Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name:

Legal entity identifier:

Global Brands Fund

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Environmental and/or social characteristics

Sustainable **investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The EU Taxonomy is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities.

That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective? Yes X No It will make a minimum of ★ It promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) **characteristics** and while it does not have as sustainable investments with an its objective a sustainable investment, it will environmental objective: % have a minimum proportion of 10 % of in economic activities that sustainable investments qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally Taxonomy sustainable under the EU Taxonomy in economic activities that do with an environmental objective in not qualify as environmentally economic activities that do not qualify as sustainable under the EU environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy Taxonomy with a social objective It will make a minimum of It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not make any sustainable investments sustainable investments with a social objective: %



What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

The Fund promotes the environmental characteristic of climate change mitigation by excluding investments in: (i) companies with any tie to fossil fuels; and (ii) companies in certain other energy intensive sectors. For the avoidance of any doubt, the Fund does not seek to make investments that contribute to climate change mitigation within the meaning of the EU Taxonomy.

In addition, the Fund considers social characteristics by applying binding exclusions on: (i) companies whose core business activity involves weapons or civilian firearms; and (ii) that have any tie to controversial weapons.

In addition, a proportion of the Fund's investments will be classified as sustainable investments through an assessment comprising three tests, which includes evaluating investee companies' (in respect of thi Fund for the purpose of Appendix L each, a "Company", together the "Companies") net a positive alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals ("SDGs").

The Fund has not designated a reference benchmark for the purpose of attaining its environmental or social characteristics.

Further details on the binding exclusions applied by the Fund may be found under section "What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?".

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

1. Environmental characteristics

Compliance with the environmental exclusionary screens is measured based on the exclusionary criteria and the percentage of the Fund's investments which breach the exclusionary screens.

2. Social characteristics

Compliance with the social exclusionary screens is measured based on the exclusionary criteria and the percentage of the Fund's investments which breach the exclusionary screens.

3. Sustainable investment

The Fund commits to invest a proportion of its assets in Companies classified as sustainable investments. The Fund classifies a Company as a sustainable investment using a framework based on three tests:

- good governance: this test seeks to ensure that all Companies are considered by the Investment Adviser to follow good governance practices to be included in the Fund's portfolio;
- do no significant harm ("DNSH"): this test seeks to ensure that Companies classified as sustainable investments do not cause significant harm to any of the mandatory, SFDR-defined principal adverse impact ("PAI") indicators which are relevant to the Company. This test also seeks to ensure that Companies classified as sustainable investments are aligned with the minimum social safeguards including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, including the principles and rights set out in the eight fundamental

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

conventions identified in the Declaration of the International Labour Organisation on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the International Bill of Human Rights; and

iii. positive contribution to environmental or social objective: this test seeks to ensure that Companies classified as sustainable investments are classified based on their net positive alignment with the UN SDGs (which shall primarily be determined using alignment scores obtained from third party data providers).

Compliance with the sustainable investment commitment is measured by the percentage of the Fund's investments which pass all three tests. A minimum of 10% of the Fund's investments are expected to be invested in Companies classified as sustainable investments.

What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The positive contribution to environmental or social objective test applied by the Investment Adviser seeks to ensure that Companies classified as sustainable investments are classified based on their net positive alignment with the UN SDGs (which shall primarily be determined using alignment scores obtained from third party data providers). The UN SDGs include environmental (e.g. Climate Action or Life on Land) and social (e.g. Good Health and Well-Being) objectives. The third party data providers' alignment scores indicate whether companies in the providers' coverage universe have a net positive alignment across the UN SDGs, either through their products and services (e.g. a health care company's essential medical products may be positively aligned with the Good Health and Well-Being SDG), or through business practices such as policies, actions and targets aimed at aligning with one or more of the SDGs (e.g. a company with robust carbon reduction plans may align with the Climate Action SDG by reducing its own emissions, switching to renewable energy or by seeking emission reductions in its value chain by engaging with suppliers and/or through product design). More information on the UN SDGs can be found at: https://www.undp.org/sustainable-development-goals. The Investment Adviser recognises that the UN SDGs were written by Governments for Governments and therefore data that seeks to align corporate actions to the SDGs will not be perfectly representative.

The Investment Adviser classifies a Company as having a positive contribution to an environmental or social objective as simultaneously meeting three criteria assessed using third-party data: 1) having a net positive aggregate alignment score across all the SDGs (i.e. scores measuring positive alignment with individual SDGs have to, in total, be greater than the total of any negative alignment scores in the Investment Adviser's view), 2) having sufficient positive alignment (in the Investment Adviser's view) with at least one individual SDG and 3) not having any material mis-alignments on any of the SDGs(in the Investment Adviser's view).

