

# Annual Report 2024

## AEAM Dutch Mortgage Fund

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The original Annual Report was drafted in Dutch. This document is an English translation of the original annual report. In case of any discrepancies between the English and the Dutch text, the latter will prevail.

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## 1 General information

### Manager

Aegon Investment Management B.V. (AIM), established in The Hague, of which the board consist of:

- D.F.R. Jacobovits de Szeged
- W.H.M. van de Kraats
- T.E.J.F. Stassen
- O.A.W.J. van den Heuvel (resigned as of 07/11/2024)
- R.R.S. Santokhi (resigned as of 01/02/2024)

### Depositary

Citibank Europe Plc (Netherlands Branch), established in Schiphol, is appointed as the depositary of the fund.

### Legal owner

Aegon Custody B.V. fulfils the role of legal owner. The board of Aegon Custody B.V. consists of AIM.

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### Independent auditor

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### Management and administration

The AEAM Dutch Mortgage Fund does not employ any personnel and uses the services of AIM for management and administration. The personnel of AIM is legally employed by Aegon Nederland B.V.

### Prospectus

A prospectus has been prepared for this product, which is available at [www.aegonam.com](http://www.aegonam.com). The prospectus contains information about the fund, costs, and risks.

### Starting date

The fund started on 30 August 2013.

## Profile

The fund is a fund for joint account (Dutch: “fonds voor gemene rekening”). The participations are only available to qualified investors (Dutch: “gekwalficeerde beleggers”) as defined in the Dutch Act on Financial Supervision (Dutch: “Wet op het financieel toezicht”).

## Investment policy

The fund invests in Dutch mortgages issued by Aegon Hypotheken B.V., for which the collateral consists of privately owned Dutch residential property. The fund acquires mortgages by subscribing to the new mortgages production. In addition, the fund can also maintain an amount of cash and cash equivalents to facilitate subscriptions and redemptions. Cash and cash equivalents can also be invested in Dutch government bonds. For the use of other techniques, instruments and / or structures, the prior approval of the participants of the meeting is obligatory.

## Objective

The investment objective of the fund is long term outperformance of the benchmark, before deduction of management fees, resulting from the spread of Dutch mortgages compared to Dutch government bonds.

## Sustainability policy

The “do no significant harm” principle only applies to the investments underlying this financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining part of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. We can confirm that the ecological and social characteristics as stated in the prospectus at the beginning of the reporting period relating to this fund are met.

Information regarding the environmentally and social characteristics of this financial product is available in the annex (Periodieke duurzaamheidstoelichting AEAM Dutch Mortgage Fund).

## Benchmark

The benchmark of the fund is the JP Morgan Government Bond Index Traded Netherlands.

## Restrictions

The fund invests in mortgages. The following restrictions apply:

- NHG Mortgages: minimum of 50%;
- Non-NHG Mortgages: maximum of 50%;
- Loan-to-Value ratio: maximum of 106%.

The Loan-to-Value ratio is calculated by dividing the total outstanding principal of the mortgage claim by the originally calculated market value of the collateral.

## Leverage

The permitted leverage, or the exposure resulting from the use of the permitted credit facility and/or entering into contracts in derivative financial instruments (in accordance with the method based on commitments made), amounts to a maximum of 5% of the fund assets. The permitted leverage, based on the gross method, amounts to 105% of the fund assets.

## Short term deviations

Short-term deviations from the above restrictions are possible as a result of large entries into the fund or exits from the fund. Such deviations will be brought back within the established limits within a period of 2 months.

## Marketability

The participations to be acquired by the participants are registered and, unless redeemed by the manager, are not transferable and may not be pledged or encumbered with any other limited right of any kind. The manager does not issue participation certificates.

## Fiscal status

*Closed fund for common account (Besloten fonds voor gemene rekening)*

The fund is fiscally transparent, which means that the fund is not liable for corporate tax (or subject to any other tax on profits) and is not subject to dividend withholding tax. The assets, liabilities and results of the fund are directly allocated for tax purposes to the participants of the fund in proportion to their participation. Income or capital gains earned by a participant are regarded as income or capital gains made on the assets of the fund.

## Dividend policy

The fund pays annual dividends to participants based on the average interest rate of the mortgages and the average net asset value of the fund. Dividend is either issued as participations or distributed as cash.

## Subscription and redemption fee

The fund does not charge a subscription or redemption fee on entry or exit of the fund.

## Management fee

The manager charges a management fee for managing the fund's assets. The management fee is determined as a percentage on an annual basis. The management fee is charged to the fund each day based on the net asset value of the fund at the end of the preceding trading day.

## Service fee

The manager charges a service fee to the fund. The service costs are a reimbursement for costs such as costs of supervisors, costs of custody, costs of (accountant) audits, costs of (legal) advice, formation costs, administration costs and marketing and communication costs. The service costs are expressed as an annual percentage. The service costs are charged to the funds daily based on the net asset value of the funds at the end of the previous trading day.

The accounting costs for examining the annual report and any tax advice and other non-audit services are paid by the manager from the service fee.

## Servicing fee mortgage portfolio

The fund pays a fee to Aegon Hypotheken B.V. for services in the context of mortgage lending and the (special) management of the mortgage portfolio. These services include the administration of the mortgage portfolio, communication with underlying debtors, arranging all payments relating to the mortgage loans and providing reports for the management of the fund. The servicing fee for mortgages is 0.27% per year of the nominal amount of the outstanding mortgages.

