

# Sustainability-related disclosures

Product name: **JPMorgan Liquidity Funds - EUR Standard Money Market VNAV Fund**

Legal entity identifier: **5493003UE5TIZ7OI5C71**

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

### Summary

#### No sustainable investment objective

This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics, but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.

While it does not have a sustainable investment objective, the Sub-Fund will have a minimum proportion of 10% of its assets in Sustainable Investments.

#### Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product

The Sub-Fund promotes a broad range of environmental and social characteristics through its inclusion criteria for investments that promote environmental and/or social characteristics. It is required to invest at least 51% of its assets in such securities. It also promotes certain norms and values by excluding particular issuers from the portfolio. Investments are screened to exclude known violators of good governance practices.

Through its inclusion criteria, the Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics which may include effective management of toxic emissions and waste as well as good environmental record. It also promotes social characteristics which may include effective sustainability disclosures, positive scores on labour relations and management of safety issues. In addition, the Sub-Fund incorporates a bespoke set of Employee Engagement and Diversity (EE&D) data inputs into the investment process which considers an issuers gender breakdown, diversity programmes, ethnicity score and equal pay score. The inputs may evolve but will relate directly to EE&D. The Sub-Fund invests at least 51% of EE&D rated assets in issuers scoring above a pre-defined threshold in relation to EE&D inputs.

Through its exclusion criteria, the Sub-Fund promotes certain norms and values such as support for the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights and reducing toxic emissions, by fully excluding issuers that are involved in particular activities such as manufacturing controversial weapons and applying maximum revenue, production or distribution percentage thresholds to others such as those that are involved in thermal coal and tobacco.

#### Investment strategy

The Sub-Funds strategy can be considered in respect of its general investment approach and ESG approach as follows:

Investment approach

- Seeks opportunities across all cash segments.
- Qualifies as a Short-Term LVNAV MMF.

ESG approach: ESG Promote

- Excludes certain sectors, companies or practices based on specific values or norms based criteria.
- At least 51% of assets to be invested in positive ESG issuers / companies and at least 51% of EE&D rated assets invested in good EE&D issuers.
- At least 10% of assets to be invested in Sustainable Investments.
- All issuers / companies follow good governance practices, which is based on portfolio screening to exclude known violators of good governance practices.

#### Proportion of investments

The Sub-Fund plans to allocate at least 51% of assets to issuers with positive environmental and/or social characteristics and a minimum of 51% of EE&D rated assets in good EE&D issuers. The Sub-Fund will also allocate at least 10% of assets to Sustainable Investments. The Sub-Fund does not commit to investing any proportion of assets specifically in issuers exhibiting positive environmental characteristics or specifically in positive social characteristics nor is there any commitment to any specific individual or combination of environmental or social objectives in respect of the Sustainable Investments.

#### Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

Minimum investment threshold and exclusions are monitored through rules in the portfolio guidelines system aiming to ensure that the Sub-Fund complies at all times through its lifecycle.

#### Methodologies

A combination of the Investment Manager's proprietary ESG scoring methodology and/or third party data are used as indicators to measure the attainment of the environmental and/ or social characteristics that the Sub-Fund promotes. The data may be obtained from investee companies themselves and/or supplied by third party service providers. The data may be subject to limitations in respect of its accuracy or completeness but mitigating safeguards are in place.

#### Data sources and processing

The JPMAM Fundamental ESG Score is prioritised where available, otherwise the JPMAM Quantitative ESG Score or a combined score with respect to the JPMAM Fundamental ESG Score and the JPMAM Quantitative ESG Score are used. The data may be obtained from investee companies themselves and/or supplied by third party service providers (including proxy data).

#### Limitations to methodologies and data

While JPMorgan Asset Management seeks data inputs that it believes to be reliable, it cannot guarantee the accuracy or completeness of its proprietary system or third-party data.

Data inputs that are self-reported by issuers or supplied by third-party providers may be based on data sets and assumptions that may be insufficient, of poor quality or contain biased information. The Investment Manager cannot guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such data.

#### **Due diligence**

The Investment Manager uses a disciplined and systematic process to evaluate and identify attractive investment opportunities through the analysis of fundamental, quantitative and technical investment factors. Proprietary research forms the foundation of the Investment Manager's approach to investing with career research analysts dedicated to thoroughly analyzing relevant aspects of an investment, including ESG factors.

#### **Engagement policies**

Active ownership is a key component of the investment process, used not only to understand how companies and issuers consider issues related to ESG, but also to try to influence their behavior and encourage best practices, for the purpose of enhancing returns.