In limited cases, and where it is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so based on its internal analysis (having regard to its engagements with the company or other data sources), the Investment Adviser may treat an investment as failing or passing its sustainable investment criteria, contrary to the position indicated by the third-party SDG alignment score. The Investment Adviser may do this when, for example, it considers the third-party SDG alignment data to be out of date or incorrect based on the Investment Adviser's own engagement efforts or research.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The do no significant harm ("DNSH") test applied by the Investment Adviser seeks to ensure that Companies classified as sustainable investments do not cause significant harm to any of the mandatory, SFDR-defined principal adverse impact ("PAI") indicators which are relevant to the Company. This test also seeks to ensure that Companies classified as sustainable investments are aligned with the minimum social safeguards including the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, including the principles and rights set out in the eight fundamental conventions identified in the Declaration of the International Labour Organisation on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and the International Bill of Human Rights.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

The Fund gains data to assess the PAI indicators (listed below) from third-party providers as well as internal research. The Fund may use reasonable proxies for those PAIs for which the Investment Adviser considers that the data is not widely or reliably available (currently these are the 'Unadjusted gender pay gap', 'Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas' and 'Emissions to water' indicators). These proxies will be kept under review and will be replaced by data from third-party data providers, when the Investment Adviser determines that sufficiently reliable data has become available.

PAI indicators:

Investee companies

- 1. GHG emissions
- 3. GHG intensity of investee companies
- 4. Exposure to companies active in the fossil sector
- 5. Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
- 6. Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector
- 7. Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas
- 8. Emissions to water
- 9. Hazardous waste ratio
- 10. Violations of UN Global Compact ("UNGC") and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Entreprises
- 11. Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with the UNGC and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Entreprises
- 12. Unadjusted gender pay gap
- 13. Board gender diversity
- 14. Exposure to controversial weapons

To determine whether significant harm is caused, initial thresholds for each mandatory PAI indicator are generally set in two ways:

- for binary indicators (e.g. 'Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises'), a binary pass/fail test is applied, based on the data;
- for indicators using quantifiable numerical data (e.g. 'GHG intensity of investee companies'), the worst performers (based on their relative performance within the broader investable universe, which itself is limited to issuers for which data is available subject to the exceptions noted below), are deemed to fail the initial test.

For both types of indicators, where data is not available, the investment is deemed to fail the initial test and cannot be regarded as a sustainable investment. However, in cases where the third-party data provider determines that a particular PAI indicator is not meaningful given the nature or the industry of the issuer, and therefore does not provide data on that PAI indicator, the investment is deemed to pass the initial test on the basis

that the investment's activities are unlikely to be causing significant harm to the environmental or social theme covered by that PAI indicator. For example, in the case of software companies with a limited physical presence, the expectation is that their activities are unlikely to have significant negative impacts on water quality, therefore the 'emissions to water' PAI is considered by the third-party provider to be not meaningful for that industry.

Instances in which the third-party data provider determines that a PAI indicator is not meaningful will be kept under periodic review by the Investment Adviser, in case the third-party data provider subsequently deems the PAI indicator meaningful for the issuer (in which case the Investment Adviser will re-assess the issuer against the relevant PAI indicator data).

Additionally, the outcome of the initial test may be supplemented (as appropriate) by the Investment Adviser's internal qualitative assessments on significant harm (having regard to other data sources and/or its engagements with the investment) on one or more PAIs. For example, where the Investment Adviser considers that an issuer is taking appropriate and credible remedial actions to rectify its failings on a PAI, the issuer may still be considered a sustainable investment, subject to the Internal Adviser's ongoing review and tracking of the issuers' remedial actions.

As part of its long-term investment approach, the Investment Adviser also seeks to engage with company management teams and boards to encourage companies towards better ESG practices and to minimise or mitigate the principal adverse impacts of their activities on a materiality basis (i.e. if the Investment Adviser considers a particular PAI indicator to be materially relevant to the long-term sustainability of high returns on capital).

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

As part of the Investment Adviser's do no significant harm ("DNSH") test, Companies will not be classified as sustainable investments if they fail to comply with the themes and values promoted by the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises or the UN Global Compact, or if they lack processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with the themes and values promoted by these global norms.

In each case, this assessment is based on information obtained from third-party data providers and/or internal assessments.

The Investment Adviser use the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Global Compact as reasonable proxies.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomyaligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Regulation requires that this document include these statements. However, for the avoidance of doubt, this Fund does not: (i) take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities in the EU Taxonomy; or (ii) calculate its portfolio alignment with the EU Taxonomy. As such, the Fund is 0% aligned with the EU Taxonomy. The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to the portion of the Fund's investments that are sustainable investments.



Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

X	Yes
П	Nο

All the mandatory PAI indicators in the SFDR rules relevant to the Company are considered by the Investment Adviser (in the manner set out above) for the purposes of classifying some of the Fund's investments as sustainable investments.

PAIs are also considered with respect to the other investments of the Fund in the following manner:

- the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund incorporate consideration of the following PAIs through binding exclusions:
 - o PAI indicator 4: exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector;
 - PAI indicator 14: exposure to controversial weapons (using third-party data with a methodology that complies with the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR") definition);
- engagement and stewardship with issuers across all relevant mandatory PAI indicators in the SFDR rules (except on controversial weapons as they are excluded) on a materiality basis (i.e., if the Investment Adviser considers a particular PAI indicator to be materially relevant to the long-term sustainability of high returns on capital).

The Fund will report on the above matters in the Fund's periodic report.



The investment strategy guides investmentdecisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in equity securities of companies in the world's developed countries. The Fund will invest in a concentrated portfolio of companies whose success the Fund believes depends on intangible assets (for example, but not limited to, brand names, copyrights or methods of distribution) underpinning a strong business franchise.

The Fund may also invest, on an ancillary basis in preference shares, debt securities convertible into common shares or preference shares, warrants on securities and other equity linked securities to gain exposure to companies in developed and emerging markets, as well as equity securities of emerging market companies and China A-Shares via Stock Connect.

The Fund's investment process focuses on high quality companies with sustainably high returns on operating capital. As an essential and integrated part of the investment process, the Investment Adviser assesses relevant factors material to long-term sustainably high returns on operating capital including ESG factors and seeks to engage with company management teams as part of this.

Subject to the Fund's investment objective and its binding Article 8 characteristics (as explained above), the Investment Adviser retains discretion over which investments are selected for inclusion in the Fund.

The Fund is actively managed by the Investment Adviser on an ongoing basis in accordance with its investment strategy. The investment process is subject to regular review, as part of a control and monitoring framework implemented by the Investment Adviser and the Management Company. The Investment Adviser's Compliance, Risk and Portfolio Surveillance teams collaborate with the portfolio management team of this Fund to conduct regular portfolio/performance reviews and systemic checks to ensure compliance with portfolio investment objectives, investment and client guidelines, taking into account changing market conditions, information and strategy developments.

The environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund are incorporated within the investment guidelines and subject to ongoing monitoring by the Investment Adviser. Morgan Stanley Investment Management's Portfolio Surveillance team also codes the investment guidelines into the firm's surveillance system. The Portfolio Surveillance team uses an automated process to monitor adherence to investment guidelines, including pre- and post-trade guideline monitoring and exception-based screening, and informs the portfolio management team of this Fund of any possible guideline violations.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

1. Environmental characteristics

The Fund promotes the environmental characteristic of climate change mitigation by excluding investments in any company that the Investment Adviser determines:

- to have any tie to fossil fuels (such as oil, gas and coal) as classified by the MSCI ESG Business Involvement Screening Research database ("MSCI ESG BISR");
- or any company that has been assigned the following sectors or industries under the MSCI Global Industry Classification Standards ("MSCI GICS"): energy, construction materials, utilities (excluding renewable electricity and water utilities), or metals and mining.

2. Social characteristics

The Fund considers social characteristics by applying the following binding screens:

- the Fund's investments shall not knowingly include any company whose core business activity involves the following, as classified by the MSCI ESG BISR database:
 - a. civilian firearms; or
 - b. weapons.

• the Fund shall also not invest in any company that is defined by the MSCI ESG BISR database to have any tie to controversial weapons.

Investments that are held by the Fund but become restricted because they breach the exclusionary criteria set out above after they are acquired for the Fund will be sold. Such sales will take place over a time period to be determined by the Investment Adviser, taking into account the best interests of the Shareholders of the Fund. The details of the above exclusions can be found in the Fund's exclusion policy which is available on the website (www.morganstanleyinvestmentfunds.com and on www.morganstanley.com/im).

Further to the above, the Investment Adviser may, in its discretion, elect to apply additional ESG-related investment restrictions over time that it believes are consistent with its investment objectives. Such additional restrictions will be disclosed as they are implemented on www.morganstanleyinvestmentfunds.com and on www.morganstanley.com/im.

3. Sustainable investments

As noted above, the Fund also commits to invest a proportion of its assets in Companies classified as sustainable investments.

Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance. What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

Not applicable. No minimum reduction rate has been defined in relation to the Fund's scope of investments.