## 2 Report of the Investment Manager

### 2.1. Key Figures

Key figures	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Overview per participation<sup>1</sup></b>					
Changes in fair value	0.36	-	(1.99)	(0.18)	(0.10)
Investment result	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.36	0.35
<b>Total result</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>(1.67)</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.25</b>
Management fee and other expenses	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06)
<b>Net result</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>(1.73)</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.19</b>
Dividend paid per participation <sup>2</sup>	(0.26)	(0.21)	(0.25)	(0.27)	(0.27)
Net asset value (x € 1,000)	8,934,559	8,760,540	8,889,676	11,657,077	12,677,488
Outstanding number of participations	825,969,614	838,305,168	854,988,471	944,784,473	1,014,337,051
Net asset value per participation	10.82	10.45	10.40	12.34	12.50
<b>Performance<sup>3</sup></b>					
Performance (net asset value)	6.15%	2.55%	(14.00%)	0.87%	1.52%
Performance benchmark	0.85%	6.14%	(19.52%)	(3.60%)	3.71%
Outperformance	5.25%	(3.39%)	6.85%	4.63%	-
Outperformance since inception	28.55%	22.14%	26.42%	18.31%	-
Annualised outperformance since inception	2.27%	1.99%	2.59%	2.08%	-

### 2.2. Economic Developments

#### Global Economy in 2024

The global economy experienced a slight slowdown in growth in 2024 compared to 2023. This was partly due to lower growth in China and the US. However, what stood out in 2024 was the significant differences in economic conditions across regions. The US economy remained very strong, while Europe struggled with the aftermath of the energy crisis and the slowdown in global trade. China continued to grow relatively strongly but faced a severe downturn in the real estate market and rising unemployment.

Geopolitical tensions dominated headlines. The war in Ukraine dragged on. The realization that the world is divided into different competing blocs has led companies to relocate production chains. This process will likely continue in the coming years.

2024 was marked by numerous elections worldwide. Trump's election in the US is expected to lead to further trade tensions. Meanwhile, the parliamentary elections in France resulted in an unstable government, worsening governability and increasing the likelihood of new elections.

<sup>1</sup> Amounts per participation are based on the average number of participations during the year.

<sup>2</sup> Dividend paid reflects the actual dividend paid per participation.

<sup>3</sup> The performance is the time weighted return after costs calculated on a daily basis. The outperformance figures since inception are presented in 2021 for the first time, therefore no comparative figures included.

**United States: Exceptionally Strong**

In 2024, the US economy exhibited remarkable developments, characterized by robust growth, changing labor market dynamics, and evolving monetary policy.

The US economy continued to grow significantly, at a pace exceeding its long-term growth potential. This growth was mainly driven by strong consumer spending, which remained resilient despite various economic challenges. The US growth rate was notably stronger than in other developed countries for several reasons. The US has become a major energy producer, keeping energy prices low. Additionally, high government investments provided economic stimulus. Moreover, the US has been more effective in implementing new technological innovations in business.

The number of jobs continued to increase. Due in part to relatively high immigration, the labor force expanded. However, some signs indicate a cooling labor market, with a slight increase in the unemployment rate.

Inflation remained a key concern throughout the year. While inflation declined over the year, core inflation remained high due to strong wage growth. The Federal Reserve cut interest rates multiple times but maintained a restrictive policy for the time being.

Despite strong economic indicators, consumer confidence was notably weak, influenced by inflation in previous years.

Trump's victory in the November presidential election is expected to result in a shift in economic policy in the coming years. Reducing regulatory pressure and increasing trade tariffs appear to be key policy priorities.

**Eurozone: Stagnation**

In 2024, the Eurozone experienced a series of significant economic developments, marked by both challenges and cautious optimism.

The ECB cut its key interest rates four times in 2024. Declining inflation allowed the central bank to pursue a less restrictive policy.

Inflation in the Eurozone showed signs of moderation, averaging 2.4% for the year. This was a significant improvement compared to previous years, driven by lower energy prices and improved supply chain conditions. However, inflation excluding energy and food remained high at 2.9%, indicating continued price pressures in core sectors.

Economic growth in the Eurozone was modest, with a projected GDP growth of 0.8% for 2024. There was significant divergence within the Eurozone. Germany continued to struggle with the energy crisis and declining demand from China. Meanwhile, Spain performed exceptionally well, with reforms and a strong tourism sector driving high growth.

The Eurozone labor market remained robust, with unemployment rates at historically low levels. This employment stability contributed to rising real incomes, which in turn supported household consumption. The gradual easing of financing conditions also encouraged business investment, albeit cautiously.

Global trade dynamics continued to influence the Eurozone's economic performance. While there was a slight recovery in global trade in 2024, downside risks such as trade protectionism and geopolitical tensions persisted.

The Eurozone faced an ongoing energy transition challenge in 2024, mainly due to efforts to reduce dependence on Russian fossil fuels. While significant progress was made in increasing the share of renewable energy in the energy mix, the transition was not without difficulties. Energy prices remained volatile. These challenges highlighted the need for continued investments in energy infrastructure and innovation to ensure long-term energy security and stability.

Looking ahead, the Eurozone's economic outlook remains mixed. The expected recovery is anticipated to be gradual, supported by rising real incomes and a less restrictive monetary policy. However, the region must navigate potential headwinds, including trade disruptions and geopolitical risks.

**China**

China's growth in 2024 was around the 5% target set by the government. Inflation in China was exceptionally low compared to other countries.

China faces significant challenges. The real estate market remains weak. Since housing is a key component of Chinese household wealth, this has resulted in low consumer confidence and reduced spending. The government has implemented various policy measures to support the housing market; however, these measures are more limited compared to previous interventions. Likely, housing prices had risen too far, and the government does not want to create a new bubble.

Due to geopolitical tensions with the US, the Chinese government has heavily invested in energy infrastructure and the technology sector. This will reduce dependence on energy and technology imports in the coming years.

The government's restrictive interventions in the private sector raise concerns about stifled innovation. Additionally, the new US administration is likely to announce new tariffs. As a result, China's economic growth may slow down in the coming years.

