities in March.

Global equities were essentially flat in April, with little dispersion across major markets. However, there was considerable intra-month volatility, with markets falling sharply early in the month due to the US tariff announcements. Amidst the uncertainty, on April 9 President Trump announced a 90-day pause on country-specific reciprocal tariffs, except those on China, to allow for negotiations. Global equities rallied in response. They rose further in May, buoyed by the de-escalation of trade tensions. Global equities also rose in June, with the S&P 500 hitting a new all-time high after its struggles earlier in the year.

Global equities rose in July on the back of strong corporate earnings, optimism about tariffs, some encouraging economic data in the US and President Trump stating that he believed firing Fed Chair Powell was unnecessary. US indices and the UK’s FTSE 100 hit new record highs, although they fell towards the end of the month on the announcement of new reciprocal tariffs. August was another good month for the global equity markets amid optimism about Fed rate cuts, with major indices hitting multiple all-time highs. It was the same story of new all-time highs in

September against a backdrop of the Fed cutting rates and continued enthusiasm about artificial intelligence. China's Hang Seng hit a two-year high on hopes of government stimulus for the economy.

Global equities posted further gains in October on the back of strong earnings from tech companies, signs that the US's relationship with China was improving and expectations of further rate cuts. Equities were rangebound in November, driven by volatility in the US labour market data, odds of a December rate cut in the US, and a mid-month correction driven by an unwind in tech stocks and risk-off sentiment.

Global equity markets experienced a modest appreciation in December. Emerging market equities outperformed developed markets, with Korean equities posting double-digit gains. Within developed markets, US large-cap equities remained flat, while Europe and Japan experienced gains.

## **2.14.2 Fund specific developments in 2025**

### **Investment policy**

The Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL) portfolio returned +17.71% during the period, underperforming its benchmark, MSCI Emerging Markets (TR, EUR) (+17.76%), by 5 bps on a gross basis.

As a reminder, the Fund was managed based on the Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL) investment process following a two-step approach: i. screen of the universe seeking to improve the E, S and G characteristics of the parent equity index; ii. portfolio optimization aiming for limited tracking error relatively to the parent index.

Among sectors, our holdings in the Information Technology and Energy sectors contributed the most to relative returns. On the downside, our holdings in the Communication Services and Health Care sectors detracted the most from relative returns.

Among individual stocks, active positions in Tata Consultancy Services and SK Hynix Inc contributed the most to relative returns. In the meantime, active positions in Grupo Cibest Pref and Zijin Mining Group Ltd detracted the most from relative returns.

### **Risk appetite and risk policy within the executed investment policy**

This Fund was managed based on the Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL) portfolio optimization process, seeking to reduce tracking error relatively to the parent index while taking account the potential turnover, and subject to constraints such as limited top-down deviations (e.g, Sectors).

From 1 October 2025, optimization and trading is performed by the Quantitative Investment Strategies (QIS) team within Goldman Sachs Asset Management, and Irish Life Investment Managers is no longer involved in the management of these Funds.

Equity investments are subject to market risk, which means that the value of the securities in which it invests may go up or down in response to the prospects of individual companies, particular sectors and/or general economic conditions. Different investment styles (e.g., "growth" and "value") tend to shift in and out of favor, and, at times, the strategy may underperform other strategies that invest in similar asset classes. The market capitalization of a company may also involve greater risks (e.g. "small" or "mid" cap companies) than those associated with larger, more established companies and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements, in addition to lower liquidity. International securities may be more volatile and less liquid and are subject to the risks of adverse economic or political developments. International securities are subject to greater risk of loss as a result of, but not limited to, the following: inadequate regulations, volatile securities markets, adverse exchange rates, and social, political, military, regulatory, economic or environmental developments, or natural disasters.

Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") strategies may take risks or eliminate exposures found in other strategies or broad market benchmarks that may cause performance to diverge from the performance of these other strategies or market benchmarks.

ESG strategies will be subject to the risks associated with their underlying investments' asset classes. Further, the demand within certain markets or sectors that an ESG strategy targets may not develop as forecasted or may develop more slowly than anticipated.

Different "factor" investment styles (e.g., "momentum", "value" or "low volatility") tend to shift in and out of favor depending upon market and economic conditions as well as investor sentiment. There is no guarantee that the use of these quantitative models will result in outperformance of an investment relative to the market or relevant benchmark. The value of investments and the income derived from investments will fluctuate (can go down as well as up), and a loss of principal may occur.

### **Derivatives**

During the reporting period, the fund used index futures for liquidity purposes.

### **Outlook**

As ESG-driven exclusions and tilts may impact relative performance, the Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL) portfolio strategies will continue to seek limited risk relative to a parent index through controlled exposures to sectors and style factors.

Geopolitical tensions involving the United States, Iran and Israel have led to increased global uncertainty, including heightened security risks and market volatility. The situation remains fluid and continues to evolve. The manager closely monitors developments and will take any actions deemed necessary and in the best interests of the Fund's participants, including proactively managing the Fund's assets to mitigate risks where possible. Market disruptions arising from these geopolitical developments may have a global impact and could adversely affect the Fund's performance.

### **2.14.3 Other aspects**

#### **Subsequent events**

There have been no significant subsequent events after balance sheet date.

## 2.15 Remuneration during the reporting period

### 2.15.1 Introduction

The following disclosures are made by Goldman Sachs Asset Management B.V. (“GSAM B.V.”) in accordance with the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (2011/61/EU) (“AIFMD”) and the Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities Directive V (2014/91/EU) (“UCITS”), as applicable, and further guidance included in the European Securities and Markets Authority (“ESMA”) Guidelines on sound remuneration policies under the AIFMD (3 July 2013/ESMA/2013/232) and UCITS Directive (14 October 2016/ESMA/2016/575) (together, the “ESMA Guidelines”).

### 2.15.2 Remuneration Programme Philosophy

Retention of talented employees is critical to executing the firm’s business strategy successfully. Remuneration is, therefore, a key component of the costs the firm incurs to generate revenues, similar to the cost of goods sold or manufacturing costs in other industries.

The remuneration philosophy and the objectives of the remuneration programme for the firm are reflected in the Compensation Principles for The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (“GS Group”), as posted on the Goldman Sachs public website: <http://www.goldmansachs.com/investor-relations/corporate-governance/corporate-governance-documents/compensation-principles.pdf>

In particular, effective remuneration practices should:

- (i) Encourage a real sense of teamwork and communication, binding individual short-term interests to the institution’s long-term interests;
- (ii) Evaluate performance on a multi-year basis;
- (iii) Discourage excessive or concentrated risk-taking;
- (iv) Allow an institution to attract and retain proven talent;
- (v) Align aggregate remuneration for the firm with performance over the cycle; and
- (vi) Promote a strong risk management & control environment.

### 2.15.3 Firmwide Compensation Frameworks

The Firmwide Performance Management and Incentive Compensation Framework, as amended from time to time (“Firmwide PM-IC Framework”), formalises the variable remuneration practices of the firm.

The primary purpose of this Firmwide PM-IC Framework is to assist the firm in assuring that its variable compensation programme does not provide “covered employees” (i.e., senior executives as well as other employees of the firm, who, either individually or as part of a group, have the ability to expose the firm to material amounts of risk) with incentives to take imprudent risks and is consistent with the safety and soundness of the firm promoting effective risk management and control.

In addition, the Goldman Sachs Asset Management B.V. Compensation Policy supplements the firm’s remuneration programmes and frameworks in alignment with applicable local laws, rules and regulations.

### 2.15.4 Remuneration Governance

#### The Board Compensation Committee

The Board of Directors of GS Group (the “Group Board”) oversees the development, implementation and effectiveness of the firm’s global remuneration practices, and it generally exercises this responsibility directly or through delegation to the Compensation Committee of the Group Board (the “Board Compensation Committee”).

Certain responsibilities of the Board Compensation Committee include:

- Review and approval of (or recommendation to the Group Board to approve) the firm's variable remuneration structure, including the portion to be paid as share-based awards, all year-end share-based grants for eligible employees and the terms and conditions of such awards.
- Assisting the Group Board in its oversight of the development, implementation and effectiveness of policies and strategies relating to the Human Capital Management ("HCM") function, including recruiting, retention, career development and progression, management succession (other than that within the purview of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee) and diversity.

The Board Compensation Committee held 8 meetings in 2025 to discuss and make determinations regarding remuneration.

The members of the Board Compensation Committee at the end of 2025 were Kimberley D. Harris (Chair), M. Michele Burns, John B. Hess, Kevin R. Johnson, Ellen J. Kullman, Lakshmi N. Mittal, and David A. Viniar (ex-officio). All members of the Board Compensation Committee were "independent" within the meaning of the New York Stock Exchange Rules and the Group Board Policy on Director Independence.

### External Consultants

The Board Compensation Committee recognises the importance of using a remuneration consultant that is appropriately qualified and is determined to be independent. The independence of the remuneration consultant is reviewed and confirmed annually by the Board Compensation Committee.

For 2025, the Board Compensation Committee received the advice of a remuneration consultant from Frederic W. Cook & Co. ("FW Cook").

### Other Group Stakeholders

In carrying out the responsibilities of the Board Compensation Committee, the Chair of the Board Compensation Committee met multiple times with senior management during the year, including the firm's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), President and Chief Operating Officer ("COO"), the Executive Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Directors, the Chief Financial Officer, the Global Head of HCM and Corporate Workplace Solutions and other members of senior management.

### GSAM B.V. Supervisory Compensation Committee

The GSAM B.V. Supervisory Compensation Committee operates in line with GS Group policies and practices and oversees the development and implementation of those remuneration policies and practices of GSAM B.V. that are required to supplement the Compensation Policy of GS Group in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The GSAM B.V. Supervisory Compensation Committee is chaired by Kay Haigh. The responsibilities of the GSAM B.V. Supervisory Compensation Committee include:

- Reviewing and approving the remuneration of the GSAM B.V. Board and the highest paid staff members of GSAM B.V. and the senior officers in the independent control functions.
- Reviewing and approving recommendations for holdback of deferred remuneration awarded to GSAM B.V. staff (by way of malus and or clawback).
- Overseeing the development and implementation of the Goldman Sachs Asset Management B.V. remuneration policy ("the GSAM B.V. Compensation Policy") and related practices of GSAM B.V. in accordance with the relevant provisions in and any other applicable law and regulation.

The GSAM B.V. Supervisory Compensation Committee held 3 meetings in 2025 in fulfilment of these responsibilities.

The GSAM B.V. Supervisory Compensation Committee worked alongside the GSAM B.V. Compensation Committee. The GSAM B.V. Compensation Committee is chaired by Martijn Canisius and comprises of representatives of HCM, Risk and Compliance. The responsibilities of the GSAM B.V. Compensation Committee include:

- Reviewing and approving remuneration proposals of GSAM B.V. Staff.
- Making appropriate recommendations for holdback of deferred remuneration awarded to GSAM B.V staff (by way of malus and or clawback).
- Overseeing the remuneration policy and the execution thereof.

The GSAM B.V. Compensation Committee held 5 meetings in 2025 in fulfilment of these responsibilities.

### **Compensation-related Risk Assessment**

The GS Group's Chief Risk Officer ("CRO") submitted an annual compensation-related risk assessment to the Board Compensation Committee, to assist the Board Compensation Committee in its assessment of the effectiveness of the firm's remuneration programme, and particularly, whether the programme is consistent with and promotes sound and effective risk management and does not encourage employees to expose the firm to imprudent risk. This assessment was most recently submitted in December 2025.

The CRO for GSAM B.V. presented a compensation-related risk assessment to the GSAM B.V. Compensation Committee, which was afterwards submitted to the GSAM B.V. Supervisory Compensation Committee.

### **Global Remuneration Determination Process**

The firm's global process for setting variable remuneration (including the requirement to consider risk and compliance issues) applies to employees of GSAM B.V. and is subject to oversight by the GSAM B.V. Compensation Committee and the GSAM B.V. Supervisory Compensation Committee and ultimately the Group Board and the Board Compensation Committee. The firm uses a highly disciplined and robust process for setting variable remuneration across all regions following the processes outlined in the Firmwide PM-IC Framework.

This process involves remuneration managers and compensation committees at various levels in the firm, along with the business and business unit heads, HCM and the Firmwide Management Committee (the firm's most senior leaders), as appropriate.

In addition, as part of the remuneration determination process, members of the firm's HCM, Compliance, Risk, and Internal Audit functions make arrangements for business and business unit management to take into consideration certain employee conduct, compliance, risk or control matters when determining remuneration of individuals. Before any individual remuneration decisions are finalised, HCM and the Employment Law Group assess the recommended remuneration to identify discrepancies or anomalies that may appear to relate to protected characteristics.

In addition to overseeing the development and implementation of the remuneration policies of GSAM B.V., the GSAM B.V. Supervisory Compensation Committee reviews remuneration-related information during the year, including an annual compensation-related risk assessment, an overview of the firm's remuneration programme and structure, and certain remuneration and performance data.