What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

All Companies are assessed on their governance, and the investment process is focussed on identifying high quality companies that can sustain their high returns on operating capital over the long term, both for the Fund's sustainable investments and for other investments which are aligned with the Fund's environmental or social characteristics. Effective governance is important and governance criteria are therefore embedded within the investment process and considered as part of initial research and portfolio selection. On-going monitoring is facilitated through engagement with the Company as well as by using, where appropriate, company data, third party data and governance related controversy screens. An investment has to be considered by the Investment Adviser to have good governance to be included within the portfolio.

In addition to meet the EU SFDR regulatory requirements, the Investment Adviser also has regard to third-party proxy indicators as considerations to assess four specific aspects of governance: sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance. All companies in the Fund are assessed against these indicators. The Investment Adviser may include issuers that fail on one or more of these proxy indicators where (i) it considers that the third-party data is inaccurate or out of date; or (ii) it considers that, upon review, the issuer is exhibiting good governance practices overall (such that the results of the proxy indicator tests do not in fact indicate a material impact on good governance). In reaching this determination, the Investment Adviser may take into account any remedial actions being undertaken by the company.

The Investment Adviser also engages with companies on issues material to the sustainability of company returns on operating capital. Direct engagement with companies and boards on material ESG risks and opportunities, and other issues, plays a role in informing the Investment Adviser on the soundness of company management and whether it can maintain high returns on operating capital while growing the business over the long term. Dialogue with companies on engagement topics can be prolonged and require multiple engagements.



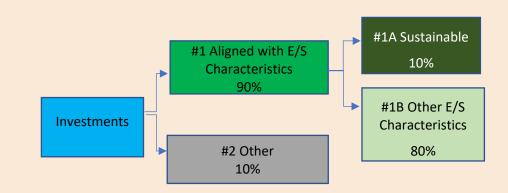
Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover
 reflecting the
 share of revenue
 from green
 activities of
 investee
 companies
- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?



#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.

The environmental and social exclusions are expected to apply to at least 90% of the portfolio. The Investment Adviser anticipates that the remainder of the Fund will be made up of investments held for ancillary liquidity, including cash and money market instruments, with this proportion not expected to comprise more than 10% of the Fund's assets. No minimum environmental or social safeguards are applied to such investments.

Under exceptional circumstances, the percentage of the Fund's assets that are made up of investments held for ancillary liquidity may temporarily fluctuate above the stated level for certain reasons including but not limited to market conditions or client inflows/outflows.

The Fund also expects a minimum of 10% of its assets to be classified as sustainable investments. Among these, the Fund expects a minimum of 1% of its assets to be classified as sustainable investments with an environmental objective and 1% as sustainable investments with a social objective which can both vary independently at any time.

All percentages are measured according to the value of the investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Not applicable – the Fund does not use derivatives to attain its environmental or social characteristics.



To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable – the Investment Adviser does not take account of the EU Taxonomy in its management of the Fund and as such the Fund's sustainable investments do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy¹?

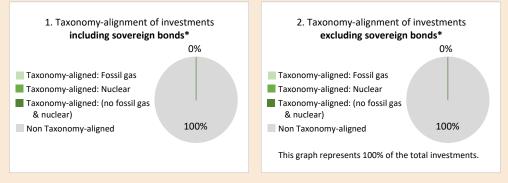
☐ Yes:	
☐ In fossil gas	☐ In nuclear energy
X No	

To comply with EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emission and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



^{*} For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

Not applicable – Although the Fund commits to invest in sustainable investments within the meaning of the SFDR, there is no commitment to a minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities.

¹ Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

A minimum of 10% of the Fund's assets are expected to be classified as sustainable investments, as defined under the SFDR. Among these, the Fund expects a minimum of 1% of its assets to be classified as sustainable investments with an environmental objective and 1% as sustainable investments with a social objective which can both vary independently at any time.

The Fund's assets that are classified as sustainable investments with an environmental objective do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy. The EU Taxonomy does not comprehensively cover all industries and sectors, or even all environmental objectives. This financial product invests in Companies classified as sustainable investments within sectors that may not be covered by the EU Taxonomy currently. Accordingly, the Investment Adviser uses its own methodology to determine whether certain investments are environmentally sustainable in accordance with the SFDR sustainable investment test, and then the Investment Adviser invests part of the Fund in such assets.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

As noted above, a minimum of 10% of the Fund's assets are expected to be classified as sustainable investments. Among these, the Fund expects a minimum of 1% of its assets to be classified as sustainable investments with an environmental objective and 1% as sustainable investments with a social objective which can both vary independently at any time.



What investments are included under "#2 Other", what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

This Fund holds cash and money market instruments for ancillary liquidity. These are included in the "#2 Other" category. No minimum environmental or social safeguards are applied to such investments.



Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

Not applicable

Reference benchmarks are indixes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Where can I find more product specific information online?



More product-specific information can be found on the website:

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