### 2.3. Financial markets

**Housing Market**

The Dutch housing market found its upward momentum again in 2024, after a year of stabilization in 2023. Starting from mid-2023, we saw a slight increase in house prices. This trend continued into 2024. This has led to an increase in the price index from the CBS (Statistics Netherlands) in December 2024, which was 11.0% higher than a year earlier and 7.7% higher compared to the previous peak in the summer of 2022. According to the Dutch Association of Real Estate Agents (NVM), the average sale price of an existing home at the end of 2024 was 483,500 euros. This marks several consecutive quarters of price increases. The average sale price is now 11.5% higher than at the end of 2023. By the end of last year, 3.3% more homes were for sale compared to the end of 2023. This keeps the pressure on the home-buying market stable. The new construction market continued its recovery in 2024, with more supply and higher sales figures. Due to quick sales and limited variety, the supply remains tight, which continues to drive prices up.

### 2.4. Investment policy

In 2024, the AeAM Dutch Mortgage Fund realized a return of 6.15% after expenses. The performance can be explained by the following factors: The change in the market value of mortgages and interest accrued. During the year, Aegon's weighted mortgage rate for the AeAM Dutch Mortgage Fund decreased slightly. This decrease in mortgage rates had a positive effect on the market value of the mortgages. During the year, the market value of the mortgages increased by 3.58%. Adding the interest received of 3.10% and subtracting the expenses resulted in a total return of 6.15%.

The return of 6.15% after costs is an outperformance of 5.30% over the benchmark. The fund has a Dutch government bond index as its benchmark (JP Morgan Government Bond Index Traded Netherlands). During 2024, Dutch government interest rates rose slightly (but showed a marginally positive total return after coupon inclusion), while mortgage rates fell. This led to a large relative performance for the fund based on market value development. Moreover, the yield on Dutch mortgages is higher (at the beginning of January, the yield on 10-year Dutch government bonds was 2.6% versus a yield of 4.19% for the fund), the combination was more than enough to outperform the benchmark and end up with a nice outperformance relative to the benchmark.

The fund invests in new mortgages secured by Dutch homes issued by Aegon after 1 January 2013, bearing the default risk through the mortgages. These new mortgages meet the stricter lending criteria in place since January 2013. The maximum LTV (loan to collateral value) at which mortgages can be granted has been lowered in several steps to a maximum of 100% before energy-saving measures. Moreover, repayment has become the norm. A significant proportion of mortgages in the fund have linear or other forms of repayment (69.9%). At the end of December 2024,



the percentage of NHG mortgages was 45.6%. At the end of December, the fund duration is 6.6. The fund does not use derivatives.

The fund dealt with the following risks as follows:

- Concentration risk: With nearly 56,000 loans in the fund, the fund is considered sufficiently diversified.
- Currency risk: The fund is not exposed to currency risk.
- Liquidity risk: Investing in illiquid mortgages involves liquidity risk. Monthly cash flows from the mortgages will be used to facilitate potential repayments.

In the second part of 2023, we saw property prices start to rise again, after a small correction in the previous 12 months. This upward trend in house prices continued in 2024. As a result of a very tight labour market, we have seen salaries rise, improving affordability somewhat. These developments have further strengthened the Fund's credit profile, resulting in a very low debt-to-income ratio (17% on average at end-December) and a low LTV (47% on average at end-December).

## 2.5 Risk management

The fund manager has the responsibility to manage the financial risks of all funds. The fund manager has identified a number of financial risks, of which the most important are:

- Interest risk
- Inflation risk
- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Leverage (a measure of the degree of the applied leverage)

For each type of risk, risk criteria have been set in the form of restrictions in order to manage these risks. These restrictions are included in the fund mandates where they are tailored to the strategy of the fund. All restrictions are, where possible, monitored on a daily basis by the manager and by Citibank, which operates independently as depositary.

When breaches of restrictions occur, relevant stakeholders will be notified and further actions shall be determined to resolve the breaches as quickly as possible. All significant breaches and warnings are periodically reported to the management and participants.

Below is a description of the objectives and policies of the fund on risk management with respect to the use of financial instruments when managing risks. Also included is an explanation of the risk management measures that are in place.

### Interest risk

Interest risk occurs as a result of investments in fixed income securities. Interest risk is usually measured by the duration. This risk is measured as the deviation in years of underweight or overweight compared to the duration benchmark.

### Inflation risk

Inflation risk occurs as a result of changes in the inflation level of a country. This has an effect on various financial instruments, specifically instruments with a fixed interest rate. Inflation risk is already included within other risks, such as interest risk, and therefore no additional specific measures are required to manage this risk.

### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty is unable to meet the obligations as set out in the terms of a financial instrument. This risk can result in the loss of the nominal amount or lead to a significant increase in spreads when dealing on the market.

Credit risk is managed by imposing restrictions on the maximum Loan-to-Value ratio and a minimum portion of mortgages with an NHG guarantee.

The restrictions as mentioned above are managed based on the Loan-to-Value ratio and a minimum portion of mortgages with an NHG guarantee when acquiring the mortgage receivables on the current date.

For newly acquired mortgage receivables, restrictions imposed will apply on additional purchases of mortgage receivables. The measure that is taken:

- Non-NHG Mortgages: maximum 50%
- Loan-to-Value ratio is maximum 106%

## Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk the fund is not able to quickly sell an investment for a reasonable price. This risk is related to the volume of the fund and the individual positions compared to the volume and liquidity of the investments in the portfolio.

The fund manager has an appropriate liquidity management system which includes procedures to monitor the liquidity risk of each fund and to ensure that the liquidity of the fund is aligned with the underlying obligations.

The liquidity management system:

- keeps a level of liquidity in a fund that matches the underlying obligations, based on an estimate of the relative liquidity of the underlying assets in the market;
- monitors the liquidity profile of the funds' portfolio. This takes into account the possible marginal contribution of the individual assets that may have a material effect on liquidity, as well as the material liabilities and obligations that a fund can have in relation to its underlying obligations. For this purpose, AIM includes the profile of the investors base, the nature of the investments, the relative size of the investments and the redemption conditions in its assessment;
- implements the instruments and arrangements necessary to manage the liquidity risk of each fund. The fair treatment of all participants with regard to each fund must be considered.