### **2.15.5 Link between Pay and Performance**

In 2025, annual remuneration for employees generally comprised fixed remuneration (including base salary) and variable remuneration. The firm's remuneration practices provide for variable remuneration determinations to be made on a discretionary basis. Variable remuneration is not set as a fixed percentage of revenue or by reference to any other formula but is determined in light of a non-exhaustive range of factors including the risk and control factors outlined in the Firmwide PM-IC Framework.

Firmwide performance is a key factor in determining variable remuneration. The firm is committed to aligning variable remuneration with performance across several financial and non-financial factors. These factors include business-specific performance (as applicable), along with the performance of the firm and the individual, over the past year, as well as over prior years.

The firm does not award multi-year guarantees as they risk misaligning remuneration and performance, and guaranteed variable remuneration should only be awarded in exceptional circumstances and limited to new hires within their first year of employment.

### **2.15.6 Selection and remuneration of Identified Staff**

GSAM B.V. identifies employees whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of GSAM B.V. or the risk profiles of the AIF(s) that it manages (“AIFMD Identified Staff”) and/or on GSAM B.V.’s managed UCITS (“UCITS Identified Staff”). AIFMD Identified Staff and UCITS Identified Staff (together, “GSAM B.V. Identified Staff”) are selected in accordance with the ESMA Guidelines. Under its selection methodology, GSAM B.V. considers the categories as detailed in the ESMA Guidelines and conducts a review of employees who have a material impact and whose total remuneration takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior managers and risk takers.

The applied selection methodology and selection criteria for GSAM B.V. Identified Staff were approved by the GSAM B.V. Compensation Committee and GSAM B.V. Supervisory Compensation Committee.

### **2.15.7 Performance Measurement**

#### **Firmwide performance**

The following metrics are among the firmwide financial performance measures, considered in determining overall remuneration amounts, although the firm does not use specific measures/targets as part of a formula:

- Net revenues;
- Provision for credit losses;
- Revenues net of provision for credit losses;
- Compensation and benefits expense;
- Non-compensation expenses;
- Pre-tax earnings;
- Taxes;
- Net earnings;
- Net earnings applicable to common shareholders;
- Ratio of compensation and benefits to revenues net of provision for credit losses;
- Pre-tax margins;
- Efficiency ratio;
- Diluted earnings per share;
- Return on average common equity;
- Change in book value per common share;
- Standardised CET1 Ratio; and
- Supplementary leverage ratio

#### **Business, business unit, desk performance**

Additionally, at both the business and business unit level, quantitative and/or qualitative metrics specific to such levels, respectively, are used to evaluate the performance of the business/business unit and their respective employees.

## Individual performance

Eligible employees are evaluated annually as part of the performance review feedback process. This process reflects input from several employees, including supervisors, peers and those who are junior to the employee, regarding an array of performance measures. The performance evaluations for 2025 included assessments of: 1) Culture & Core Values; and 2) Compliance and Risk Management.

As part of the performance review feedback process, employees with three or more direct reports are assessed and receive feedback on their performance as a manager.

## Performance Management for Identified Staff

The performance management principles (as outlined in the GSAM B.V. Compensation Policy and applicable to GSAM B.V. Identified Staff) ensure that there is alignment with the risk profile of the AIFs and UCITs managed. The performance objectives include both financial and non-financial performance objectives as follows:

- A maximum of 50% financial objectives for non-control functions Identified Staff
- A maximum of 15% financial objectives for control functions
- Control functions will only have financial performance objectives that are not linked to the performance of the business unit they control.

GSAM B.V. promotes robust and effective risk management. This includes risk management of sustainability risks (such as environment, society, governance and people-related matters). It supports balanced risk-taking and long-term value creation. This will be supported, among others, by the processes for determining performance targets linked to variable remuneration. Investment professionals are required to, and all staff are encouraged to, incorporate objectives related to sustainability and the integration of sustainability risks.

All GSAM B.V. Identified Staff are considered to be Covered Employees and thereby subject to the firm's enhanced evaluation processes concerning risk and control behaviour.

### 2.15.8 Risk Adjustment

Prudent risk management is a hallmark of the firm's culture and sensitivity to risk and risk management are key elements in assessing employee performance and variable remuneration, including as part of the performance review feedback process noted above.

The firm takes risk, including conduct risk, into account both on an ex-ante and ex-post basis when setting the amount and form of variable remuneration for employees. As indicated in the Firmwide PM-IC Framework, different lines of business have different risk profiles that inform remuneration decisions. These include, but are not limited to, credit and market risk, liquidity and funding risk, compliance and operational risk and strategic and business environment risk.

Guidelines are provided to assist remuneration managers when exercising discretion during the remuneration process to promote appropriate consideration of the different risks presented by the firm's businesses. Further, to ensure the independence of control function employees, remuneration for those employees is not determined by individuals in revenue-producing positions but rather by the management of the relevant control function.

Consistent with prior years, for 2025 certain employees received a portion of their variable remuneration as an equity-based award that is subject to a number of terms and conditions that could result in forfeiture or recapture. For further details, see "Structure of Remuneration" below.

In the 2025 annual compensation-related risk assessment submitted to the Board Compensation Committee, GS Group's CRO confirmed that the various components of the firm's remuneration programmes and policies (for example, process, structure and governance) balanced risk and incentives in a manner that does not encourage imprudent risk-taking. In addition, the CRO stated that the firm has a risk management process that, among other things, is consistent with the safety and soundness of the firm and focuses on our:

- (i) *Risk management culture*: the firm's culture emphasises continuous and prudent risk management;
- (ii) *Risk-taking authority*: there is a formal process for identifying employees who, individually or as part of a group, have the ability to expose the firm to material amounts of risk. This process involves the firm's risk and compliance functions as appropriate;
- (iii) *Upfront risk management*: the firm has tight controls on the allocation, utilisation and overall management of risk-taking, as well as comprehensive profit and loss and other management information which provide ongoing performance feedback. In addition, in determining variable remuneration, the firm reviews performance metrics that incorporate ex-ante risk adjustments; and
- (iv) *Governance*: the oversight of the Group Board, management structure and the associated processes all contribute to a strong control environment and control functions have input into remuneration structure and design.

## 2.15.9 Structure of Remuneration

### Fixed Remuneration

The firm has a global salary approach to ensure consistency in salary levels and to achieve an appropriate balance between fixed and variable remuneration.

### Variable Remuneration

For employees with total remuneration and variable remuneration above specific thresholds, variable remuneration is generally paid in a combination of cash and equity-based remuneration. In general, the portion paid in the form of an equity-based award increases as variable remuneration increases and, for GSAM B.V. Identified Staff, is set to ensure compliance with the applicable rules and guidelines of AIFMD and UCITS.

The variable remuneration programme is flexible to allow the firm to respond to changes in market conditions and to maintain its pay-for-performance approach. Variable remuneration is discretionary (even if paid consistently over a period of years).

### Equity-based Remuneration

The firm believes that remuneration should encourage a long-term, firmwide approach to performance and discourage imprudent risk-taking. One way the firm achieves this approach is to pay a significant portion of variable remuneration in the form of equity-based remuneration that delivers over time, changes in value according to the price of GS Group shares of common stock and/or the performance of GSAM B.V. funds, and is subject to forfeiture or recapture. This approach encourages a long-term, firmwide focus because the value of the equity-based remuneration is realised with a dependency on long-term responsible behaviour and the financial performance of the firm.

To ensure continued alignment to the investment activities of GSAM B.V., staff eligible for equity-based remuneration (including GSAM B.V. Identified Staff) are generally awarded both GS Group Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") and Phantom Units under the Goldman Sachs Phantom Investment Plan ("GSAM B.V. Phantom Unit Plan"), described further below. An RSU is an unfunded, unsecured promise to deliver a share on a predetermined date. A Phantom Unit granted under the GSAM B.V. Phantom Unit Plan is a cash-based instrument, the payout for which is tied to the performance of funds managed by GSAM B.V.

The firm imposes anti-hedging policies and in certain cases transfer restrictions and retention requirements to further align the interests of the firm's employees with those of its shareholders. The firm's retention and transfer restriction policies, coupled with the practice of paying senior employees a significant portion of variable remuneration in the form of equity-based awards, ensures a high degree of alignment with the longer-term financial performance of the firm and where appropriate with its funds under management.

- **GSAM B.V. Identified Staff upfront award:** For GSAM B.V. Identified Staff, the upfront part of the award consists of cash and instruments, generally GSAM B.V. Phantom units ("GSAM B.V. Upfront Phantom Units"). These GSAM B.V. Upfront Phantom Units vest immediately upon grant. A 12-month retention applies to GSAM B.V. Upfront Phantom Unit awards. Depending on the activities undertaken, a limited number of GSAM B.V. Identified Staff receive Upfront RSUs instead of GSAM B.V. Upfront Phantom Units.
- **Deferral Policy:** The deferred portion of fiscal year 2025 annual variable remuneration was generally awarded either as RSUs or as a combination of RSUs and GSAM B.V. Deferred Phantom Units. RSUs awarded in respect of fiscal year 2025 generally deliver in three equal instalments on or about each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date, and GSAM B.V. Deferred Phantom Units generally vest in three equal instalments on or about each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date, assuming the employee has satisfied the terms and conditions of the award at each such date.
- **Transfer Restrictions for RSUs:** The firm generally requires certain individuals to retain for a minimum period a material portion of the shares they receive in respect of RSUs granted on a deferred basis. These transfer restrictions apply to the lower of 50% of the shares delivered before reduction for tax withholding, or the number of shares received after reduction for tax withholding. Because combined tax and social security rates in the Netherlands are close to 50%, transfer restrictions apply to substantially all net shares delivered to employees resident in the Netherlands.

An employee generally cannot sell, exchange, transfer, assign, pledge, hedge or otherwise dispose of any RSUs or shares that are subject to transfer restrictions.

- **Retention Requirement:** For certain individuals the firm requires that the GSAM B.V. Upfront Phantom Units and GSAM B.V. Deferred Phantom Units awarded in relation to their variable remuneration will remain subject to a 12-month retention period after vesting. Shares delivered to Identified Staff under RSUs that are awarded on an upfront basis are subject to a 12-month retention period.
- **Forfeiture and Recapture Provisions:** The RSUs and shares delivered thereunder and GSAM B.V. Phantom Units awarded in relation to variable remuneration are subject to forfeiture or recapture if the Board Compensation Committee or its delegate(s) determine(s) that during 2025 the employee participated (or otherwise oversaw or was responsible for, depending on the circumstances, another individual's participation) in the structuring or marketing of any product or service, or participated on behalf of the firm or any of its clients in the purchase or sale of any security or other property, in any case without appropriate consideration of the risk to the firm or the broader financial system as a whole (for example, if the employee were to improperly analyse risk or fail sufficiently to raise concerns about such risk) and, as a result of such action or omission, the Board Compensation Committee or its delegate(s) determine(s) there has been, or reasonably could be expected to be, a material adverse impact on the firm, the employee's business unit or the broader financial system.

This provision is not limited to financial risks and is designed to encourage the consideration of the full range of risks associated with the activities (for example, legal, compliance or reputational). The provision also does not require that a material adverse impact actually occur, but rather may be triggered if the firm determines that there is a reasonable expectation of such an impact.

The Board Compensation Committee has adopted guidelines that set forth a formal process regarding determinations to forfeit or recapture awards for failure to consider risk appropriately upon the occurrence of certain pre-determined events (for example, in the event of annual firmwide, business unit and below or individual losses). The review of whether forfeiture or recapture is appropriate includes input from the CRO, as well as representatives from the Legal function, as appropriate. Determinations are made by the Board Compensation

Committee or its delegates, with any determinations made by delegates reported to the Board Compensation Committee.

All variable remuneration granted to GSAM B.V. Identified Staff is subject to forfeiture or recapture in the event of a “material failure of risk management”, or in the event that the employee engages in “serious misconduct”, at any time during the seven year period after grant (equity-based awards) or payment (cash).

Additionally, RSUs and shares delivered thereunder and GSAM B.V. Phantom Units awarded in relation to variable remuneration are subject to forfeiture or recapture if it is appropriate to hold an employee designated as GSAM B.V. Identified Staff accountable in whole or in part for an “adjustment event” that occurred during 2025. This may include conduct which resulted in a material loss of capital or a material relevant regulatory sanction for the firm.

An employee’s GSAM B.V. Phantom Units and/or RSUs may also be forfeited, and respectively become repayable or shares delivered thereunder recaptured if the employee engages in conduct constituting “cause” at any time before the Phantom Units are payable or RSUs are delivered and any applicable transfer restrictions lapse. Cause includes, among other things, any material violation of any firm policy, any act or statement that negatively reflects on the firm’s name, reputation or business interests and any conduct detrimental to the firm.

With respect to all of the forfeiture conditions, if the firm determines after delivery or release of transfer restrictions that an RSU or share delivered thereunder or GSAM B.V. Phantom Unit should have been forfeited or recaptured, the firm can require return of any shares delivered or repayment to the firm of the fair market value of the shares or GSAM B.V. Phantom Units when delivered or paid (including those withheld to pay taxes) or any other amounts paid or delivered in respect thereof.

