

PRESS RELEASE

BNP Paribas Asset Management launches medical technology and green hydrogen ETFs

BNP Paribas Asset Management ('BNPP AM') announces the launch of thematic index funds focused on medical technology ('med tech') and the sustainable green hydrogen economy, both of which integrate an ESG¹ approach. Listed since 17 March 2022 on Euronext Paris and the Deutsche Börse Xetra, these new funds broaden BNPP AM's range of thematic ESG ETFs², including low carbon, circular economy, blue economy, green real estate and sustainable infrastructure.

- **BNP Paribas Easy ECPI Global ESG Med Tech** replicates the ECPI Global ESG Medical Tech Index, which selects the 50 most active global stocks within sustainable medical technology, including biotechnology, life sciences tools & services, equipment, supplies and healthcare technology.
- **BNP Paribas Easy ECPI Global ESG Hydrogen Economy** replicates the ECPI Global ESG Hydrogen Economy index designed to offer investors exposure to the 40 most active companies in the sustainable green hydrogen economy.

Denis Panel, Head of Multi-Asset, Quantitative & Solutions ('MAQS') at BNPP AM, comments:

"The healthcare and green hydrogen sectors are enjoying strong growth and are themes of the future, enabling us to offer relevant long-term investment solutions. These two launches expand our range of index funds and demonstrate our desire to be a key provider of thematic ESG ETFs."

BNP Paribas Easy ECPI Global ESG Med Tech

Over the past decade, the healthcare sector has undergone major developments, driven by multiple technological advances in computer science, robotics and biotechnology, as well as structural factors such as population aging. The **ECPI Global ESG Medical Tech Index** is an equally-weighted index designed to offer investors exposure to the most active listed companies in global developed markets within sustainable medical technology. The investment universe also incorporates ESG filters and sector exclusions³. The 50 index constituents are selected from four sectors:

- **Biotechnology:** companies active in genomic science and genetic medicine/therapy.
- **Life Sciences Tools & Services:** companies involved in the research, development and production of innovative drugs.
- **Healthcare Equipment & Suppliers:** companies involved in areas such as manufacturing healthcare equipment and hospital supplies, or designing drug delivery systems.
- **Healthcare Technology:** companies active in areas such as telemedicine and digital health, connected healthcare devices or robotics.

BNP Paribas Easy ECPI Global ESG Hydrogen Economy

The European Union attributes a key role to hydrogen in its transition efforts, known as the 'Green Deal', aimed at achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. Hydrogen, one of the world's most abundant elements, offers a sustainable alternative to fossil fuels and represents a huge investment potential, with the market expected to reach or exceed USD 150 billion by 2030⁴. The **ECPI Global ESG Hydrogen Economy Index** consists of 40

¹ Environmental, Social & Governance

² Exchange Traded Funds

³ Exclusions relate to the arms, tobacco, thermal coal and unconventional oil & gas sectors

⁴ Source: Hydrogen Council



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companies selected on the basis of their ESG criteria and their efforts to reduce their exposure to coal and unconventional fossil fuels, within two sectors:

- **Hydrogen:** companies significantly involved in the supply of solutions based on green hydrogen, including production, supply or storage.
- **Clean energy:** companies significantly involved in the production of electricity from renewable energy used in sustainable hydrogen production plants.

Key fund characteristics as at 17 March 2022

Fund name	BNP Paribas Easy ECPI Global ESG Med Tech UCITS ETF
ISIN code	LU2365457253
Replication method	Physical
Dividend policy	Capitalisation
Currency	EUR
OCF ^(a)	0.35% at 09/30/2021
SFDR category ^(b)	8
AMF category ^(c)	1
SRRI ^(d)	6

Fund name	BNP Paribas Easy ECPI Global ESG Hydrogen Economy UCITS ETF
ISIN code	LU2365457840
Replication method	Physical
Currency	EUR
OCF ^(a)	0.35% at 09/30/2021
SFDR category ^(b)	9
SRRI ^(c)	6
AMF category ^(d)	1

Don't take unnecessary risks. Read the Key Investor Information Document (KIID). It states that the risk of this product is high, namely 6 on a scale of 7.

(a) Ongoing charge (on an annual basis).

(b) Following the new Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) that came into force on March 10th 2021, BNP Paribas Easy ECPI Global ESG Med Tech UCITS ETF is categorised under Article 8 and BNP Paribas Easy ECPI Global ESG Hydrogen Economy UCITS ETF is categorised under Article 9.

Under this new regulation, financial entities such as BNP Paribas Asset Management who sell products into the EU are required to classify the products they manufacture or advise into three categories: Products with sustainable investment objective (Article 9), Products promoting environmental or social characteristics (Article 8), Non-sustainable products (Article 6).

(c) Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator is determined on a scale of 1 to 7 (7 being the highest level of risk). It is calculated on a periodic basis and may therefore change over time. Regular consultation of the Fund's KIID/DICI is recommended.

(d) Category 1 of the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (French financial market regulator) Doctrine – management approach based on significant ESG commitment.

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About BNP Paribas Asset Management

BNP Paribas Asset Management ('BNPP AM') is the investment arm of BNP Paribas, a leading banking group in Europe with international reach. BNPP AM aims to generate long-term sustainable investment returns for its clients, based on a unique sustainability-driven philosophy. BNPP AM's investment capabilities are focused around five key strategies: High Conviction Strategies, Private Debt & Real Assets, Multi-Asset, Quantitative & Solutions (MAQS), Emerging Markets and Liquidity Solutions, with investment processes incorporating quantitative and fundamental analysis.

Sustainability is embedded within BNPP AM's strategy and investment decision-making. Among the leaders in thematic investment in Europe, BNPP AM contributes to the energy transition, environmental sustainability and the promotion of equality and inclusive growth. BNPP AM currently manages EUR 537 billion of assets (EUR 669 billion of assets under management & advisory) and benefits from the expertise of around 500 investment professionals and over 400 client servicing specialists, serving individual, corporate and institutional clients in 69 countries.

Source: BNPP AM, as at 31 December 2021

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