## Leverage

Leverage expresses the relation between the exposure of the fund and the net asset value of the fund. The leverage in the fund is calculated in two different ways: the gross method and the commitment method. Both methods are prescribed by the AIFMD.

The gross method:

- excludes from the calculations the value of the cash and cash equivalents and the highly liquid investments in euro of the fund that can immediately be converted into cash and cash equivalents, subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and provide a yield not exceeding the yield on three months high-quality government bonds;
- converts derivative positions (using specific conversion methods) to the equivalent position of the underlying assets;
- excludes loans that are cash borrowings for which the amount due is known;
- includes exposures due to reinvested cash borrowings, expressed as the higher of the market value of the investments or the total amount of borrowed cash; and
- includes positions in repo- or reverse repo transactions and security lending arrangements.

The commitment method:

- converts derivatives positions (using specific conversion methods) to their equivalent position in the underlying assets, provided certain criteria are met;
- takes into account clearing and hedging arrangements (also under certain conditions);
- calculates the exposure created by the reinvestment of loans and borrowings, when the reinvestment increases the exposure of the fund; and
- excludes derivatives that are used for currency hedging purposes.

Each fund has leverage restrictions that are monitored just like other investment restrictions. In the case of investments in third-party funds, the leverage of such third-party funds is not included in the leverage calculations of the fund or fund structure.

## Risk limits management

Risk limits management is undertaken to ensure that the risk profile of the fund can be effectively monitored. The Dutch authority for the financial market (AFM) receives a message if there is a mismatch between the risk profile of the fund and the risk limits or when there is a substantial risk that such a mismatch might occur. The match between the risk limits and risk profile is checked at least annually.

For every type of financial risk, applicable measures are defined to manage these risks. The most appropriate measures may vary per fund, based on the strategy of the fund. For the selected measures, appropriate risk limits are set, which are actively monitored. This will ensure that the fund act within their mandates.

To provide for an efficient and effective risk management process, the risk measures and the resulting risk limits meet the following principles:

- Quantitative limits are measurable;
- Restrictions or limits have clear definitions;
- Measures are chosen in such a way that the measurements and monitoring can be automated;
- Multiple restrictions with a similar objective are avoided, except when there is a legitimate reason;
- Each fund has limits for all identified risks, and
- Restrictions are designed to reduce complexity, hence a restriction per type of risk instead of combining different types of risks to a restriction.

The risk limits of the fund are monitored on a daily basis if possible and may depend on the availability of data. Monitoring consists of the calculation of the control variables for each of the fund, comparison of the external risk limits and the communication of breaches within the organisation. Passive and active breaches are discussed with portfolio managers for resolution and communicated internally on a weekly basis. Weekly reports are shared with portfolio managers, reporting departments, and management.

On a daily basis, the limits are calculated, checked, and monitored by AIM. The results of this are reported weekly in a combined overview of warnings and breaches.

These warnings and breaches are analysed and different processes are followed depending on the materiality of the warning or breach. Immaterial warnings are usually resolved within few days and are only reported to the portfolio manager if they remain outstanding for a longer period. Material warnings are reported to the portfolio manager for validation of the warning and to verify the solution. High risk problems are immediately reported to the Chief Investment Officer (CIO). On a weekly basis, all outstanding material warnings and breaches are internally reported to, among others, the management. On a monthly basis, the Risk Control Committee is informed on all the warnings and breaches, including the status or the solution.

During the reporting year, there were no breaches of restrictions.

## Operational risk management

The fund manager has defined operational risk as follows: "The risk of a loss as result of inadequate or failing internal processes, people and systems or external events". The fund manager has designed a comprehensive framework for the definition and classification of risks and the organisation of risk management activities.

The operational risk management policy includes the strategy and the objectives for the operational risk management and the processes that the fund manager has designed to achieve these objectives. The objectives for operational risk management are:

- all major operational risks are identified, measured, evaluated, prioritised, managed, monitored and treated in a consistent and effective way throughout the organisation;
- appropriate and reliable tools for risk management (including the main risk indicators, database with risk events, risk & control self-assessments, monitoring reviews, and stress and scenario tests) are used to support management reporting, decision-making and assessment of required (reserve) capital;
- all directors, management and staff are responsible for managing the operational risks in line with the roles and responsibilities; and
- key stakeholders timely receive a reliable confirmation that the organisation manages its activities for the important operational risks.

## *Risk management by the fund manager*

AIM has organized the risk management governance according to the Three Lines of defence Model. This model distributes the responsibilities, the tasks and the set of instruments and measures needed to be 'in control'. This model ensures independent monitoring of the risk management activities in the organization by the risk management, compliance and internal audit function.

- First Line of defence

The first line of defence is executed by the line organization. They are responsible for the performance of the primary operational processes. Many of the risk management measures are embedded in these processes and provide reasonable assurance that the processes are performed properly. Common used control measures are, for example, the segregation of duties, the four-eyes principle and reconciliations.

The monitoring of positions and the related investment risks takes place on the level of the total client portfolios, the investment portfolios and the individual external asset managers.

- Second Line of defence

The second line is formed by the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM), Portfolio Risk Management (PRM), Portfolio Risk Control (PRC) and Compliance. The task of the second line is to identify, record and monitor AIM's operational, investment portfolio and compliance risks and to test, advise and support the line organization in risk management. The risk management and compliance officers undertake activities to strengthen the risk culture within AIM, monitor that management actually takes its responsibilities and enter into a dialogue about this with management.

- Third Line of defence

Internal Audit forms the Third Line of defence. This department is completely independent. Internal Audit has the mandate to assess all processes in the first and second line.

## *Operational risks of the Fund*

The risks are identified based on the Risk Control Self Assessment (RCSA). An effective set of control measures limits the risk of exceeding the risk tolerances for the operational risk. The most important operational risks and the risk management with regards to the multi-manager funds are:

- Inadequate selection of external managers resulting in underperforming managers which may cause incidents. This can lead to operational losses and reputational damage.