- **Hedging:** The firm’s anti-hedging policy ensures employees maintain the intended exposure to the firm’s stock performance. In particular, all employees are prohibited from hedging RSUs, including shares that are subject to transfer restrictions. Employees may hedge only shares that they can otherwise sell. However, no employee may enter into uncovered hedging transactions or sell short any shares. Employees may only enter into transactions or otherwise make investment decisions with respect to shares during applicable “window periods”.
- **Treatment upon Termination or Change-in-Control:** As a general matter, delivery schedules are not accelerated, and transfer restrictions are not removed, when an employee leaves the firm. The limited exceptions include death and “conflicted employment” subject to the applicable regulatory requirements. A change in control alone is not sufficient to trigger acceleration of any deliveries or removal of transfer restrictions; only if the change in control is followed within 18 months by a termination of employment by the firm without “cause” or by the employee for “good reason” will delivery and release of transfer restrictions be accelerated. To the extent applicable, Identified Staff would continue to be governed by the applicable regulatory requirements.

## 2.15.10 Quantitative Disclosures

### Remuneration over 2025

Over 2025, GSAM B.V. has awarded a total amount of € 115.3 million to all employees. This amount consists of fixed remuneration<sup>1</sup> of € 83.0 million and variable remuneration<sup>2</sup> of € 32.3 million. Per 31 December 2025 this concerned 661 employees including 5 board members of GSAM B.V. The majority of employees spend their time on activities that are directly or indirectly related to the management of the funds. In total GSAM B.V. awarded remuneration exceeding € 1 million to 4 employees.

From the above-mentioned amounts, total remuneration for the board members per 31 December 2025 is € 3 million, of which fixed remuneration is € 1.6 million and variable remuneration is € 1.4 million.

Remuneration paid or awarded for the financial year ended 31 December 2025 comprised fixed remuneration and variable remuneration. The fixed remuneration and variable remuneration is disclosed on aggregated total management company level.

### Aggregated fixed and variable remuneration over 2025

The following tables show aggregate quantitative remuneration information for all GSAM BV Identified Staff selected on the basis of AIFMD and/or UCITs for the performance year 2025.

**Table 1: Aggregated fixed and variable remuneration for the performance year 2025 for Identified Staff**

Amounts in € 1,000 and gross	Identified Staff qualified as Executives	Other Identified Staff
Number of employees (#)	5	30 <sup>3</sup>
Fixed remuneration ( <sup>1</sup> )	1,599	8,007
Variable remuneration ( <sup>2</sup> )	1,403	3,569
<b>Aggregate of fixed and variable remuneration</b>	<b>3,002</b>	<b>11,576</b>

**Table 2: Aggregated fixed and variable remuneration for the performance year 2024 for Identified Staff**

Amounts in € 1,000 and gross	Identified Staff qualified as Executives	Other Identified Staff
Number of employees (#)	5	26
Fixed remuneration ( <sup>1</sup> )	1,786	7,736
Variable remuneration ( <sup>2</sup> )	1,980	7,936
<b>Aggregate of fixed and variable remuneration</b>	<b>3,766</b>	<b>15,672</b>

- 1) Table 1 includes fixed remuneration for the fiscal year 2025 including allowances and excludes benefits. Table 2 shows the fixed remuneration per the fiscal year-end 2024 for contractual working hours.
- 2) Variable remuneration includes all payments processed through payroll per respectively January 2026 (table 1 for performance year 2025) or January 2025 (table 2 for performance year 2024) and all conditional and unconditional awards in relation to the respective performance year, including RSUs, GSAM B.V. Phantom Units (a reference to the allocated Funds is not available) and carried interest.
- 3) Includes 5 Identified Staff who ceased employment during 2025.

## Remuneration information third parties

GSAM B.V. has outsourced portfolio management activities in respect of certain proprietary funds it manages to external third parties. For each of these parties a Portfolio Management Agreement (PMA) has been entered into. The PMAs ensure efficient and effective services in accordance with the set agreements with these third parties. GSAM B.V. annually collates information from third parties regarding their remuneration policy.

The overview below provides information on the remuneration policy from the parties to whom Goldman Sachs Asset Management B.V. has delegated portfolio management activities for AIFs and UCITs which it manages. This includes delegated portfolio management services provided by Goldman Sachs Asset Management International ("GSAMI") for which the services have been considered on an AIF/UCITS by AIF/UCITS basis and an estimated split for each AIF/UCITS has been incorporated. The pro rata remuneration was calculated by dividing the assets managed by the delegated portfolio manager on behalf of the AIF(s)/UCITS managed by GSAM B.V. by the total (strategy) assets managed by the delegated portfolio manager.

Delegated portfolio management	Number of beneficiaries	Fixed pay (USD)	Variable pay (USD)	Total pay (USD)
Pro rata remuneration GSAMI (AIF/UCITS by AIF/UCITS basis)	39	25,270	42,583	67,854
Aggregate pro rate remuneration other delegates <sup>(4)</sup>	341 - 346	1,389,713	298,671	1,688,384

- 4) The delegated portfolio management services have been provided by Danske Bank A/S, Nomura Asset Management Co. Ltd, J.P. Morgan Asset Management, Irish Life Investment Management Limited, State Street Global Advisors UK, Triodos Investment Management B.V., Goldman Sachs Asset Management International and Goldman Sachs Asset Management (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. Where information for FY2024 was not available, FY2023 figures have been included.

## 2.16 In control statement

### General

As the manager of Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL) it is, in accordance with Section 115y Paragraph 5 of the Decree on the Supervision of the Conduct of Financial Enterprises pursuant to the Act on Financial Supervision ('Besluit gedragstoezicht financiële ondernemingen' or 'Bgfo'), our responsibility to declare that for Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL) we have a description of the control framework that complies with the Dutch Financial Supervision Act and the related regulatory requirements and that the control framework has been functioning effectively during the reporting period from 1 January until 31 December 2025 and in accordance with the description.

Below we present our view on the design of the business operations of the manager related to the activities of the Fund. The control framework is designed in line with the size of the organization and legal requirements. The control framework is unable to provide absolute certainty that exceptions will never occur, but is designed to provide reasonable assurance on the effectiveness of internal controls and the risks related to the activities of the manager. The assessment of the effectiveness of the control framework is the responsibility of the manager.

With regard to the design of the administrative organisation and internal control environment (overall named 'control framework'), the manager applies the GSAM Control Framework. The significant risks are determined periodically in a systematic manner. The existing system of internal controls mitigates these risks.

The description of the control framework has been evaluated and is in line with legal requirements. This means that the significant risks and controls of the relevant processes have been reviewed and updated.

In practice, the assessment of the effectiveness and functioning of the control framework is performed in different ways. Management is periodically informed by means of performance indicators, which are based on process descriptions and their control measures. In addition, there is an incident and complaints procedure. In the reporting period, the effective functioning of the control framework is reviewed and tested for its operational efficiency. This concerns generic testing, which has been implemented in a process-oriented manner for the different investment funds managed by Goldman Sachs Asset Management B.V. Therefore, the executed test work can be different at the level of the individual funds. Controls are self-assessed by management for those controls in scope of the assurance report. The tests are carried out by the independent auditor. In the context of this annual report, no relevant findings have emerged.

### Reporting on business operations

During the reporting period, we have reviewed the various aspects of the control framework. During our review work, we have no observations based on which it should be concluded that the description of the design of the control framework, as referred to Section 115y Paragraph 5 of the Bgfo, does not meet the requirements as stated in the Bgfo and related regulations. We have not found internal control measures that were not effective or were not operating in accordance with their description. Based on this we, as manager for Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL) declare to have a description of the control framework as referred to [Section 115y Paragraph 5] of the Bgfo, which meets the requirements of the Bgfo and we declare with a reasonable degree of certainty that the business operations during the reporting period have operated effectively and in accordance with the description.

The Hague, 22 April 2026

**Goldman Sachs Asset Management B.V**

### **3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2025**

(For the period 1 January through 31 December 2025)

### 3.1 Balance sheet

Before appropriation of the result

Amounts x € 1,000	Reference	31-12-2025	31-12-2024
<b>Investments</b>			
Equities	3.5.1	48,635	44,455
Equity futures	3.5.3	5	-
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>48,640</b>	<b>44,455</b>
<b>Receivables</b>			
	3.5.5		
Dividends receivable		94	63
Other receivables		62	21
<b>Total receivables</b>		<b>156</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Other assets</b>			
	3.5.6		
Cash and cash equivalents		235	303
<b>Total other assets</b>		<b>235</b>	<b>303</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>49,031</b>	<b>44,842</b>
<b>Net asset value</b>			
	3.5.7		
Net asset value participants		40,218	38,304
Net result		7,290	5,470
<b>Net asset value</b>		<b>47,508</b>	<b>43,774</b>
<b>Provisions</b>			
	3.5.8		
Provision for tax reclaims		1,428	956
<b>Total provisions</b>		<b>1,428</b>	<b>956</b>
<b>Short term liabilities</b>			
	3.5.9		
Payable to participants		22	41
Other short term liabilities		73	71
<b>Total short term liabilities</b>		<b>95</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>49,031</b>	<b>44,842</b>

## 3.2 Profit and loss statement

For the period 1 January through 31 December

Amounts x € 1,000	Reference	2025	2024
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>			
<b>Investment income</b>	3.6.1		
Dividend		998	1,041
<b>Revaluation of investments</b>	3.6.2		
Realised revaluation of investments		1,845	712
Unrealised revaluation of investments		4,965	4,320
<b>Other results</b>	3.6.3		
Currency exchange rate differences		72	-92
Interest other		3	4
Subscription and redemption fee		15	15
Change in provision for tax reclaims		-472	-397
<b>Total operating income</b>		<b>7,426</b>	<b>5,603</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
	3.6.4		
Operating costs		135	133
Interest other		1	-
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>136</b>	<b>133</b>
<b>Net result</b>		<b>7,290</b>	<b>5,470</b>

### 3.3 Cash flow statement

For the period 1 January through 31 December

Amounts x € 1,000	Reference	2025	2024
<b>CASHFLOW FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES</b>			
Purchases of investments		-14,962	-25,181
Sales of investments		17,587	29,789
Dividend received		967	1,076
Other results		-38	10
Other interest paid		-1	-
Operating costs paid		-133	-135
<b>Total cashflow from investments activities</b>		<b>3,420</b>	<b>5,559</b>
<b>CASHFLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from subscriptions of participations		1,302	309
Payments for redemptions of participations		-4,877	-5,668
Subscription and redemption fee received		15	15
<b>Total cashflow from financing activities</b>		<b>-3,560</b>	<b>-5,344</b>
<b>Net cash flow</b>		<b>-140</b>	<b>215</b>
Currency exchange rate differences		72	-92
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>-68</b>	<b>123</b>
Cash and cash equivalents opening balance		303	180
<b>Cash and cash equivalents closing balance</b>	<b>3.5.6</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>303</b>
<b>Breakdown of cash and cash equivalents closing balance</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		235	303
<b>Total of cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>235</b>	<b>303</b>

## 3.4 Notes to the financial statements

### 3.4.1 General notes

The Fund does not have any employees. GSAM BV, located in The Hague, is the manager of the Fund.

The financial statements are prepared under going concern principles and in accordance with the financial statement models for investment institutions as established by the legislator. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Title 9 Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and the Dutch Accounting Standards. Wording may be used that deviates from these models to better reflect the contents of the specific items. The 2025 financial statements are prepared according to the same principles for the valuation of assets and liabilities, determination of results as used for the 2024 financial statements. The presentation of the cash flow statement has been changed to reflect the total position in cash and cash equivalents including positions in money market funds. The comparative figures in the cash flow statement have been adjusted accordingly. This change in presentation of the cash flow statement has no impact on shareholders' equity or the results of the Fund.

When preparing the financial statements, the manager uses estimates and judgments that can be essential to the amounts included in the financial statements. If deemed necessary, the nature of these estimates and judgments, including the associated assumptions, are included in the notes to the financial statements.

The functional currency of the Fund is the euro. The financial statements are presented in thousands of euros, unless stated otherwise. Amounts in whole euros are denoted with a euro symbol (€). The table below provides the key exchange rates relative to the euro.

