

# ESG FUND SERVICES

As the demand for investments with strong environmental, social and governance ("ESG") and impact investing credentials continues to evolve, with investors favouring sustainable funds and regulators introducing new reporting requirements, there has never been a greater need for solutions that enable managers to launch, certify and report on ESG funds effectively and efficiently.

Our fully integrated ESG fund services offering affords clients access to market-leading ESG fund administration, management company, data and reporting solutions, as well as expertise and insight from a team of lawyers at the forefront of ESG policies and frameworks across the funds industry. We draw on our multi-jurisdictional capabilities and exposure to global ESG trends and sustainable finance developments to help our fund manager and institutional investor clients meet their ESG objectives.



# ESG ADVISORY SERVICES

Our global ESG Advisory Group is a dedicated multi-disciplinary team of ESG and sustainable finance experts drawn from our global Banking and Finance, Corporate, Funds & Investment Management, Dispute Resolution & Insolvency, Projects & Construction, Property, Tax and Regulatory teams.

Our multi-jurisdictional capabilities ensure that we have exposure to global ESG trends and sustainable finance developments. It also enables us to draw on the experiences and expertise of the entire Maples Group, to develop a uniform and consistent approach to ESG initiatives for our global clients.

Our ESG Advisory Group collaborates with leading international clients and institutional investors to achieve their ESG objectives at both an investment and operational level.

#### Our services include:

- **Sustainable Finance:** acting for lenders, borrowers and investors on a wide range of lending transactions including green and sustainability-linked loans;
- **EU Sustainable Funds and Taxonomy:** end-to-end Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR") and the Taxonomy Regulation compliance solutions for asset managers and institutional investors operating within the European Union;
- **Greenwashing Litigation and Advisory:** providing legal advice on managing and mitigating against greenwashing risk and regulatory sanction; and
- **Corporate ESG and Good Governance:** advising shareholders and companies on ESG-related matters, across the entire range of corporate and shareholder transactions.

# ESG DATA SOLUTIONS

Whether used by funds to inform investment strategies, monitor decisions, report to investors or meet regulatory requirements, data is at the heart of ESG. To complement our full suite of custom reporting solutions, we have implemented a leading ESG data and reporting system from Trucost, part of S&P Global. This combination of proprietary and best-of-breed systems enables us to deliver tailored solutions that provide comprehensive company analytics and in-depth reporting to create transparency for stakeholders and help manage risk.

### Portfolio Analysis

**Report Type:** ESG Analytics **Portfolio:** Clean Energy Fund

Currency: Euro Benchmark:

**As of Date:** 04/05/2022

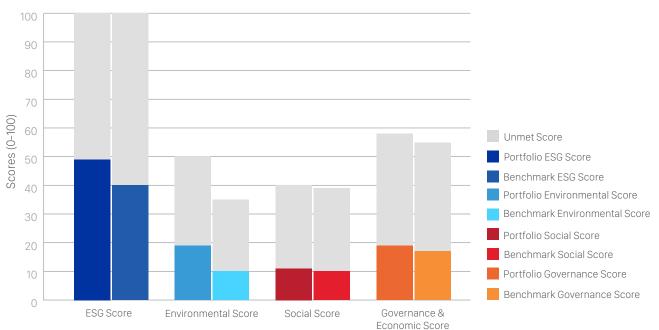
# Our solutions include:

- ESG reporting for listed investments;
- Broad capability for ESG reporting for private investments;
- Extensive solutions for upcoming European regulatory reporting requirements under the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR"); and
- Additional solutions for reporting for the Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures ("TCFD").

# **ESG Scoring Summary**

NAME	NUMBERS OF HOLDINGS	VALUE OF HOLDINGS (EUR M)	VALUE OF HOLDINGS COVERED (EUR M)	ESG SCORE	RELATIVE PERFORMANCE
Clean Energy Fund	20	155.39	154.37	48	40

#### **ESG Scores Breakdown**



# EUROPEAN ESG FUND PLATFORM

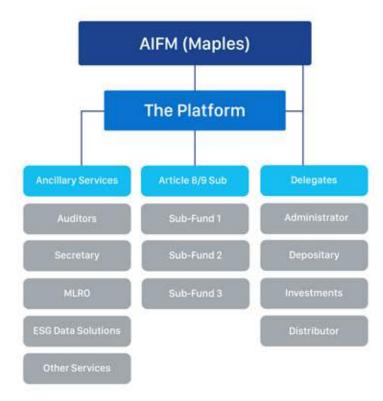
The Maples Group Sustainability Platform ICAV ("the Platform") is an Irish Collective Asset Management Vehicle. It is an umbrella fund, specifically structured to host ESG and sustainability-focused funds and shall be regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland as a Qualifying Investor Alternative Investment Fund.

The Platform offers a turnkey solution for clients looking to launch a segregated SFDR compliant Article 8 or Article 9 sub-fund, allowing them to take advantage of the high demand for ESG focused funds in Europe. EU and non-EU clients looking for a flexible solution for SFDR compliance and European distribution can take advantage of an established fund platform with regulatory approval and legal agreements already in place. Included with the Platform, clients receive access to the industry-leading ESG practice and service providers for ESG advisory, fund management, fund distribution and operations including ESG data solutions and certification support. This provides funds with unique access to comprehensive ESG solutions that assist in marketing to EU investors and remaining compliant with EU regulations.

The platform is managed and promoted by Maples Fund Management Ireland Limited, the Maples Group's Central Bank of Irelandauthorised alternative investment fund manager (AIFM).

As the alternative investment fund manager, we oversee ESG leading practices and adherence to investor and regulatory requirements. It can provide clients with SFDR categorisation and ESG certifications for the underlying sub-funds on the Platform allowing investment managers to execute their own SFDR-compliant investment strategy.

In addition, the Maples Group has the expertise and services to offer additional legal structures to an ICAV including, trusts, partnerships or contractual funds, and to provide these solutions in either Ireland or Luxembourg.



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