### *Control measures*

Risks in relation to the selection process are managed by means of a robust and intensive selection process aimed at appointing high-quality managers for each asset class and subclass worldwide. Important selection criteria include: the investment philosophy used, the investment process, the personnel and organization, performance and opportunities for diversification. There are strict procedures for documenting the outcomes of the due diligence investigation into external managers and the resulting opinion, the confirmation of selected managers in the portfolio manager meeting and the authorization of a selected manager by the Manager Equities, Fixed Income & Commodities and the Head of Multi-Manager Investments. The process is also assessed by Portfolio Risk Control, Responsible Investment, Portfolio Risk Management, Legal and Operational Due Diligence before the contract is signed.

- Inadequate drafting and conclusion of contracts (Investment Management Agreement or IMA) with the result that legal safeguards are insufficient and that there is insufficient insight into the performance (qualitative and quantitative) of the manager to be able to make proper adjustments. This can lead to operational losses and reputational damage.

### *Control Measures*

Risks related to the conclusion of contracts with external managers are managed because contracts are drawn up by expert lawyers on the basis of standard contracts. The IMA is always tested by the legal department.

- Unreliable execution of processes by the external manager resulting in underperformance, incidents and a lack of transparency. This can lead to operational losses and reputational damage.

#### *Control measures*

Risks are managed by monitoring the documentation of the investment management agreements, assessment of the external managers by the portfolio managers and an annual assessment of the assurance reports of the auditors of the external manager, Fund Administrator (Citibank), PRC department and department. This includes, amongst other things, checks on the performance of external managers (qualitative/quantitative), compliance breaches and fee notes. Portfolio managers continuously monitor the performance of the external managers on the basis of portfolio information, company news, attribution analyses and risk and return criteria. There is also a clear dismissal policy on the basis of qualitative and quantitative criteria.

The purpose of operational risk monitoring is to protect the investments of the customers of the fund manager, to ensure that customers are treated fairly and to ensure that the manager meets all his legal obligations. Risk monitoring also includes providing feedback to the company on the effectiveness of their operational management measures and comparing the current operational risk profile with the established risk tolerance. An important part is testing of internal controls to provide for an independent assessment of the adequacy of the design and the operational effectiveness of key operational management measures that have been established by the management. The outcome of this is reviewed by an independent auditor and reported in a ISAE3402 Type II statement. Furthermore, compliance of the policy of the fund manager and Aegon Group is monitored and any failures are reported to the responsible management.

#### *Continuity management*

The purpose of continuity management by the fund manager is to ensure the continuity of its activities, to establish trust, safeguarding of assets, to meet obligations, comply with the internal and external regulations and to prevent or mitigate damage and risk. The fund manager has taken measures to reduce the risk of a disruption of continuity to an acceptable level as much as possible.

The fund manager has taken measures to limit the risk of disruption to the continuity as much as possible to an acceptable level.

An acceptable level of risk is determined by striking a balance between the cost of risk mitigation measures and the value of the fund manager's assets. This will ensure that the fund manager maintains a prudent operational risk profile both under normal business conditions and under extreme circumstances resulting from unforeseen events.

The responsibility for the adequate establishment of continuity management is part of the primary process. It is the responsibility of Operational Risk Management to independently supervise that the fund manager properly fulfils his responsibilities.

#### **Risk awareness and embedding within the organisation**

The fund manager is well aware of the attention directed towards demeanour and conduct in regards to the risk management and compliance, the so called soft controls.

The policy is aimed at the fund manager complying to the statutory, administrative and societal norms. This entails that a breach, or the appearance of a breach, of valid law and legislation can affect trust adversely:

- while performing financial services and the ensuing commitments towards customers of the fund manager;
- in the financial markets wherein the fund manager operates.

Compliance to the external regulations has additionally been given shape by the composition of internal regulations. The various regulations that apply to the fund manager and/or her employees, are listed on the intranet and are available to all employees.

The customer is the point of focus and the know-your-customer rules have already been applied with the fund manager before it was recorded in the legislation and the provision of information receives ample attention, for example in the form of tailored customer reports.

To maintain confidence in the financial markets, the fund manager handles various procedures that, as per example, are focused on avoiding conflicts of interest and to ensure that no customers with a heightened level of integrity risk (for example due to money laundering or the financing of terrorism) are being admitted.

The fund manager additionally handles the procedures that guarantee that (international) sanction laws are being met. Sanctions could, for example, relate to certain persons, whose assets need to be frozen or to which no financial services should be given. Sanctions could also entail that no investments are allowed to be made in certain areas and/or instruments. When new sanctions are being issued or current sanctions are being altered, the compliance department will forward this information as quickly as possible to the relevant departments that apply such alterations in the portfolios.

An important part of the organizational embedding of risk management and compliance is, among others, the raising of awareness in regards to the relevant law and regulations and the monitoring of processes and procedures. The integrity risk of the fund manager is being controlled through internal guidelines, pre-employment screening, codes of conduct, e-learning modules for all employees and measures in the customer acceptance process. The compliance role plays an important part in the creation of the desired degree of risk awareness.

### Fraud Risk

AIM runs the risk that its own employees and/or third parties will perform an intentional act using deception in order to obtain an unlawful or unlawful advantage. Fraud committed both internally and externally can lead to significant financial and reputational damage for AIM. In addition, the (financial) interests of its customers can be damaged by fraud.

Fraud risk is limited by various control measures present in the first line, such as authorization checks, system-enforced checks on payments, reconciliation checks and the automated segregation of duties for payment systems. All these control measures are periodically tested and evaluated and further monitored by the involvement of the second line (ERM, PRM, PRC and Compliance) and the third line (Internal Audit).

Among other things, training sessions for employees and conducting due diligence with regard to customers and business partners can restrict fraud risk.