Currency	Abbreviation	31-12-2025	31-12-2024
Brazilian Real	BRL	6.43576	6.39698
Chilean Peso	CLP	1058.86383	1029.80021
Chinese Renminbi	CNY	8.19769	7.60190
Chinese Renminbi (offshore)	CNH	8.19769	7.60190
Colombian Peso	COP	4436.66344	4561.80157
Czech Koruna	CZK	24.17219	25.17425
Egyptian Pound	EGP	56.02174	52.63291
Hong Kong Dollar	HKD	9.14141	8.04345
Hungarian Forint	HUF	383.94324	411.35279
Indian Rupee	INR	105.55975	88.65039
Indonesian Rupiah	IDR	19584.11701	16665.87764
Kuwaiti Dinar	KWD	0.36119	0.31926
Mexican Peso	MXN	21.11618	21.53026
Philippine Peso	PHP	69.09640	59.89669
Polish Zloty	PLN	4.22240	4.27714
Qatari Rial	QAR	4.27618	3.77011
Russian Ruble	RUB	92.89998	113.64279
Saudi Riyal	SAR	4.40515	3.89066
South African Rand	ZAR	19.46077	19.53927
South Korean Won	KRW	1691.86802	1524.36606
Taiwanese Dollar	TWD	36.90212	33.94733
Thai Baht	THB	37.00135	35.30434
Turkish Lira	TRY	50.45946	36.61472
UAE Dirham	AED	4.31369	3.80335
US Dollar	USD	1.17446	1.03547

### 3.4.2 Continuity management

The objective of the continuity management of the manager is to ensure the continuity of its operations, establish trust, protect assets and entrusted resources, fulfil obligations, comply with internal and external regulations, prevent or mitigate damage and risk, and identify and manage risks to an acceptable level.

#### Liquidity monitoring

GSAM BV actively engages in liquidity monitoring to mitigate and manage liquidity risks within the funds it manages. More specifically, the risk of not being able to service redemption requests within the timelines disclosed in the prospectus. At GSAM BV, liquidity risk management follows the so-called 'Three lines of defence' model, whereby the Portfolio Management teams are responsible for managing funds in line with risk appetite, Risk Management provides independent liquidity risk modelling and oversight, and Internal Audit functions review whether these activities are performed in line with regulatory and client expectations. Risk Management (RM) manages liquidity risks in the funds on an ongoing basis by measuring, monitoring and reporting.

The GSAM BV Control Framework includes liquidity on the asset side, liquidity on the liability side and the coverage ratio which indicates how many times we expect that liquid assets are able to cover potential liabilities from redemptions. Liquidity risk is also modelled as a stress version in accordance with the ESMA guidelines for liquidity stress testing (where applicable).

The manager has the ability to use the following liquidity instruments in cases of exceptional subscriptions or redemptions within a fund. An exceptional subscription or redemption is one that is expected to have a market impact. The goal of these tools is to act in the best interest of the participants in the Funds of the Fund when executing such exceptional transactions.

- Subscription and redemption fee: This fee serves to protect existing participants of the Fund by compensating for the purchase or sale costs (transaction costs) of the underlying 'physical' investments.
- Short term loans: To allow the Funds of the Fund to temporarily borrow (by utilizing the overdraft facility provided by the Fund's custodian) in order to meet obligations. For UCITS funds, this is capped at a maximum of 10%.
- Suspension of NAV calculation and/or order processing: This prevents investors in the Funds of the Fund from withdrawing their assets.

GSAM BV as a regulated entity is subject to two liquidity requirements:

- The liquidity requirement for investment firms based on Article 43(1) of the IFR is equal to one third of the fixed cost requirement. According to this requirement, GSAM BV hold an amount of liquid assets equivalent to at least one third of the fixed overhead requirement. These liquid assets consist of cash, cash pool receivables, and other receivables from trade debtors.
- The liquidity requirement for an AIF manager based on Article 9(8) of the AIFMD and Article 63b (2) of the Decree on prudential rules for financial undertakings operating in the financial markets (Besluit prudentiële regels Wft), where the entire regulatory capital must be held in liquid assets.

This is periodically reported to the DNB, noting that these requirements apply to GSAM BV and not to the funds it has under management.

#### Investments

The Fund primarily invest in liquid assets. As a result, no issues related to marketability occurred during the reporting period. The available cash position within the Fund was sufficient to manage capital inflows and outflows during the reporting period.

#### Conclusion

Currently, we do not foresee any impact on the continuity of the Fund, nor that of the manager over the next 12 months. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

### 3.4.3 Tax aspects

The Fund is considered a fiscally transparent vehicle in the Netherlands and, therefore, is not subject to Dutch corporate income tax and is not a withholding agent for Dutch dividend withholding tax. For the Fund to be considered fiscally transparent the Fund should obtain benefits for its participants by investing funds for joint account (i.e., the Fund should have multiple participants and may only carry out investment activities). To ensure the fiscally transparent character of the Fund, the participations of the Fund—other than by redemption to the Fund itself—are not freely tradable.

### 3.4.4 Outsourcing

#### Outsourcing of fund accounting

The manager of the Fund has outsourced the accounting function to The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV. This outsourcing involves the calculating of the participation value, maintaining accounting records and processing and executing payments. The manager remains ultimately responsible for the quality and continuity of these services.

#### Outsourcing of management activities

The manager has outsourced all or part of the management activities of the Fund on 31 December 2025 to an affiliated external asset manager, Goldman Sachs Asset Management International (GSAMI). GSAMI is allowed to outsource the portfolio management for the Fund to one or more group companies as a sub-delegated asset manager.

GSAMI is responsible for taking investment decisions within the framework of the investment policy as determined by the manager and as described in the prospectus of the Fund, collecting and conducting research on the basis of which the decisions referred to can be taken and giving instructions for the purchase and sale of securities.

Until 30 September 2025 the management activities for the Fund was outsourced to Life Investment Managers Limited, part of The Canada Life Group (U.K.), based in Ireland. As of 1 October 2025, the management activities of the Fund have been delegated to GSAMI.

### 3.4.5 Securities lending

The Fund is allowed to engage in securities lending techniques to generate additional income. During the reporting period, the Fund did not engage in securities lending.

### 3.4.6 Accounting policies

#### General

The valuation principles included in this paragraph provide an overview of all valuation principles of the GSAM BV funds, which, in the management's opinion, are the most critical for representing the financial position and require estimates and assumptions by the GSAM BV funds.

Unless otherwise stated, assets and liabilities are recorded at historical cost.

An asset is recognised in the balance sheet when it is probable that the future economic benefits will flow to the Fund and its value can be reliably measured. A liability is recognised in the balance sheet when it is probable that its settlement will result in an outflow of resources, and the amount can be reliably measured.

An asset or liability is no longer recognised in the balance sheet if a transaction results in the transfer of all or virtually all rights to economic benefits and all or virtually all risks related to the asset or liability to a third party.

Offsetting an asset and a liability occurs only if there is a legal right to settle the asset and liability simultaneously, and the Fund has the firm intention to do so.

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates prevailing at the calculation date. All transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the last known mid-market rate on the transaction date.

## Investments

All financial instruments, as categorised in this report under investments or investments with a negative market value, are included in the balance sheet for the period during which the economic risk is attributable to the Fund.

All investments are held for trading purposes and are valued at fair value, with changes in fair value recognised in the profit and loss statement.

Financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value, including (negative) share premium and directly attributable transaction costs. In subsequent valuations at fair value with changes recognised in the profit and loss statement, as is the case for investments held for trading purposes, directly attributable transaction costs are directly recognised in the profit and loss statement.

After initial recognition, financial instruments are valued as follows:

- Equities are valued at the last traded price at the end of the reporting period.
- Bonds and other fixed-income securities are valued at the last known mid price at the end of the reporting period.
- Deposits and commercial paper are valued at market value, determined based on a data provider service that delivers the most realistic price based on yield curve data from active markets.
- Investments in other GSAM BV funds are valued at the intrinsic value of the same day.
- Investments in externally managed investment funds are valued at the last known intrinsic value.
- Options are valued at market value, determined based on a data provider service that delivers the most realistic price based on yield curve and volatility data from active markets.
- The fair value of forward currency contracts is determined daily using market-standard valuation models, calculated based on the discount curve of the relevant currency.
- Futures are valued at the last traded price at the end of the reporting period.
- The fair value of interest rate swaps is based on the present value of the expected cash flows at the end of the reporting period, discounted at the market interest rate at the end of the reporting period. The net present value calculation uses the OIS curve (Overnight Indexed Swap) or another relevant interest rate curve.
- Inflation-linked swaps are valued at market value, determined based on a data provider service that delivers the most realistic price based on yield curve and inflation data from active markets.
- Total return swaps are valued at market value, based on the present value of the expected underlying cash flows, minus any interest earned or owed at the balance sheet date.
- Credit derivatives are valued at market value, determined based on a data provider service and consisting of a theoretical value using yield curve and spread data from active markets for credit derivatives not listed on an exchange, and the exchange value for credit derivatives that are listed (CDX).

For investments that do not have a stock exchange or other market listing or if the pricing is not considered representative (for example, in times of high volatility in the financial markets), the manager determines the value. This determination is made using objective and recent market information and/or commonly accepted calculation models.

Other financial instruments considered as investments are valued at market value derived from third-party market quotations and market information. If no objective market quotation is available for such financial instruments, they are valued at theoretical value calculated using objective and broadly accepted mathematical models and considering standards deemed appropriate by the manager for the respective investments.

### **Security Lending**

In securities lending, there is a temporary transfer of legal ownership to third parties. The economic rights and obligations remain with the Fund, allowing the Fund to retain the indirect investment results of the lent securities and receive compensation for any missed direct investment returns. As a result, these securities remain part of the investment portfolio as presented in the balance sheet and the composition of the investments during the period they are lent.

### **Collateral**

Received and provided collateral is accounted for depending on the nature of the collateral:

- Received collateral in the form of cash related to derivative transactions is recorded as Collateral in the balance sheet under Short-term liabilities.
- Provided collateral in the form of a margin account for futures is recorded in the balance sheet under Cash and cash equivalents.
- Provided collateral in the form of cash related to derivative transactions is recorded as Collateral in the balance sheet under Receivables.
- Collateral in the form of a variation margin for derivatives transacted through the central counterparty (Central counterparty (CCP)) is recorded in the balance sheet under Cash and cash equivalents and/or Payable to credit institutions.

### **Receivables and Short-term Liabilities**

All receivables and short-term liabilities have a maturity of less than one year. Receivables and short-term liabilities are initially valued at fair value. After initial recognition, receivables and short-term liabilities are valued at amortised cost, less any provision for recoverability deemed necessary for receivables.

### **Other Assets**

Other assets relate to Cash and cash equivalents, which are valued at nominal value.

### **Net asset value**

The manager may deviate from the principles of net asset value determination described above if, in their opinion, special circumstances make the determination of the net asset value as described practically impossible or clearly unreasonable (for example, during times of high volatility in the financial markets). In such cases, net asset value determination will be based on indices or other socially acceptable valuation principles.

### **Provisions**

Provisions are valued at the nominal value of the related items. Any changes in a provision are included in the profit and loss statement and presented under Other results.

### **3.4.7 Income and expense recognition**

#### **General**

Operating income and expenses are recognised in the period to which they relate.

#### **Dividend**

Dividends on investments are recognised as income at the time the respective share is quoted ex-dividend.

#### **Interest**

Interest is attributed to the period to which it relates.

#### **Revaluation of investments**

Realised and unrealised changes in the fair value of investments, including foreign currency gains and losses, are included in the profit and loss statement under revaluation of investments. Foreign currency results on other balance sheet items are reported in the profit and loss statement under 'Currency exchange rate differences'.

The realised changes in the fair value of investments and foreign currency results are determined as the difference between the selling price and the average historical cost. The unrealised changes in the fair value of investments and foreign currency results are determined as the movement in the unrealised fair value of investments and foreign currency results during the reporting period. The reversal of the unrealised changes in the fair value of investments and foreign currency results of prior years are included in the unrealised changes in the fair value of investments and foreign currency results when realised.

#### **Subscription and redemption fee**

The transaction price of each participation class of the Fund is determined by the manager on each trading day and is based on the net asset value per participation of each participation class with an upcharge (subscription fee) or discount (redemption fee) to cover the costs of purchase and sale of 'physical' investments. The subscription and redemption fee is for the protection of existing participants of the Fund and is beneficial to the Fund. When no transaction has taken place on a trading day, the transaction price is equal to the net asset value per participation.

Whether a subscription or redemption fee is applied depends on whether the Fund, encompassing all Participation Classes, has a net inflow (leading to a subscription fee) or outflow (leading to a redemption fee) of capital. Any difference between the actual costs of the Fund and the aforementioned subscription or redemption fees will benefit or burden the Fund.

#### **Result per Participation Class**

The result of a Participation Class consists of revaluation of the investments, the interest received and paid, and security lending fees during the period, the declared dividends and the expenses that are attributable to the financial period. When determining the interest gains, the interest receivable on bank deposits is taken into account. Direct income and expenses are allocated to each Participation Class and attributed to the relating financial period.

#### **Transaction costs**

Transaction costs of investments are included in the cost price or deducted from the sales proceeds of the relevant investments.

### 3.4.8 Cash flow statement

The cash flow statement provides insights into cash and cash equivalents originated by the Fund during the reporting period and the way in which this has been used. Cash flows are split into (operating) investment and financing activities.

The cash flow statement is prepared according to the direct method. The cash flow statement distinguishes between cashflows from financing activities, which relate to transactions with shareholders, and cashflows from investment activities, which relate to the operational activities of the Fund.

The cash and cash equivalents in the cash flow statement consist of freely available positions at banks including, if applicable, money market funds that are used for cash management purposes and the margin accounts related to transactions in derivative instruments.