#### **Designated reference benchmark**

The Sub-Fund does not use a designated reference benchmark to meet the environmental or social characteristics it promotes.

### **No sustainable investment objective**

This financial product promotes environmental or social characteristics, but does not have as its objective sustainable investment.

The Sub-Fund does not commit to any Sustainable Investments.

### **Environmental or social characteristics of the financial product**

The Sub-Fund promotes a broad range of environmental and social characteristics through its inclusion criteria for investments that promote environmental and/or social characteristics. It is required to invest at least 51% of its assets in such securities. It also promotes certain norms and values by excluding particular issuers from the portfolio.

Through its inclusion criteria, the Sub-Fund promotes environmental characteristics which may include effective management of toxic emissions and waste as well as good environmental record. It also promotes social characteristics which may include effective sustainability disclosures, positive scores on labour relations and management of safety issues. In addition, the Sub-Fund incorporates a bespoke set of Employee Engagement and Diversity (EE&D) data inputs into the investment process which considers an issuers gender breakdown, diversity programmes, ethnicity score and equal pay score. The inputs may evolve but will relate directly to EE&D. The Sub-Fund invests at least 51% of EE&D rated assets in issuers scoring above a pre-defined threshold in relation to EE&D inputs as explained further in the question below.

Through its exclusion criteria, the Sub-Fund promotes certain norms and values such as support for the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights and reducing toxic emissions, by fully excluding issuers that are involved in particular activities such as manufacturing controversial weapons and applying maximum revenue, production or distribution percentage thresholds to others such as those that are involved in thermal coal and tobacco. Please refer to the exclusions policy for the Sub-Fund on [www.jpmorganassetmanagement.lu](http://www.jpmorganassetmanagement.lu) for further information by searching for your particular Sub-Fund and accessing the ESG Information section.

No benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics.

### **Investment strategy**

The Sub-Fund's strategy can be considered in respect of its general investment approach and ESG approach as follows:

#### **Investment approach**

- Seeks opportunities across all cash segments.
- Qualifies as a Standard VNAV MMF.

#### **ESG approach: ESG Promote**

- Excludes certain sectors, companies / issuers or practices based on specific values or norms based criteria.
- At least 51% of assets to be invested in positive ESG issuers / companies and at least 51% of EE&D rated assets invested in good EE&D issuers.
- At least 10% of assets to be invested in Sustainable Investments.
- All issuers / companies follow good governance practices, which is based on portfolio screening to exclude known violators of good governance practices.

The binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics are:

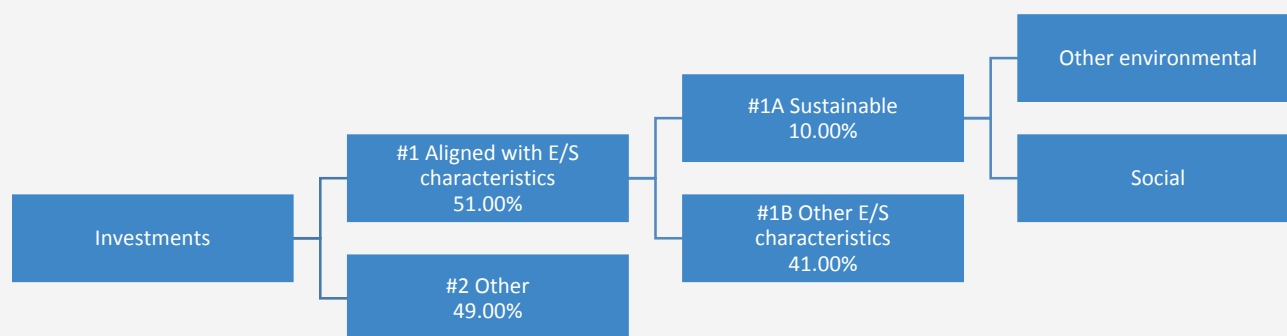
- The requirement to invest at least 51% of assets in issuers with positive environmental and/or social characteristics and 51% of EE&D rated assets in good EE&D issuers.
- The values and norms based screening to implement full exclusions in relation to issuers that are involved in certain activities such as manufacturing controversial weapons and applying maximum revenue, production or distribution percentage thresholds to others such as those that are involved in thermal coal and tobacco. Please refer to the exclusions policy for the Sub-Fund on [www.jpmorganassetmanagement.lu](http://www.jpmorganassetmanagement.lu) for further information by searching for your particular Sub-Fund and accessing the ESG Information section.
- The requirement for all issuers in the portfolio to follow good governance practices.

The Sub-Fund also commits to investing at least 10% of assets in Sustainable Investments.

