# PRIVIUM FUND MANAGEMENT

# Monthly Update

## Privium Sustainable Impact Fund

February 28, 2021		NA	NAV per share EUR 108.07			AuM EUR 539,3	44,428	Performance 1M: -0.1% (0.1% Y
Return	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Ү	Annualized	S.i.	
PSIF <sup>1</sup>	-0.1%	0.6%	0.1%	-1.6%	9.9%	2.6%	18.2%	
<i>Reference index</i> <sup>2</sup>	0.1%	0.4%	0.2%	1.5%	6.7%	3.3%	23.5%	Don't take any
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This is a combination of the return of the PSAF (until Dec. 31, 2018) and the PSIF (starting Jan. 1, 2019).
PSAF used a benchmark for comparison. PSIF does not use a benchmark. For informational purposes

a reference index has been used starting Jan 1. 2019.

#### **Newsletter PSIF February 2021**

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#### Prices – return

Privium Sustainable Impact Fund (PSIF) returned -0.1% this month. This is lower than the 0.1% return of the reference index. This index is the change in the value of the interbank interest rate with a 2% mark-up. The lower return was due to several larger holdings of renewable energy funds falling in price. The microfinance funds increased in value and the Triodos Microfinance in particular rose sharply.

### Renewable energy funds –price decrease, results and new holding

After a positive start, the value of the sustainable energy funds in the portfolio declined on balance this month. Especially the British Greencoat UK Wind fell sharply by almost 7%. This was due to the sale of new shares at a lower price. PSIF has bought additional shares for  $\notin$  4 million, bringing the total to  $\notin$  38 million. The annual figures published later did not lead to a recovery.

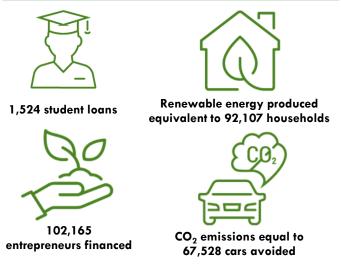
Aquila published a slightly higher net asset value at year-end. With a final dividend payment, the dividend return for 2020 will be over 4%.

The Renewables Infrastructure Group also announced a higher net asset value. The total annual dividend is now more than 5% of the share price. In addition, the fund is steadily expanding the portfolio, this time acquiring a 67MW on-shore wind farm in Sweden for GBP 100 million.

Greencoat Renewables expanded its portfolio with a construction ready 43MW wind farm in Finland. This is the 3rd market after home market Ireland and France. In addition, the fund purchased an existing 90MW Irish wind farm.

A new fund in portfolio is the British SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust (SEEIT). This fund invests in projects that use either clean(er) energy or much less energy than the applications they replace. The projects are located in Europe, the US and some other countries including Singapore. An example is a Spanish project where the waste from the processing of olives into oil is used to generate energy. Another project SEEIT invested in last year was a British fast charging network for electric cars.

#### Impact results 2020\*



These and the other projects provide the fund with a stable income stream. The portfolio now consists of 34 projects with a value of approximately GBP 600 million. PSIF bought more than  $\notin$  7 million shares in SEEIT during the share sale last month. The purchase price was slightly lower than the stock market price.

#### Financial inclusion– update ABN AMRO EM Symbiotics Impact Debt, price increase Triodos Microfinance Fund

The Symbiotics fund has been part of the PSIF portfolio since its inception last year. At the end of February, the assets were invested in 48 microfinance institutions spread over 26 countries and 8 currencies. India has the largest country position for almost 12%, followed by Ecuador and Cambodia.

With a portfolio of U\$ 58 million, the fund reaches more than 14,000 borrowers, 40% of which are from rural areas and 46% women. It is estimated that this involves more than 27,000 jobs. The average loan size provided by the funded institutions is slightly over U\$ 15,000.

One of the other funds, the Triodos Microfinance Fund, had a relatively large price increase of 0.8% this month. One of the reasons for the increase was the revaluation of investments in the share capital of microfinance institutions.

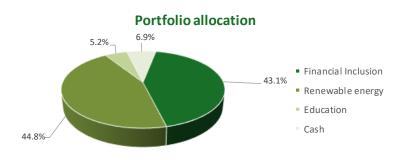
Last month PSIF invested € 5 million in the FMO Privium Impact Fund.

## Impact result – Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation

The Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR), which came into effect in early March, sets a general definition for sustainable investing. All European funds are required report on this. This should provide a clear insight into which sustainable investment styles are applied within a fund. By requiring the financial sector to be more transparent about their sustainable investments, investors can make better informed decisions and it becomes easier to select fund that invest with impact. The SFDR brings welcome insight to sustainable investors at all levels.

For PSIF, the SFDR means a classification "Article 9", which is defined as a fund that aims to make sustainable investments. As PSIFs investment objective is to achieve long term capital growth by making sustainable impact investments, this classification is a perfect fit.

More detail about how PSIF implements its investment objective can be found on the website of the <u>Fund</u>.



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