Investments in money market funds that are used for cash management purposes qualify as cash equivalents in the cash flow statement because they are highly liquid in nature and can be converted into cash without restrictions and easily and there are no significant risks of the occurrence of changes in value.

Currency exchange rate differences and revaluation of money market funds that are used for cash management purposes are disclosed separately in the cash flow statement.

### 3.5 Notes to the balance sheet

The presented movement schedules cover the period from 1 January through 31 December

#### 3.5.1 Equities

Amounts x € 1,000	2025	2024
Opening balance	44,455	44,030
Purchases	14,957	25,181
Sales	-17,587	-29,788
Revaluation	6,810	5,032
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>48,635</b>	<b>44,455</b>

#### 3.5.2 Bonds and other fixed income securities

Amounts x € 1,000	2025	2024
Opening balance	-	1
Sales and repayments	-	-1
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The position in bonds and other fixed-income securities originated from a corporate action.

#### 3.5.3 Equity futures

Amounts x € 1,000	2025	2024
Opening balance	-	-
Expiration	5	-
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>
Equity futures with positive market value	5	-
Equity futures with negative market value	-	-
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>

#### 3.5.4 Risk related to financial instruments

Investing involves entering into transactions with financial instruments. Investing in the Fund, and therefore the use of financial instruments, means both seizing opportunities and taking risks. Managing risks that are related to investing should always be seen in conjunction with the opportunities, eventually expressed in the performance. Therefore, risk management is not solely focused on mitigating risks but to create an optimal balance between performance and risk, all within acceptable limits.

##### 3.5.4.1 Market risk

The Fund is exposed to the risk of changes in valuation of its investments due to fluctuations in equity markets. Additionally, the prices of equities in which the Fund invests can also fluctuate. The Fund may use derivatives for the purpose of hedging, efficient portfolio management, and increasing returns. The use of derivatives may involve leverage, which increases the Fund's sensitivity to market movements.

Insights into these risks in the report can be obtained as follows:

- This section provides information of the main positions in the investments in equities of the Fund. Additionally included in this section is the allocation by country.

**Portfolio concentration**

The below schedule shows the main positions in the investments in equities of the Fund.

At 31 December 2025

Currency	Number of shares	Name	Value x € 1,000
TWD	116,573	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING	4,900
HKD	37,700	TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	2,464
KRW	28,833	SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS LTD	2,040
HKD	98,840	ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	1,540
KRW	3,634	SK HYNIX INC	1,401
INR	58,135	RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD	865
INR	64,807	HDFC BANK LTD	608
HKD	624,229	CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK CORP H	526
INR	35,017	ICICI BANK LTD	446
HKD	101,400	XIAOMI CORP	434
Other investments			33,411
<b>Total equities</b>			<b>48,635</b>

At 31 December 2024

Currency	Number of shares	Name	Value x € 1,000
TWD	138,573	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING	4,384
HKD	40,700	TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	2,092
KRW	29,941	SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS LTD	1,035
HKD	98,940	ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	1,007
INR	71,613	RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD	981
INR	33,315	HDFC BANK LTD	666
HKD	33,000	MEITUAN	617
HKD	717,229	CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK CORP H	574
INR	36,061	ICICI BANK LTD	521
INR	22,607	INFOSYS LTD	480
Other investments			32,098
<b>Total equities</b>			<b>44,455</b>

**Equity futures**

At 31 December 2025

Description	Amount	Contract size	Currency	Price	Expiration date	Exposure x € 1,000	Value x € 1,000
MSCI EMERGING MARKETS	4	50	USD	1,411.40	20-3-26	240	5
<b>Equity futures with positive market value</b>						<b>240</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Closing balance</b>						<b>240</b>	<b>5</b>

### Country breakdown

The table below shows the country allocation of the equity portfolio.

Country	Value x € 1,000 31-12-2025	% Net asset value	Value x € 1,000 31-12-2024	% Net asset value
China	13,564	28.6	12,007	27.4
Taiwan	9,756	20.5	8,648	19.8
India	7,954	16.7	9,054	20.7
South Korea	6,107	12.9	4,067	9.3
South Africa	1,777	3.7	1,360	3.1
Brazil	1,631	3.4	1,500	3.4
United States	1,528	3.2	1,180	2.7
Saudi Arabia	1,499	3.2	1,754	4.0
Other countries (<2.5%)	4,819	10.2	4,885	11.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,635</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>44,455</b>	<b>101.5</b>

#### 3.5.4.2 Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument may fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. The overview of the currency position provides the breakdown of the net asset value of the Fund to the various currencies, including, where applicable, positions in derivatives like forward currency contracts that are used to manage the currency position. An amount listed under currency forward contracts represents the net amount of the contracts entered into in the respective currency. An amount and percentage listed as 'Other Currencies' represents the total of all currencies that individually account for less than 2.5% of the net asset value and where no currency forward contracts have been used.

At 31 December 2025

Base Currency	Gross x 1,000	Forward Currency Contracts x 1,000	Net x 1,000	Net x € 1,000	% net asset value
HKD	100,726	-	100,726	11,019	23.2%
TWD	360,326	-	360,326	9,764	20.5%
INR	839,638	-	839,638	7,954	16.7%
KRW	10,334,555	-	10,334,555	6,108	12.9%
CNH	20,851	-	20,851	2,544	5.4%
ZAR	34,718	-	34,718	1,784	3.8%
BRL	10,710	-	10,710	1,664	3.5%
USD	1,797	-	1,797	1,530	3.2%
SAR	6,678	-	6,678	1,516	3.2%
Other currencies				3,625	7.6%
<b>Total</b>				<b>47,508</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

At 31 December 2024

Base Currency	Gross x 1,000	Forward Currency Contracts x 1,000	Net x 1,000	Net x € 1,000	% net asset value
HKD	79,001	-	79,001	9,821	22.4%
INR	802,658	-	802,658	9,054	20.7%
TWD	293,903	-	293,903	8,657	19.8%
KRW	6,199,850	-	6,199,850	4,067	9.3%
CNH	16,795	-	16,795	2,209	5.0%
SAR	6,849	-	6,849	1,760	4.0%
BRL	9,778	-	9,778	1,528	3.5%
ZAR	26,817	-	26,817	1,372	3.1%
USD	1,226	-	1,226	1,184	2.7%
Other currencies				4,122	9.5%
<b>Total</b>				<b>43,774</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### 3.5.4.3 Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk arising from the possibility that a specific counterparty may be unable to meet its obligations under financial instrument contracts with the Fund. The Fund invests directly and indirectly through underlying investment funds in bonds and other fixed-income securities.

Credit risk is the risk that a specific counterparty will fail to meet its obligations under financial instrument contracts with the Fund. The Fund directly invests in equities and, as a result, is not exposed to significant credit risk.

The total amount of the maximum credit risk of the Fund at the end of the reporting period is 396 (31 December 2024: 387).

### Securities lending

Securities may be lent out. There is no restriction on the percentage of securities that can be lent. The Fund incurs a settlement risk from lending securities, as described above under credit risk.

As of the balance sheet date, no securities have been lent out.

### 3.5.4.4 Counterparty risk

The Fund is inherently exposed to counterparty risk concerning all assets on the balance sheet. This counterparty risk is managed and mitigated as follows:

- Investments in listed securities are held by The Bank of New York Mellon, which serves as the custodian.
- Derivatives can be exposed to risks related to the solvency and liquidity of counterparties and their ability to fulfil contract terms. The Fund may use derivatives that carry the risk of the counterparty failing to meet its contractual obligations. The counterparty risk associated with all participation classes of the Fund is borne by the Fund as a whole. To mitigate this risk, the Fund will ensure that trading in bilateral OTC derivatives meets the following criteria:
  - Generally, only high-quality counterparties will be approved for trading bilateral OTC derivatives. In principle, a bilateral OTC derivatives counterparty should have at least an investment-grade rating from Fitch, Moody's, and/or Standard & Poor's;
  - Bilateral OTC derivatives must be traded based on a solid legal framework, typically an International Swap and Derivative Association Inc. (ISDA) agreement with a Credit Support Annex (CSA);
  - All bilateral OTC derivatives are secured by collateral under a daily process as described in the section 'Collateral';
  - The credit rating of bilateral OTC derivatives counterparties is evaluated at least annually;

- All policies related to bilateral OTC derivatives trading are reviewed and adjusted if necessary, at least annually;
- Cash and cash equivalents are held with banks that generally have at least an investment-grade rating.

#### 3.5.4.5 Collateral

To mitigate counterparty risk for the Fund, a collateralization system with the counterparty can be organised for certain assets. The Fund is required to determine the value of the received collateral daily and verify whether additional collateral needs to be exchanged.

The collateral should normally be provided in the form of:

- Cash and cash equivalents, usually referred to as cash collateral;
- Bonds issued or guaranteed by highly rated countries;
- Bonds issued or guaranteed by prominent issuers and for which there is a sufficiently liquid market. Bonds issued by financial sector issuers are excluded due to correlation risk; or
- Equities admitted to or traded on a regulated market, provided that these shares are included in a major index.

The Fund must ensure that it is able to enforce its rights to the collateral in the event of an occurrence requiring such action. Therefore, the collateral must be available at all times, either directly or through the mediation of a prominent financial institution or a wholly owned subsidiary of such an institution, allowing the Fund to promptly seize or liquidate the collateral assets if the counterparty defaults on its obligations.

The Fund will ensure that the collateral received from OTC derivative transactions, securities lending, and repo transactions meets the following conditions:

- The collateral received is valued at market price. To mitigate the risk that the value of the collateral held by the Fund may fall below the counterparty's obligation, a prudent haircut policy is applied. This margin of safety is applied to collateral received in relation to (i) OTC derivatives, (ii) securities lending, and (iii) repo transactions. A haircut is a reduction applied to the value of collateral assets, intended to absorb the volatility in collateral value between coverage calls or during the time required to liquidate the collateral. This process includes a liquidity element based on the remaining maturity and a credit quality element based on the security's rating. The haircut policy takes into account the characteristics of the involved asset class, including the creditworthiness of the collateral issuer, the price volatility of the collateral, and potential currency mismatches. Haircuts applied to cash, high-quality government bonds, and corporate bonds typically range between 0%-15%, while haircuts on equities range between 10%-15%. Regulations also require an additional haircut of 8% to be applied when the currency denomination of the collateral, if the collateral is a bond, differs from the allowed currencies in the legal documentation for bilateral derivative transactions. In exceptional market conditions, a different haircut level may be applied. Under the agreement with the relevant counterparty, which may or may not include minimum transfer amounts, it is intended that, considering the margin of safety and where applicable, each received collateral is valued at an amount equal to or greater than the corresponding counterparty exposure.
- The collateral received for OTC derivatives, securities lending, and repo transactions must be sufficiently liquid, allowing for quick sale at a price close to its pre-sale valuation.
- The collateral assets are held by the Fund's Custodian or by a sub-custodian, provided that the Fund's Custodian has transferred the custody of the collateral to such a sub-custodian and remains liable for the collateral if the sub-custodian loses it.
- Collateral received in the context of OTC derivatives, securities lending, and repo transactions cannot be sold or pledged as security to a third party during the term of the agreement. However, cash received as collateral can be reinvested.

#### Overview collateral at 31 December 2025

- The margin account related to futures contracts is detailed in the notes on cash and cash equivalents.

**3.5.4.6 Investment by valuation method**

Below is the breakdown of the investment portfolio by valuation method:

Amounts x € 1,000	31-12-2025	31-12-2024
Quoted market prices	48,640	44,455
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>48,640</b>	<b>44,455</b>

**3.5.5 Receivables**

All receivables have a remaining maturity of less than one year.

**Dividends receivable**

Dividends receivable are dividends accrued but not yet received.

**Other receivables**

Amounts x € 1,000	31-12-2025	31-12-2024
Withholding tax*	3	3
Other receivables	59	18
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>21</b>

\* Withholding tax receivables have a maturity of less than one year, but it can take longer to receive the amounts causing them to stay on the balance sheet for a longer period.

**3.5.6 Other assets****Cash and cash equivalents**

This concerns freely available bank accounts, including a margin account of 2 (2024: no future positions) related to future contracts. For the duration of the future contracts, the margin account is not fully available for use. The restricted amount is 2 (2024: no future positions).

**3.5.7 Net asset value**

For the period 1 January through 31 December 2025

Amounts x € 1,000	Class U	Class Z	Total
<b>Movement schedule of net asset value</b>			
Opening balance	43,772	2	43,774
Subscriptions	1,302	-	1,302
Redemptions	-4,858	-	-4,858
<b>Net assets for participation holders</b>	<b>40,216</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40,218</b>
<b>Net result</b>	<b>7,289</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7,290</b>
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>47,505</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>47,508</b>

For the period 1 January through 31 December 2024

Amounts x € 1,000	Class U	Class Z	Total
<b>Movement schedule of net asset value</b>			
Opening balance	43,688	2	43,690
Subscriptions	309	-	309
Redemptions	-5,695	-	-5,695
<b>Net assets participation holders</b>	<b>38,302</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>38,304</b>
<b>Net result</b>	<b>5,470</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,470</b>
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>43,772</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>43,774</b>

**3.5.8 Provisions**

This is a provision related to a possible tax assessment for capital gains tax due to the tax transparent character of the Fund.