Both fraud risks are managed through the anti-fraud program that applies within Aegon Group to all Aegon entities, including AIM B.V. This program contains specific key requirements that serve as a handle for managing fraud risks. For example, all Aegon entities must determine their tolerance for fraud-related damages, record fraud incidents and report them internally, and have procedures in place to say goodbye to customers, business partners and employees who have committed fraud.

SIRA is performed every year by the various Aegon Group entities. Compliance took part in this exercise once more in 2024 on behalf of AIM B.V. with the intention of identifying and managing integrity risks. In the 1<sup>st</sup> phase, the focus was on gaining insight into the exposure of AIM B.V. to such risks through its strategy, customers, culture, business partners and products. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, the integrity risk was assessed and valued. This has resulted in the valuation of integrity risks without the existence of control measures (inherent risk) and with the existence of control measures as they work in practice (residual risk).

One integrity risk that Compliance assumes with relation to AIM B.V. is fraud risk which has been assessed and valued within the SIRA 2024. This was done on the basis of various scenarios such as:

- Accounting fraud;
- Theft of goods (internally related);
- Theft of goods (externally related);
- Forgery, impersonation and fraudulent applications;
- Fraudulent claims and invoices.

The inherent risk associated with the four fraud categories and the related scenarios has been assessed as outside the risk tolerance in the context of the SIRA 2024. However, given the existing control measures and their effectiveness in practice, the remaining risks in all four fraud categories have been assessed as below or within the risk tolerance. The

valuation took place along two axes (1) the degree of probability that the risk will occur (2) the degree of impact on, among other things, AAM NL's business operations if the risk occurs. Specific controls were not taken into account when assessing inherent risk. The assessment of the residual risk took into account the specific controls as existing and operating in practice.

These are some examples of control measures that AIM B.V. has been determined to implement during the SIRA 2024 by Compliance:

- three lines of defense framework in which the second and third line advise, challenge and monitor the first line, also in terms of fraud risk management;
- cooperation with reputable external parties as custodian and/or administrator as laid down in agreements for the funds under management;
- the existence of relevant policy documents such as Whistleblower Policy, Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics, and Conflicts of Interest Policy, the use of which is encouraged and reviewed;
- the existence of reporting and escalation procedures where Compliance can report and explain incidents, deficiencies, defects, etc. including recommendation for remedial measures;
- the written recording of responsibilities and powers that ensure separation of functions.

## DUFAS

Aegon Investment Management B.V. has voluntarily joined the Dutch Fund and Asset Management Association (DUFAS).

## GIPS

Aegon Investment Management B.V. also voluntarily complies with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS). This GIPS verification of the investment funds is carried out annually by an external audit firm. This has been done since the year 2000 with a positive final assessment. Aegon Investment Management B.V. thus meets the obligations set by GIPS and this underlines the reliability of the performance measurement of our investment funds.

## 2.6 Laws and regulations

The fund is subject to the regulatory supervision of the Dutch Act on Financial Supervision (Wet op het financieel toezicht).

The annual report is prepared in accordance with Title 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code, the Dutch financial reporting standards ('Richtlijnen voor de jaarverslaggeving') and the Dutch Act on Financial Supervision (Wet op het financieel toezicht).

## 2.7 Notes on the remuneration policy

### *Remuneration Policy*

For the remuneration policy AIM, being part of Aegon N.V., is bound to the Aegon Group Global Remuneration Framework. This framework is designed in line with relevant laws and regulations, such as the Dutch law on remuneration policy for financial institutions. The Framework includes principles and guidelines for a careful, controlled and sustainable remuneration policy, that adheres to the strategic goals, HRM aspirations and core values of Aegon Ltd. This also meets the AIFMD requirements for the remuneration policy, including contributing to effective and efficient risk management and not encouraging taking more risks than allowed by the investment policy and fund terms and conditions. In situations of delegation of fund management after the AIFMD became effective, AIM monitors that the AIFMD or equivalent guidelines and restrictions for remuneration are in place. This framework is tested annually against laws and regulations, amended where necessary and presented to the Remuneration Committee of Aegon Ltd. for approval. This body also monitors the remuneration of all AIM employees that have been designated as Material Risk Taker (MRT).



## ***Transparency of remuneration rules in relation to the integration of sustainability risks***

Alignment of the remuneration rules with sustainability risks is an important part of the AAM compensation program. AAM's global compensation rules encompass our global focus on integrating critical sustainability factors into multiple components of the variable compensation structure.

Performance indicators are a fundamental part of AAM's variable compensation program. In order to obtain an accurate representation of total performance from a long-term perspective, the remuneration rules contain limits on unadjusted financial performance indicators at both organizational and individual levels.

At the organizational level, the focus on sustainability is reflected by indicators that show the long-term sustainability of business results, including one, three and five year investment results, customer satisfaction and collaboration within and between teams.

Individual objectives ensure that all stakeholders have direct insight into how they contribute to AAM's strategy and sustainability goals. As an illustration, these indicators currently include components such as:

- The board has individual objectives regarding Inclusivity & Diversity goals within the organization.
- All investment professionals are required to set at least one ESG/Responsible Investment objective that is aligned with and relevant to their role and the achievement of the desired investment performance. All other colleagues are required to set at least one ESG-related goal that is relevant to their role and/or overall contribution.

Our remuneration rules also outline management assessments that focus on risk alignment and the sustainability of business performance. Such assessments may result in a downward adjustment of variable remuneration elements. The assessments specifically include Bonus Malus provisions described in the remuneration rules.

## ***Fixed remuneration***

Fixed remuneration of AIM employees consists of the monthly salary, a flexible budget (including, among others, holiday allowance and 13<sup>th</sup> month allowance), pension allowance and other secondary employment terms that are customary in the Dutch market. AIM has different salary systems for employees under collective employment agreements ('CAO gebonden posities'), portfolio managers and senior management positions. All three systems are reviewed annually on market conformity using various external market surveys on remuneration.