### **Proportion of investments**

The Sub-Fund plans to allocate at least 51% of assets to issuers with positive environmental and/or social characteristics and a minimum of 51% of EE&D rated assets in good EE&D issuers. The Sub-Fund will also allocate at least 10% of assets to Sustainable Investments. The Sub-Fund does not commit to investing any proportion of assets specifically in issuers exhibiting positive environmental characteristics or specifically in positive social characteristics nor is there any commitment to any specific individual or combination of environmental or social objectives in respect of the Sustainable Investments. Therefore, there are no specific minimum allocations to environmental or social objectives referred to in the diagram below.

The Sub-Fund does not use derivatives as part of its investment policy and accordingly, does not use them to attain the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

## Monitoring of environmental or social characteristics

The minimum investment threshold of 51% in issuers with positive environmental and / or social characteristics and the exclusions are monitored through rules in the portfolio guidelines system aiming to ensure that the Sub-Fund complies at all times through its lifecycle. The controls are automated in internal systems. The relevant rules are coded as part of pre & post-trade monitoring and monitored daily in accordance with the net asset value frequency. This tracks portfolio exposure to avoid purchasing excluded securities and to ensure that the minimum required level of 51% in issuers with positive environmental and / or social characteristics is complied with.

Any breaches of the rules are treated on a case by case basis and depending on the nature / severity of the breach are escalated within the Management Company for review and validation including the analysis and supporting documentation evidencing the breach as required.

## Methodologies

A combination of the Investment Manager's proprietary ESG scoring methodology and/or third party data are used as indicators to measure the attainment of the environmental and/ or social characteristics that the Sub-Fund promotes.

To be included in the 51% of assets promoting environmental and/or social characteristics, an issuer must score in the top 80% relative to the investment universe on either its environmental score or social score and follow good governance practices, which is based on portfolio screening to exclude known violators of good governance practices.

To be included in the 51% of good EE&D assets, an issuer must have an EE&D rating applied by the Investment Manager based on the relevant inputs and score in the top 80% relative to the universe of such rated assets.

To promote certain norms and values, the Investment Manager utilizes data to measure a issuers participation in activities potentially contrary to the Sub-Fund's exclusion policy as referenced in the answer to the question directly above such as issuers manufacturing controversial weapons. The data may be obtained from investee issuers themselves and/or supplied by third party service providers (including proxy data). Data inputs that are self-reported by issuers or supplied by third-party providers may be based on data sets and assumptions that may be insufficient, of poor quality or contain biased information. Third party data providers are subject to rigorous vendor selection criteria which may include analysis on data sources, coverage, timeliness, reliability and overall quality of the information, however, the Investment Manager cannot guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such data.

Screening on that data results in full exclusions on certain potential investments and partial exclusions based on maximum percentage thresholds on revenue, production or distribution on others. A subset of the "Adverse Sustainability Indicators" as set out in the EU SFDR Regulatory Technical Standards is also incorporated in the screening and the relevant metrics are used to identify and screen out identified violators.

## Data sources and processing

(a) the data sources used to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product;

Inclusion Criteria

In relation to the minimum of 51% of its assets in issuers with positive environmental and / or social characteristics, a combination of the Investment Manager's proprietary ESG scoring methodology and/or third party data are used.

In respect of the proprietary methodology, the JPMAM Quantitative ESG Score may be used which draws on third-party ESG analysis from specialist data providers and sell-side brokers and the third party data used are MSCI ESG scores.

The Investment Manager may also consider a JPMAM Fundamental ESG Score based on an ESG Checklist. As well as conducting their own proprietary research and directly communicating with issuers, they draw on data from company and industry sources which may include company regulatory filings, annual reports, company websites, media, data from third party providers, sell-side investment research, reports from industry groups.

## Exclusion Criteria

To promote certain norms and values, the Investment Manager utilises data to measure an issuers participation in activities potentially contrary to the Sub-Fund's exclusion policy, such as issuers manufacturing controversial weapons. The data may be obtained from investee issuers themselves and/or supplied by third party service providers (including proxy data).

(b) the measures taken to ensure data quality;

The proprietary score is subject to oversight and peer review is transparent to all relevant investment team members through J.P. Morgan SpectrumTM, J.P. Morgan Asset Management's common technology platform.

The ESG Checklist from which the JPMAM Fundamental ESG Score is derived is produced by the relevant analyst, reviewed by the Directors of Research, and the output may be subject to challenge by the investment teams.