**3.5.9 Short term liabilities**

All short term liabilities have a remaining maturity of less than one year.

**Payable to participants**

Payable to participants is the amount payable for redemptions of participations.

**Other short term liabilities**

Amounts x € 1,000	31-12-2025	31-12-2024
Interest payable on bank accounts	4	11
Accrued expenses	69	60
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>

**3.5.10 Off-balance sheet rights and obligations**

At the reporting date, there are no off-balance sheet rights and obligations.

## 3.6 Notes to the profit and loss statement

### 3.6.1 Investment income

#### Dividend

Dividend includes gross cash dividends net of non-recoverable foreign withholding tax and compensation for missed direct investment returns on securities lending.

### 3.6.2 Revaluation of investments

Amounts x € 1,000	2025	2024
Realised gains equities	3,651	5,452
Unrealised gains equities	8,927	10,012
Realised losses equities	-1,801	-4,740
Unrealised losses equities	-3,967	-5,692
Unrealised gains equity futures	5	-
Realised losses equity futures	-5	-
<b>Total revaluation of investments</b>	<b>6,810</b>	<b>5,032</b>
Realised revaluation of investments	1,845	712
Unrealised revaluation of investments	4,965	4,320
<b>Total revaluation of investments</b>	<b>6,810</b>	<b>5,032</b>

### 3.6.3 Other results

#### Currency exchange rate differences

Currency exchange rate differences is the amount resulting from foreign currency translation on other balance sheet items.

#### Interest other

Interest other relates to the interest earned on cash and cash equivalents during the reporting period.

**Subscription and redemption fee**

Subscription and redemption fee relates to the fees charged to participants for the subscription or redemption of participations in a Fund. This fee is calculated as a percentage-based entry or exit fee on the net asset value per participation to protect existing participants of the Fund and is beneficiary to the Fund.

Amounts x € 1,000	2025	2024
Subscription and redemption fee	15	15

The applicable subscription and redemption fees during the reporting period are included in the schedule below.

Subscription and redemption fee	Percentage	Applicable from	Valid through
Subscription fee	0.19%	1 January 2025	5 March 2025
	0.21%	5 March 2025	16 June 2025
	0.17%	16 June 2025	4 September 2025
	0.20%	4 September 2025	9 December 2025
	0.19%	9 December 2025	31 December 2025
Redemption fee	0.25%	1 January 2025	5 March 2025
	0.27%	5 March 2025	16 June 2025
	0.24%	16 June 2025	4 September 2025
	0.28%	4 September 2025	9 December 2025
	0.23%	9 December 2025	31 December 2025

**Change in provision for tax reclaims**

The amount relates to the change in the provision for a possible tax assessment for capital gains tax.

**3.6.4 Operating expenses****Operating costs**

The operating costs consist of the all-in fee and other costs. These costs are further explained in the Participation Class Notes, included in this annual report.

**Interest other**

This relates to the interest accrued during the reporting period on payables to credit institutions.

### 3.7 Other general notes

#### 3.7.1 Transaction costs

Amounts x € 1,000	2025	2024
Quantifiable transaction costs charged to the Fund	46	74

This relates to the costs incurred when buying and selling investments. The transaction costs are included in the purchase cost of the acquisitions and the sale proceeds of the disposals and are recognised in the results through changes in the value of investments. Non-quantifiable costs, which may be embedded in transactions involving derivative financial instruments, are not included in the above amounts.

This relates to the costs incurred with buying and selling of equities and futures. Transaction costs are included in the purchase cost of acquisitions and the sale proceeds of disposals, and are recognised in the results through changes in the value of investments. In transactions involving fixed-income securities, costs are generally an inseparable part of the transaction price, making them impossible to identify separately. Non-quantifiable costs, which may be embedded in transactions involving other derivative financial instruments, are not included in the amounts stated above.

#### 3.7.2 Portfolio turnover ratio

	2025	2024
Purchases of investments	14,962	25,181
Sales of investments	17,587	29,789
<b>Total of investment transactions</b>	<b>32,549</b>	<b>54,970</b>
Subscriptions	1,302	309
Redemptions	4,858	5,695
<b>Total of subscriptions and redemption of participations</b>	<b>6,160</b>	<b>6,004</b>
<b>Portfolio turnover</b>	<b>26,389</b>	<b>48,966</b>
Average net asset value of the Fund	44,932	44,113
<b>Portfolio turnover ratio</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>111</b>

The portfolio turnover ratio (PTR) expresses the ratio between the total volume of investment transactions and the average net asset value of the Fund. The ratio aims to indicate the turnover rate of the portfolio of an investment fund and serves as a measure of both the level of active portfolio management and the resulting transaction costs.

In calculating the total volume of investment transactions, the sum of purchases and sales of investments is reduced by the sum of subscriptions and redemptions of participations. All investment categories are included except for deposits. The average net asset value of the Fund is determined as the weighted average of the net assets on a daily basis, based on the number of days the net asset value calculation takes places during the reporting period.

### 3.7.3 Related parties

As part of the investment policy of a Fund, related parties may be engaged to provide services.

Related parties in this context refer to all companies and other business units that are part of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

This includes, among other things, the management of a Fund, the execution of investment transactions, the placement and raising of liquid assets, the taking out of loans, and the execution of securities lending activities. These services are provided under market conditions.

During the reporting period, the following services from affiliated parties were utilised:

- Management fees are charged for the management activities of Participation Class U. For Participation Class u, this management fee is included in the all-in fee. For details on the percentage, please refer to the information per participation class in this annual report.
- Goldman Sachs Bewaerstichting I ('the Depository Trust') is the legal owner of or is legally entitled to the assets of the Fund that are invested by the manager. All assets that are or become part of the Fund are or will be acquired for the purpose of their management by the relevant Depository Trust for the benefit of the participants in the Fund. Obligations that are or become part of the Fund are or will be entered into in the name of the Depository Trust. The assets are held by the Depository Trust for the account of the participants. No fees are charged for this service.

### 3.7.4 Trailer fee, soft dollar arrangements and commission sharing agreements

#### Trailer fee

During the reporting period, no specific agreements regarding trailer fees were in effect, and no amounts were credited to the manager of the Fund in this regard.

#### Soft dollar arrangements

A soft dollar arrangement occurs when a financial service provider supplies products, such as research information, to the asset manager as part of the services related to executing investment transactions. GSAM BV does not use these arrangements. GSAM BV itself covers the costs of the necessary research for the funds it fully manages. This also applies to directly affiliated entities with GSAM BV within Europe. For other affiliated entities within Goldman Sachs Asset Management and third parties involved in managing the funds, they may, under certain circumstances, use soft dollar arrangements. When an affiliated entity or a third party receives such information in their work for our funds, there may not be an underlying contractual agreement.

#### Commission sharing agreements

GSAM BV does not use commission sharing agreements for the Funds that are fully managed by GSAM BV or its directly affiliated entities within Europe. The same applies for other affiliated entities within Goldman Sachs Asset Management and third parties Goldman Sachs Asset Management as described in the paragraph soft dollar arrangements.

### 3.7.5 Appropriation of the result

The net result of Participation Classes U and Z will be added to the net asset value participants of the respective participation classes.

### 3.7.6 Subsequent events

There have been no significant subsequent events after balance sheet date.

## 3.8 Participation Class Notes

### 3.8.1 Statement of changes in net asset value reporting period

The participation class notes relate to the positions at 31 December and the period from 1 January through 31 December, unless stated otherwise.

### 3.8.2 Results

For the reporting period 2025

Amounts x € 1,000	Class U	Class Z	Total
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>			
<b>Investment income</b>			
Dividend	998	-	998
Revaluation of investments	6,809	1	6,810
<b>Other results</b>			
Currency exchange rate differences	72	-	72
Interest other	3	-	3
Subscription and redemption fee	15	-	15
Change in provision for tax reclaims	-472	-	-472
<b>Total operating result</b>	<b>7,425</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7,426</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Operating costs	135	-	135
Interest other	1	-	1
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>Net result</b>	<b>7,289</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7,290</b>

For the reporting period 2024

Amounts x € 1,000	Class U	Class Z	Total
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>			
<b>Investment income</b>			
Dividend	1,041	-	1,041
Revaluation of investments	5,032	-	5,032
<b>Other results</b>			
Currency exchange rate differences	-92	-	-92
Interest other	4	-	4
Subscription and redemption fee	15	-	15
Change in provision for tax reclaims	-397	-	-397
<b>Total operating result</b>	<b>5,603</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,603</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Operating costs	133	-	133
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133</b>
<b>Net result</b>	<b>5,470</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,470</b>

### 3.8.3 Net asset value

	31-12-2025	31-12-2024	31-12-2023
<b>Participation Class U</b>			
Net asset value (x € 1,000)	47,505	43,772	43,688
Participations outstanding (number)	1,616,607	1,748,075	1,974,659
Net asset value per participation (in €)	29.39	25.04	22.12
<b>Participation Class Z</b>			
Net asset value (x € 1,000)	3	2	2
Participations outstanding (number)	147	147	148
Net asset value per participation (in €)	19.22	16.42	14.54

### 3.8.4 Performance

	2025	2024	2023
<b>Participation Class U</b>			
Net performance Participation Class (%)	17.35	13.18	3.50
Performance of the index (%)	17.76	14.68	6.11
Relative performance (%)	-0.41	-1.50	-2.61
<b>Participation Class Z</b>			
Net performance Participation Class (%)	17.01	12.97	3.43
Performance of the index (%)	17.76	14.68	6.11
Relative performance (%)	-0.75	-1.71	-2.68

### 3.8.5 Operating costs

Operating costs for 2025

Amounts x € 1,000	Class U	Class Z
All-in fee	135	-
<b>Total operating costs</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>-</b>

Operating costs for 2024

Amounts x € 1,000	Class U	Class Z
All-in fee	133	-
<b>Total operating costs</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Fees

Fee percentages for 2025

	Class U	Class Z
All-in fee	0.30%	-

Fee percentages for 2024

	Class U	Class Z
All-in fee	0.30%	-

The all-in fee represents a fixed percentage per year per participation class of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis over the total net asset value at the end of each day.

The all-in fee includes the management fee, as well as regular and/or ongoing costs included in the other costs section below. Where applicable, the all-in fee also includes regular and/or ongoing costs embedded in the value of investment funds and fee sharing.

The other costs include regular and ongoing expenses, and include the following costs: administration, reporting, auditing, supervision, payment processing, publications, participant meetings, legal proceedings (including any class actions), costs related to collateral management activities (regarding the management of collateral), as well as external advisors and service providers such as the Transfer Agent, to the extent that these costs have been incurred.

#### Audit fees

Depending on the fee structure of each participation class, the audit fees are included in the all-in fee, fixed service fee or other costs. The audit fees for the Fund for 2025 amount to 12 (2024: 12) for the audit of the financial statements and 7 (2024: 4) for other assurance engagements. There are no fees related to advisory or other non-assurance services.

#### Cost comparison

According to RJ 615.405, a comparative overview of normative costs and actual costs must be included. Normative costs are those incurred according to the prospectus, categorised by type. Since the all-in fee are, when applicable, calculated as a percentage of the total net asset value of the participation class, the prospectus does not specify an absolute level for these costs. The percentage used during the reporting period is the same as the percentage stated in the prospectus. Other costs charged to a participation class are relatively small and not quantified in the prospectus. For these reasons, a comparative overview of the cost level with that specified in the prospectus is not included in this annual report.

**Ongoing charges figure**

For the 2025 reporting period

	Class U	Class Z
All-in fee	0.30%	-
Other costs	-	-
<b>Total ongoing charges figure</b>	<b>0.30%</b>	<b>-</b>

For the 2024 reporting period

	Class U	Class Z
All-in fee	0.30%	-
Other costs	-	-
<b>Total ongoing charges figure</b>	<b>0.30%</b>	<b>-</b>

The Ongoing charges figure is a cost ratio that shows the costs incurred by the participation class during the reporting period as a percentage of the average net asset value of the participation class. The Ongoing charges included in the above tables are annualised percentages.

The participation classes of the Fund may invest directly or indirectly in other investment funds. The costs associated with these investment funds are included in the overall cost calculation of each participation class. For participation classes with an all-in fee, these costs are included in the all-in fee.

The component 'Other costs' includes other costs as outlined in the 'Expenses' section. Additionally, it includes costs that are embedded in the value of investment funds in which the Fund has participated during the reporting period. The ongoing charges embedded in the value of investment funds for during the reporting period for Participation Class U 0.00% (2024: 0.00%).

In calculating the Ongoing charges figure, costs associated with executing investment transactions are not included as part of the costs but are included in the investment purchases and sales amounts. Subscription and redemption fees are also excluded from the calculation of the Ongoing charges figure.

The average net asset value is determined as the weighted average of the net asset value on a daily basis, based on the number of days on which the net asset value is calculated during the reporting period.