## ***Variable remuneration***

A selection of AIM employees is eligible for variable remuneration. This variable remuneration is an integral part of the total remuneration package. For the calculation of the annual budget for variable remuneration, a so called bonus pool method is used. This means that the size of the pool (in other words, the budget) is determined by comparing the actual results to the predetermined goals. This consists of a mix of long term and short term fund results, client satisfaction, profitability, sales figures, risk management and Aegon N.V. results. Granting of any variable remuneration, within the budget, is done based on individual performance. For granting of variable remuneration, based on the bonus pool and at individual level, the performance indicators consist for a maximum of 50% of non-risk adjusted financial performance indicators and for at least 50% of non-financial indicators.

## ***Material Risk Taker (MRT)***

On the basis of the AIFMD selection criteria, 5 internal positions have been qualified as MRT, of which 4 are senior management positions. This concerns staff members of which professional activities have significant influence on the risk profile of AIM and/or the managed funds.

When qualifying for a certain fixed income and variable remuneration, no distinction is made between MRT and other employees. Different rules do, however, apply in the area of personal targets and payment of variable remuneration. The personal targets of Identified Staff are assessed in advance on the degree of risk control and are, where required, adjusted accordingly. In addition, in case of MRT variable remuneration is not paid in cash in one instalment. The initial 50% are paid directly in cash after the year of performance. The other 50% are paid directly in instruments, the so-called phantom shares. The phantom shares are subject to a holding period of three years. They are made available after that. Before each of these elements is paid, it is established whether there are still facts on the basis of which the variable remuneration should be adjusted downward. The phantom shares are linked to the fund performances of the main funds of the Manager. After allocation the shares are held for a year before they are settled and paid to the employee in cash.



## Remuneration overview

The table below consists of the fixed remuneration (12 times the monthly salary, income tax, social security contributions, pension contributions and the flexible budget) and the variable remuneration granted to all employees and temporary employees of AIM in 2024. The amounts have been split to management, MRT and other employees.

Personnel compensation for the financial year 2024				
Groups (amounts x € 1,000)	Number of personnel	FTE <sup>(1)</sup>	Fixed salary <sup>(2)</sup>	Variable remuneration
Board of directors	4	4	1,804	690
MRT	5	5	2,044	1,525
Other staff	382	355	46,357	7,257
<b>Total AIM employees</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>50,205</b>	<b>9,472</b>

Personnel compensation for the financial year 2023				
Groups (amounts x € 1,000)	Number of personnel	FTE <sup>(1)</sup>	Fixed salary <sup>(2)</sup>	Variable remuneration
Board of directors	4	3	1,127	474
MRT	7	6	2,132	1,114
Other staff	425	385	45,245	5,415
<b>Total AIM employees</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>48,504</b>	<b>7,003</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> 1 FTE = 40 contractual hours per week

<sup>(2)</sup> This consists of twelve times the monthly salary and a fixed flexible budget (including, among others, holiday allowance and 13th month allowance).

The remuneration for the employees includes activities performed for Aegon Nederland N.V. Employees are not directly employed by or working exclusively for specific individual funds. The total remuneration has not been allocated to the individual funds, since the information required for this allocation is not readily available.

There are no employees for which the total remuneration is greater than 1 million euro.

The manager does not receive any compensation other than the predetermined management fee, which is a percentage of the net asset value. Therefore, there is no carried interest.

## Delegated functions

In accordance with article 22(2)(e) of the AIFMD, the manager is obligated to provide further details of the remuneration policy. This includes external parties to which portfolio management and risk management activities are delegated. For outsourcing relationships a proportionally effective remuneration policy is applicable. Aegon has, in accordance with AIFMD, tried to obtain the quantitative information from its external portfolio managers and risk managers. However, this information is not available at the required level. For a best estimate of the costs associated with the remuneration policy for these external portfolio managers and risk managers, we refer to the management fees charged. The management fees are disclosed in the annual report of the relevant Aegon funds.

## 2.8 General outlook

### Housing Market

In 2023, we already saw a return to old trends and the housing market regained its stability. This process continued into 2024, with mortgage rates maintaining the cautious downward trend that had already begun. House prices initially showed a declining trend from the second half of 2022, caused by the sharp rise in interest rates. By mid-2023, we saw this downward trend reverse into a slight increase in house prices, which has continued through 2024. As a result of strong interventions in 2022, we saw inflation start to decrease in 2023. We have now reached a point where inflation has significantly fallen, but now shows a stable or slightly increasing trend. The first interest rate cuts by the central bank took place in 2024, but since the decline has stagnated by the end of 2024, there has been market

uncertainty about the previously communicated interest rate reduction path by the central bank. The central bank states that interest rates will reach around 2% by mid-2025 if economic forecasts hold true. However, the current market consensus seems to be that a longer period will be needed before rates reach this level. Therefore, 2025 promises to be a very exciting year for the short end of the interest rate curves. Mortgage lenders will want to maintain their margins and closely monitor these movements of central banks. However, there seems to be room to lower mortgage rates slightly again. Such a potential slight decline would increase the chance of further house price increases.

As a result of the higher mortgage rates, fewer refinancers, and falling house prices, 2022 saw a reduced number of transactions. In 2023, the number of transactions remained stable around this lower level. In 2024, the number of transactions showed an increase, and the expectation is that 2025 will see a similar number. The recovery for first-time buyers, due to the decrease in house prices and increased supply, was short-lived. There was a brief period of falling house prices, but the existing shortage of newly completed homes and the resulting imbalance in supply and demand quickly regained control. This led to rising prices and a declining supply of homes. The lagging housing production has long been on the political agenda, but during the elections of November 2023, it became one of the main topics. The newly formed government has not yet been able to come up with structural solutions during its early period. Given the very complicated mix of subareas involved, it is logical that no simple solution is immediately available. In the medium term, the outlook still does not look good for first-time buyers, and there is work to be done for the government to come up with a well-thought-out long-term vision.

