

Handelsbanken Norge – thematic fund management and sustainability-orientation

The fund rules for Handelsbanken Norge will be changed as of 1 June. You do not need to take any action as a result of this information.

Thematic management and modified fund name

The change results in the fund's application of a thematic investment strategy. As a result, investments will primarily occur in companies associated with long-term investment themes that are carefully selected and analyzed. A theme is a defined investment area that is expected to exceed the growth in the fund's benchmark index over a longer period. A theme can extend across several regions and sectors. Examples of our main themes include demographics, productivity, lifestyles and the environment.

In conjunction with the change, the name of the fund changes to: *Handelsbanken Norge Tema*.

Sustainability-orientation

We are raising the bar, which means that the sustainability requirements after the change will be in line with the majority of the funds in Handelsbanken. The sustainability criteria are stated in the new fund rules.

The oil and gas sectors are significant in the Norwegian stock market. As a result of the change, the fund will have less consistency with the Norwegian equity market since fossil fuels will be excluded from the fund.

International norms and conventions with regard to the environment, social responsibility and corporate governance are taken into consideration within the scope of the investment focus. We exclude companies and funds with holdings within the alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, commercial gambling, weapons and war materials, pornography and fossil fuels sectors. However, investments may arise in business operations that are transitioning from fossil fuels to renewable energy production. We also exclude companies that are considered as contravening international norms and conventions related to the environment, human rights, corruption and working conditions.

The fund occasionally invests in index-based financial instruments, primarily sustainability-oriented instruments, to manage liquidity. In the absence of such instruments, the fund may invest in index derivatives or index products, which include companies that fall outside of the scope of the criteria described above.

Unlaunched share classes will be eliminated from the fund rules

This change does not impact your investments. This information is provided to you due to current disclosure requirements. A fund can have several different share classes. The share classes can differ according to various conditions, such as currency, distribution or accumulation, management fees, minimum initial subscription amounts and/or specific conditions for distribution.

Due to low demand, the following share classes will be eliminated from the fund rules: B9 SEK, B9 EUR, B10 SEK and B10 EUR. The share classes have not been launched and do not have any unit holders.

Additional information

The new fund rules have been approved by the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority and entered into force on 1 June 2021. The fact sheet, Prospectus and fund rules are available at www.handelsbanken.se/funds.

Sincerely,
Handelsbanken Fonder