The Hague, 22 April 2026

**Goldman Sachs Asset Management B.V.**

## **4. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **4.1 Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR)**

The periodic disclosure for financial products under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation is included in the appendix to this annual report.

### **4.2 Management interest**

At 31 December 2025 and 1 January 2025, the Board members of GSAM BV had no personal interest in (an investment of) the Fund.

### **4.3 Independent auditor's report**

The report of the independent auditor is included on the next page.



# Independent auditor's report

To: the management board of the Manager of Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL)

## Report on the audit of the financial statements 2025

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### Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL) ('the Fund') give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 December 2025, and of its result for the year then ended in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

### What we have audited

We have audited the accompanying financial statements 2025 of Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL), The Hague.

The financial statements comprise:

- the balance sheet as at 31 December 2025;
- the profit and loss statement for the period 1 January through 31 December 2025; and
- the notes, comprising a summary of the accounting policies applied and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework applied in the preparation of the financial statements is Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

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### The basis for our opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standards on Auditing. We have further described our responsibilities under those standards in the section 'Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' of our report.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Independence**

We are independent of Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL) in accordance with the 'Wet toezicht accountantsorganisaties' (Wta, Audit firms supervision act), the 'Verordening inzake de onafhankelijkheid van accountants bij assuranceopdrachten' (ViO, Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, a regulation with respect to independence) and other relevant independence regulations in the Netherlands. Furthermore, we have complied with the 'Verordening gedrags- en beroepsregels accountants' (VGBA, Dutch Code of Ethics).

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### **Information in support of our opinion**

We designed our audit procedures with respect to fraud and going concern, and the matters resulting from that, in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon. Therefore, we do not provide separate opinions or conclusions on information in support of our opinion, such as our findings and observations related to the audit approach to address fraud risk and going concern.

### **Audit approach fraud risks**

We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatements in the financial statements due to fraud. During our audit, we obtained an understanding of Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL) and its environment and the components of the internal control system. This included Goldman Sachs Asset Management B.V.'s ('the Manager') risk assessment process, the Manager's process for responding to the risks of fraud and the Manager's monitoring of the internal control system. We refer to section 'Principal risks and uncertainties' of the management board report for the fraud risk assessment of the Manager.

We evaluated the design and implementation of relevant aspects of the internal control system with respect to the risks of material misstatements due to fraud and in particular the fraud risk assessment, as well as the code of conduct and whistleblower procedures. We evaluated the design and the implementation and, where considered appropriate, tested the operating effectiveness of internal controls designed to mitigate fraud risks.

We asked members of the management board of the Manager as well as other officers of the Manager, including the senior officers of the legal affairs and compliance department whether they were aware of any actual or suspected fraud. This did not result in signals of actual or suspected fraud that may lead to a material misstatement. In addition, we conducted interviews with other employees (or other officers) to gain insight into the Manager's fraud risk assessment and the processes for identifying and reporting fraud risks and the internal controls the Manager has put in place to mitigate those risks.

As part of our process of identifying fraud risks, we evaluated fraud risk factors with respect to financial reporting fraud, misappropriation of assets, bribery and corruption. We evaluated whether these factors indicate that a risk of material misstatement due to fraud is present.

The management override of controls and the risk of fraud in revenue recognition are perceived risks of fraud. The Manager is inherently in a unique position to commit fraud, due to the ability to manipulate accounting data and prepare fraudulent financial statements by overriding controls that otherwise appear to be operating effectively.

We addressed this risk by evaluating whether there were indications of bias in the Manager's estimates, which could pose a risk of material misstatement due to fraud. With respect to the investments of the Fund that are measured at fair value, we determined on the basis of external (market) information that the valuation as reported by the Manager falls within the range that we consider acceptable. We determined that there are no indications of bias in the estimates made by the Manager.

The audit procedures included, among other things, the evaluation of the design and implementation of internal controls intended to mitigate the risk of management override of controls. We obtained amongst others audit evidence regarding the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of internal controls at both the Manager and the fund administrator by reviewing the ISAE type II report of the Manager and the SOC1 report of the fund administrator. We furthermore selected journal entries based on risk criteria, as well as other journal entries and adjustments made at the end of the reporting period and conducted specific procedures for these entries. These procedures include procedures such as validation of these entries with support obtained during our audit or with source documentation. We did not identify any significant transactions outside the normal course of business. Our audit procedures did not lead to specific indications of fraud or suspicions of fraud with respect to management override of controls.

The risk of fraud in revenue recognition is assessed by considering factors such as complexity, systematic nature, estimation uncertainty, and susceptibility to management bias. We did not identify any revenue associated with these risk factors for our audit.

We also incorporated an element of unpredictability in our audit. Furthermore, we reviewed correspondence with regulators. During the audit, we remained alert to indications of fraud. Additionally, we considered the outcome of our other audit procedures and evaluated whether any findings were indicative of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations. If this was the case, we have re-evaluated our evaluation of the risk of fraud and its implications for our audit work.

### **Audit approach going concern**

As disclosed in section 'Continuity Management' in the notes to the financial statements the Manager performed their assessment of the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for at least 12 months from the date of preparation of the financial statements and has not identified events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern (hereafter: going-concern risks).

Our procedures to evaluate the Manager's going-concern assessment included, amongst others:

- considering whether the Manager's going-concern assessment included all relevant information of which we were aware as a result of our audit. We obtained support and performed inquiry with the management board of the Manager regarding the most important assumptions and inputs underlying its going-concern assessment;
- assessed the redemptions of participations after the end of the financial year and assessed whether these may give rise to going-concern risks;
- reviewed the prospectus, which outlines the option for the Manager to temporarily suspend or limit requests for the redemption of participations in exceptional cases and;
- performing inquiries with the management board and other officers of the Manager as to its knowledge of going-concern risks beyond the period of the Manager's assessment.

Our procedures did not result in outcomes contrary to the Manager's assumptions and judgements used in the application of the going-concern assumption.

## **Report on the other information included in the annual report**

The annual report contains other information. This includes all information in the annual report in addition to the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Based on the procedures performed as set out below, we conclude that the other information:

- is consistent with the financial statements and does not contain material misstatements; and
- contains all the information regarding the management board report and the other information that is required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

We have read the other information. Based on our knowledge and the understanding obtained in our audit of the financial statements or otherwise, we have considered whether the other information contains material misstatements.

By performing our procedures, we comply with the requirements of Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and the Dutch Standard 720. The scope of such procedures was substantially less than the scope of those procedures performed in our audit of the financial statements.

The management board of the Manager is responsible for the preparation of the other information, including the management board report and the other information in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

## **Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit**

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### **Responsibilities of the management board of the Manager**

The management board of the Manager is responsible for:

- the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code; and for

- such internal control as the management board of the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the management board of the Manager is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. Based on the financial reporting framework mentioned, the management board of the Manager should prepare the financial statements using the going-concern basis of accounting unless the management board of the Manager either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so. The management board of the Manager should disclose in the financial statements any event and circumstances that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

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## **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our responsibility is to plan and perform an audit engagement in a manner that allows us to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for our opinion. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high but not absolute level of assurance and is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Dutch Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

Materiality affects the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and the evaluation of the effect of identified misstatements on our opinion.

We have exercised professional judgement and have maintained professional scepticism throughout the audit in accordance with Dutch Standards on Auditing, ethical requirements and independence requirements. Our audit consisted, among other things of the following:

- Identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designing and performing audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or intentional override of internal control.
- Obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.
- Concluding on the appropriateness of the Manager's use of the going-concern basis of accounting, and based on the audit evidence obtained, concluding whether a material uncertainty exists related to events and/or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report and are made in the context of our opinion on the financial statements as a whole. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and evaluating whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the management board of the Manager regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Amsterdam, 22 April 2026

PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants N.V.

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## APPENDIX - PERIODIC SUSTAINABILITY DISCLOSURE FOR FINANCIAL PRODUCTS

The following information has been provided in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 (the “Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation” or “SFDR”.) For portfolios of Goldman Sachs Asset Management (“GSAM”) that promoted environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period, information has been made available via the SFDR regulatory technical standards (RTS) (2022/1288) template.

The following disclosures are presented in alignment to the annual reporting period, unless otherwise stated below or within the periodic disclosure.

All data presented within the periodic disclosures is unaudited and is not subject to assurance provided by the Fund’s auditor or a review by a third party.

For this reference period, the calculations are based on the average figure using periodic snapshots, such that the figures are representative of the reference period for which they relate to. Where portfolios have closed mid-reference period, the calculations have been taken as of the last quarter-end before closure date.

The periodic disclosures refer to a combination of sector and sub-sector classifications using information from both proprietary sources and third-party data providers.

Percentage of assets disclosed in the periodic disclosures may not agree to the schedule of investments in the annual report, primarily due to accrued interests and differences in aggregation methodology of investments.

## Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:**  
Opkomende Markten Fonds (NL)

**Legal entity identifier:**  
549300FC5LTJT24RXA14

### Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective ?	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with an environmental objective: __%</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It made <b>sustainable investments with a social objective: __%</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It <b>promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics</b> and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of 38.64% of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but <b>did not make any sustainable investments</b>

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852 establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



### To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

From 1 January 2025 - 30 November 2025, the Fund promoted environmental and social characteristics during the reporting period. More specifically:

- Limited investments in companies involved in controversial activities.  
During the reporting period, the Fund did not invest in issuers that realised a certain percentage of their revenue from activities related to:
  - Gambling (5%)
  - Adult Entertainment (5%)
  - Controversial Weapons (Any Tie)
  - Controversial Supply of Arms
  - Nuclear Weapons (Any Tie)
  - Thermal Coal (5%)
  - Tobacco (5%)
  - Nuclear Power (5%)
  - Oil Sands (5%)
  - Arctic Oil and Gas Revenue (5%)
  - Shale Energy Revenue (5%)
  - Fur and specialty leather Revenue (5%)

The performance of this characteristic is measured by the following: Percentage of the companies invested in that were directly engaged in, and/or derived significant revenue from excluded activities.

- Invested in sustainable investments  
The Fund invested in a portion of it's investments in companies or projects that contributed to an environmental or social objective based on the product contribution or operational contribution.

The performance of this characteristic is measured in the '*what was the proportion of sustainability related investments*' section of the report.

- Adhered to good governance, respecting human rights and labour rights, protecting the environment and prevention of bribery and corruption.  
The Fund met this characteristic by assessing the extent to which the investee companies act in accordance with relevant legislation and internationally recognised standards, for example: OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Principles for Business and Human Rights and the UN Global Compact.

**Sustainability Indicators** measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

The performance of this characteristic is measured by the following: Percentage of companies invested in material violators of internationally recognized standards, for example: OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and UN Global Compact.

As part of ongoing efforts to optimize businesses and operations of Goldman Sachs Asset Management B.V. and The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Goldman Sachs Asset Management International has been appointed to provide portfolio management services to the Fund.

From 1 December 2025 - 31 December 2025, the Fund promoted environmental and social characteristics during the reporting period. More specifically:

- The Investment Manager has not invested in companies that are, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, directly engaged in, and/or deriving significant revenues from the following activities:

- controversial weapons (including nuclear weapons);
- weapons;
- extraction and/or production of certain fossil fuels (including thermal coal, oil sands, arctic oil and gas, shale oil and gas);
- tobacco;
- power generation (thermal coal);
- gambling;
- adult entertainment;
- palm oil;
- for-profit prisons;
- predatory lending.

The performance of this characteristic is measured by the following: Percentage of the companies invested in that were directly engaged in, and/or derived significant revenue from excluded activities.

- Adhered to good governance, respecting human rights and labour rights, protecting the environment and prevention of bribery and corruption.

The Fund met this characteristic by assessing the extent to which the investee companies act in accordance with relevant legislation and internationally recognised standards, for example: OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Principles for Business and Human Rights and the UN Global Compact.

The performance of this characteristic is measured by the following: Percentage of companies invested in material violators of internationally recognized standards, for example: OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and UN Global Compact.

- Screening carbon footprint

The Fund applied screening regarding the carbon footprint score of investee companies. In line with the ambition of the Fund the carbon footprint score of the Fund was lower than the carbon footprint score of the Benchmark.

The performance of this characteristic is measured by the following: Average weighted carbon footprint score against the Index/Benchmark.

***How did the sustainability indicators perform?***

The Fund used sustainability indicators to measure the attainment of the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund. The performance of the sustainability indicators can be found in the table below (See section "...and compared to previous periods").

Over the reference period, the sustainability indicators have performed in line with the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

***... and compared to previous periods ?***

Sustainability Indicator	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2025	Unit
Percentage of sustainable investment	42.85	N/A	%
Percentage of the companies invested in that were directly engaged in, and/or derived significant revenue from excluded activities  <i>(as outlined above)</i>	0	0	%
Percentage of companies invested in material violators of internationally recognized standards, for example: OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and UN Global Compact	0	0	%
Average weighted carbon footprint score against Index/Benchmark	Fund: 224.11 Benchmark: 718.82	Portfolio: 134.33 Benchmark: 588.97	N/A

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

***What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

The consideration of investments made by the Fund as sustainable investments was determined by reference to the framework, which includes an assessment as to whether the investment contributes to an environmental and/or social objective. Under this framework, an investment is considered to be contributing to an environmental and/or social objective via either a product or operational contribution.