Third party data providers are subject to rigorous vendor selection criteria. Each service provider is considered carefully before the decision is taken to onboard them. When selecting and onboarding any new provider, several teams are involved in conduct an in-depth evaluation of its capabilities, resourcing, costs and controls.

Where the Investment Manager considers data from investee issuers or third-party ESG data providers to be outdated or factually incorrect, they may work closely with the data provider to improve the data accuracy and timeliness.

(c) how data are processed;

The data are processed on J.P. Morgan SpectrumTM which is J.P. Morgan Asset Management's common technology platform. The platform standardizes and enhances research, portfolio construction and risk management capabilities, including proprietary scores. SpectrumTM is a single centralized source for all critical data sets, which helps provide consistency of portfolio information throughout the full lifecycle.

(d) the proportion of data that are estimated.

The proportion of data that is estimated will vary depending on such factors as company level disclosures. For example, Scope 1 & 2 green house gas emissions are widely reported by companies, while Scope 3 data, where available, is often estimated.

## Limitations to methodologies and data

(a) Limitations to methodologies and data sources

While covering a diverse range of environmental, social and governance factors, the scoring is used to identify the most financially material ESG risks and opportunities, and so may not be exhaustive.

Data inputs that are self-reported by issuers or supplied by third-party providers may be based on data sets and assumptions that may be insufficient, of poor quality or contain biased information. The Investment Manager cannot guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such data.

With respect to third party data, the criteria and rating systems used by third-party providers can differ significantly. Since there is no standard ESG scoring system, the methodology and conclusions reached by third-party providers may differ significantly from those that would be reached by other third-party providers or the Investment Manager.

While JPMorgan Asset Management seeks data inputs that it believes to be reliable, it cannot guarantee the accuracy or completeness of its proprietary system or third-party data.

(b) how such limitations do not affect how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are met

These limitations do not affect how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are met as they are mitigated with the aim of ensuring the integrity and appropriateness of the data used. Third party data providers are subject to rigorous vendor selection criteria which may include analysis on data sources, coverage, timeliness, reliability and overall quality of the information.

A process is in place to ensure the optimal use of data for the required purposes and new providers may be considered to determine if they would add benefit beyond the existing providers.

## Due diligence

The Investment Manager uses a disciplined and systematic process to evaluate and identify attractive investment opportunities through the analysis of fundamental, quantitative and technical investment factors. Proprietary research forms the foundation of the Investment Manager's approach to investing with career research analysts dedicated to thoroughly analyzing relevant aspects of an investment, including ESG factors.

As part of this in-depth fundamental research, credit analysts assess the impact of various attributes including ESG risks and opportunities on issuers' current and future cash flows. The Investment Manager's proprietary research process incorporates inputs such as company regulatory filings, annual reports, company websites, direct communication with companies and government issuers, media, third-party research and proprietary J.P. Morgan Asset Management research. Other inputs include sell-side investment research and reports from industry groups.

## Engagement policies

Active ownership is a key component of the investment process, used not only to understand how companies and issuers consider issues related to ESG but also to try to influence their behavior and encourage best practices, for the purpose of enhancing returns. As bondholders, we do not typically carry voting rights. However, as providers of financing, we have the ability to advocate for and influence positive change by actively engaging on a wide range of ESG issues with a variety of market participants.

Frequent collaborative meetings with company management teams or governmental issuer representatives help illuminate ESG risks and opportunities identified as material and relevant in an effort to positively influence issuers to adopt best practices. This information informs the overall ESG analysis. The results of our ESG engagement are reflected in the research reports produced by analysts, and feed back into the overall view of an issuer. Portfolio managers work with research analysts to understand how engagement opportunities are impacting the overall view of a credit.

Below are a few key ways we engage with management teams and other stakeholders:

- Have board representation on industry bodies, where we encourage closer cooperation among issuers on key ESG initiatives.

- Work with rating agencies to promote better corporate behavior in certain sectors and encourage cooperation between legislators, issuers and other industry bodies.
- As previously stated, ESG integration is dependent on the availability of sufficient ESG information on investee issuers. Recognizing the existing limitations around ESG data quality and availability, we collaborate with data providers to encourage them to improve the overall coverage of the fixed-income universe with timely and accurate data.

The Investment Manager monitors controversies in respect of underlying companies / issuers, and in particular, United Nations Global Compact breaches. There are processes to assess the severity of these issues and consider whether engagement would be an effective approach by which to elicit a positive response from the company / issuer.

For further details on our engagement processes, please see our Annual Investment Stewardship Report.

### **Designated reference benchmark**

The Sub-Fund does not use a designated reference benchmark to meet the environmental or social characteristics promoted.

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