Product contribution considers either i) the proportion of an issuer's revenue dedicated to an environmentally and/or socially sustainable impact category, ii) the alignment of a product to an environmental and/or social Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), iii) best-in-class scoring of an issue(r) as against environmental and/or social opportunities themes defined by an external data provider, or iv) the percentage of taxonomy aligned revenue of the issuer. Due to availability of reliable data, the taxonomy aligned revenue route will only be used as data improves.

Operational contribution takes a thematic approach, looking at the promotion of climate transition (environmental) within the operational framework of the issuer, inclusive growth (social) within the operational framework of the issuer, operational alignment to an environmental or social SDG, or the application of a best-in-class proprietary environmental and social score.

This Fund did not target a specific category of sustainable investments but assessed all investments made pursuant to its overall investment strategy using the Sustainable Investment Framework. Hence, the sustainable investments made by this Fund may contribute to a variety of environmental and/or social objectives of the sustainable investments.

***How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

Issuers that were classified as contributing to a sustainable investment were also required to meet the do no significant harm (DNSH) criteria of the Goldman Sachs Asset Management's Sustainable Investment Framework. Any issuers that do not meet the DNSH test will not qualify as a sustainable investment. A proprietary quantitative or qualitative threshold for significant harm has been set for the mandatory indicators relating to investee companies for adverse impacts on sustainability factors ("PAIs") set out in the regulatory technical standards supplementing SFDR.

Additionally, all issuers with a very severe controversy are considered to be causing significant harm and excluded from qualifying as a sustainable investment.

***How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?***

This Fund considered principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors across environmental and social pillars. The PAIs were taken into account through the application of the DNSH principle outlined above for the determination of sustainable investments as well as qualitatively through the Fund's investment approach.

In regard to the consideration of the PAIs as part of the DNSH assessment of an issuer, as noted above a proprietary quantitative or qualitative threshold for significant harm has been set for the mandatory PAIs relating to investee companies, and is assessed using information from an external data provider. These thresholds for significant harm have been set on a relative or absolute basis against each PAI depending on the Goldman Sachs Asset Management's assessment of the worst performing investments with respect to those PAIs. Where data is not available for a specific PAI a suitable proxy metric has been identified. If both PAI and proxy PAI data (where relevant) is not available and/or applicable to complete the DNSH assessment on an issuer, such issuer is generally excluded from qualifying as a sustainable investment.

***Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:***

The Fund leveraged Goldman Sachs Asset Management's proprietary approach to identifying and evaluating companies which, amongst other factors, are not considered to be aligned with global norms as further described below. Following this assessment, any companies which are considered to be in violation of these global norms (including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights) were excluded from qualifying as a sustainable investment.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

Over the reference period, the Fund considered principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors (PAIs) across the environmental and/or social pillars. PAIs are taken into account qualitatively through the application of the binding ESG criteria outlined in the prospectus. On a non-binding and materiality basis, PAIs are also considered through firm-wide and investment team specific engagement. The PAIs considered by this Fund included:

PAI CATEGORY	PAI
Mandatory Climate PAIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GHG emissions</li> <li>• Carbon footprint</li> <li>• GHG intensity of investee companies</li> <li>• Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector</li> <li>• Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production</li> <li>• Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector</li> <li>• Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas</li> <li>• Emissions to water</li> <li>• Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio</li> </ul>
Mandatory Social PAIs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises</li> <li>• Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises</li> <li>• Unadjusted gender pay gap</li> <li>• Board gender diversity</li> <li>• Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)</li> </ul>



### What were the top investments of this financial product?

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: as at 31 December 2025

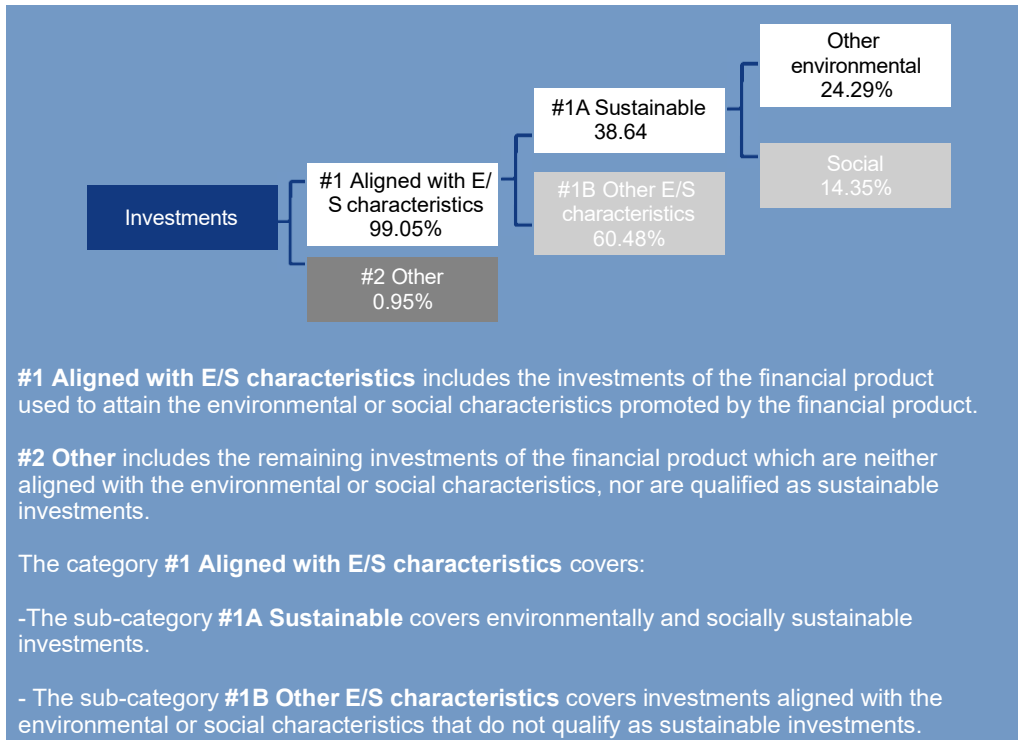
Largest investments	Sector	% of Assets	Country
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.	Manufacturing	9.98%	TW
TENCENT HOLDINGS LIMITED	Information and communication	5.02%	CN
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO., LTD.	Manufacturing	4.61%	KR
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LIMITED	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	3.14%	HK
SK HYNIX INC.	Manufacturing	2.84%	KR
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LIMITED	Manufacturing	1.76%	IN
HDFC BANK LIMITED	Financial and insurance activities	1.24%	IN
CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK CORPORATION	Financial and insurance activities	1.10%	CN
ICICI BANK LIMITED	Financial and insurance activities	0.91%	IN
XIAOMI CORPORATION	Manufacturing	0.89%	HK
PIDILITE INDUSTRIES LIMITED	Manufacturing	0.86%	IN
PDD HOLDINGS INC.	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	0.82%	KY
DELTA ELECTRONICS, INC.	Manufacturing	0.80%	TW
BANK OF CHINA LIMITED	Financial and insurance activities	0.79%	CN
NASPERS LIMITED	Information and communication	0.79%	ZA



**What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?**

**What was the asset allocation?**

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.



**In which economic sectors were the investments made?**

Sector	Sub Sector	% of Assets
Accommodation and food service activities	Accommodation	0.65%
	Food and beverage service activities	0.09%
Administrative and support service activities	Employment activities	0.38%
	Rental and leasing activities	0.50%
	Travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities	0.55%
Cash	Cash	0.45%
	Term	0.01%
Common	EQCORP	0.27%
Construction	Construction of buildings	0.99%
Derivatives	Futures	0.49%
Education	Education	0.40%
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1.16%
Financial and insurance activities	Activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance activities	1.65%
	Financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding	18.77%

Financial and insurance activities	Insurance, reinsurance and pension funding, except compulsory social security	2.58%
Human health and social work activities	Human health activities	0.74%
Information and communication	Computer programming, consultancy and related activities	2.17%
	Information service activities	7.03%
	Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities	0.09%
	Publishing activities	1.18%
	Telecommunications	3.05%
Manufacturing	Manufacture of basic metals	0.24%
	Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	2.88%
	Manufacture of beverages	0.93%
	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	2.48%
	Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	1.76%
	Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	25.18%
	Manufacture of electrical equipment	1.78%
	Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	0.54%
	Manufacture of food products	0.74%
	Manufacture of leather and related products	0.05%
	Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.	1.05%
	Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	0.99%
	Manufacture of paper and paper products	0.38%
	Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	0.16%
	Manufacture of textiles	0.04%
	Manufacture of wearing apparel	0.49%
	Other manufacturing	0.48%
Mining and quarrying	Mining of metal ores	3.26%
	Mining support service activities	0.92%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	Advertising and market research	0.14%
	Scientific research and development	0.53%
Real estate activities	Real estate activities	0.98%
Transporting and storage	Air transport	0.14%
	Land transport and transport via pipelines	0.24%
	Postal and courier activities	0.48%
	Warehousing and support activities for transportation	2.27%

Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	Water collection, treatment and supply	0.21%
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	7.13%
	Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	0.16%
	Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	0.18%



**To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

Whilst this Fund has made sustainable investments, it did not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

**Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- Yes
- In fossil gas  In nuclear energy
- No

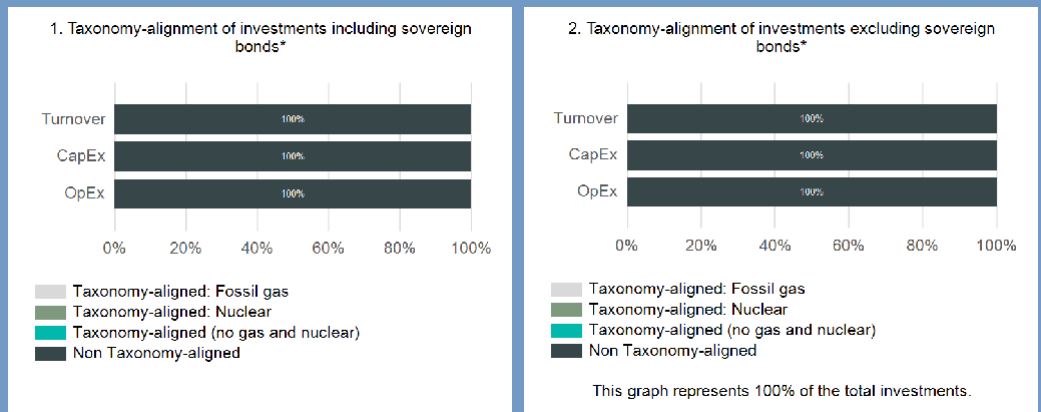
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective. **Transitional activities** are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies.
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

The two graphs below show in blue the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

**What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?**

As the Fund did not commit to any "sustainable investments" within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy, the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy was therefore also 0%.

**How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?**

EU Taxonomy Alignment	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2025
% EU Taxonomy Aligned	N/A	N/A



**What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that were not aligned with the EU Taxonomy was 24.29%.

<sup>1</sup>Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objectives - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852



**What was the share of socially sustainable investments?**

The share of socially sustainable investments was 14.35%.



**What investments were included under “other”, what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

Investments included under 'other' were cash used for liquidity purposes, derivatives for efficient portfolio management/investment purposes and investments in UCITS and UCIs needed to achieve the investment objective of the Fund. These investments were not subject to any minimum environmental or social safeguards.



**What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?**

The Investment Manager has taken actions to ensure that the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Fund were met during the reference period. The sustainability indicators of the Fund were measured and evaluated on an ongoing basis.

GSAM used proprietary firm and third-party systems to monitor compliance with binding environmental or social characteristics of the Fund contained within the investment guidelines in line with the GSAM Investment Guidelines Policy.

Breaches or errors regarding investment guidelines (including breaches or errors regarding the binding environmental or social characteristics and minimum sustainable investment commitments of the Fund) were handled in accordance with the Investment Manager's Policy on Breaches and Errors and the Policy on GSAM Error Handling which also requires that employees promptly report any incidents (whether resulting from action or inaction) to their GSAM supervisors as well as GSAM Compliance. The information gathered in the incident reporting process is to ensure that clients are appropriately compensated, to assist in improving business practices and help prevent further occurrences.

Additionally, the Investment Manager leveraged the Goldman Sachs Asset Management Global Stewardship Team's engagement initiatives in respect of the Fund. The Goldman Sachs Asset Management Global Stewardship Team focuses on proactive, outcomes-based engagement, in an attempt to promote best practices. Engagement initiatives were continually reviewed, enhanced, and monitored to ensure they incorporated current issues, evolving views about key environmental, social, and governance topics and sustainability-related controversies. To guide engagement efforts, the Goldman Sachs Asset Management Global Stewardship Team creates a Stewardship Framework, which reflects the Goldman Sachs Asset Management Global Stewardship Team's thematic priorities and guides voting and engagement efforts.



**How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?**

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial products attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.