The Hague, 26 March 2025

The investment manager

Signed on behalf of Aegon Investment Management B.V. by:

D.F.R. Jacobovits de Szeged

W.H.M. van de Kraats

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### 3.1. Balance sheet as at 31 December

Balance Sheet			
(before appropriation of result) (amounts x € 1,000)	Reference	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Investments</b>			
Mortgages		8,671,294	8,490,352
Call money		219,676	235,453
<b>Total investments</b>	3.4.2	<b>8,890,970</b>	<b>8,725,805</b>
<b>Receivables</b>			
Outstanding transactions in financial instruments		32,991	23,846
Other receivables	3.4.4	24,032	23,999
<b>Total receivables</b>		<b>57,023</b>	<b>47,845</b>
<b>Other assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3.4.5	1	-
<b>Total other assets</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>8,947,994</b>	<b>8,773,650</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Net asset value</b>			
Net assets before result		8,413,603	8,540,989
Result for the year		520,956	219,551
<b>Total net asset value</b>	3.4.6	<b>8,934,559</b>	<b>8,760,540</b>
<b>Short term liabilities</b>			
Outstanding transactions in financial instruments		10,725	10,387
Other payables and liabilities	3.4.7	2,710	2,723
<b>Total short term liabilities</b>		<b>13,435</b>	<b>13,110</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>8,947,994</b>	<b>8,773,650</b>

## 3.2. Profit and loss statement

Profit and loss statement			
(amounts x € 1,000)	Reference	2024	2023
<b>Direct result</b>			
Interest mortgages		262,884	263,712
Interest call money		5,776	5,140
Interest bank accounts		2	7
<b>Total direct result</b>		<b>268,662</b>	<b>268,859</b>
Realised investment results			
Unrealised investment results		299,890	(1,989)
<b>Total indirect result</b>	3.4.10	<b>299,890</b>	<b>(1,989)</b>
<b>Total investment result</b>		<b>568,552</b>	<b>266,870</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>			
Management fee		(18,277)	(18,142)
Service fee		(1,741)	(1,728)
Servicing fee mortgages		(25,307)	(25,575)
Interest construction deposits		(2,049)	(1,720)
Interest bank accounts		(24)	(77)
Other expenses		(198)	(77)
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	3.4.7	<b>(47,596)</b>	<b>(47,319)</b>
<b>Net result</b>		<b>520,956</b>	<b>219,551</b>

## 3.3. Cash flow statement

Cash flow statement			
(amounts x € 1,000)	Reference	2024	2023
<b>Cash flow from investment activities</b>			
Provision of mortgage claims		(764,690)	(774,750)
Mortgage repayments		874,831	1,015,159
Net receipts/(payments) for call money transactions		15,777	(113,223)
Interest received		268,629	268,841
Management fee paid		(18,263)	(18,006)
Service fee paid		(1,740)	(1,715)
Servicing fee paid mortgages		(25,335)	(25,745)
Interest paid		(2,075)	(1,797)
Other expenses paid		(196)	(77)
<b>Net cash flow from investment activities</b>		<b>346,938</b>	<b>348,687</b>
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>			
Subscriptions		-	-
Redemptions		(223,694)	(250,275)
Paid out dividend		(123,243)	(98,412)
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>		<b>(346,937)</b>	<b>(348,687)</b>
<b>Net cash flow</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>
Cash and cash equivalents opening balance		-	-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents closing balance</b>	3.4.5	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>

### 3.4. Notes to the financial statements

#### 3.4.1 Accounting principles and the calculation methods for ratios

##### **General**

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Title 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and the Dutch Act on Financial Supervision (“Wet op het financieel toezicht”). The financial statements are prepared according to the financial statements models for investment institutions as established by the legislator. Wording may be used that deviates from these models to better reflect the contents of the specific items.

Unless indicated otherwise, amounts are reflected in euro.

##### **Comparison to the previous year**

The accounting principles have remained unchanged in comparison to the previous year. The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the going concern assumption.

##### **Foreign currencies**

The reporting and functional currency of the fund is the euro due to the issue of participations in euro and most of the transactions being in euro. Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currency are translated by the closing rate. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are valued on a historical cost basis are translated by the rate of the foreign currency at the date of the transaction.

##### **Cash flow statement**

The cash flow statement is prepared using the direct method. A distinction is made between cash flows arising from financing activities which reflect all cash flows between the fund and its participants and the cash flows from investment activities which reflect the operations activities of the fund.

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash at banks and bank overdrafts.

##### **Principles for valuation**

Unless stated otherwise, assets and liabilities are included in the balance sheet at nominal value. Investments are valued at fair value. The manner in which this fair value is determined is further explained in the paragraph Fair value determination.

##### **Investments**

Investments in mortgage receivables are held to maturity. These investments are not considered to be part of the trading portfolio.

##### **Criteria for recognition on the balance sheet**

Financial instruments are recognised in the balance sheet when the fund becomes a party in the contractual clauses of the financial instrument. The fair value of the financial instruments at initial recognition is the cost price of the financial instruments.

A financial instrument is no longer recognised in the balance sheet if a transaction leads to the transfer of all or nearly all economic benefits and all or nearly all risks of the financial instrument to a third party.

## Recognition of transaction

Transactions are processed based on settlement date (settlement date accounting).

## Transaction cost recording

Transaction costs for purchases of investments are included in the cost price of the investments and are accounted for as part of the unrealised result on investments in the profit and loss statement. As a result, no transaction costs are expensed at the end of the year. Transaction costs related to sales of investments are accounted for as part of the realised result on investments. Transaction costs upon purchases of derivatives are directly accounted for in the profit and loss statement.

## Fair value determination

The mortgage receivables are acquired from Aegon Hypotheken B.V. at their fair value. At the date of transfer, mortgage receivables are assumed to have been acquired at the conditions then applicable. The fair value of a mortgage is determined by discounting the future contractual cash flows against the Aegon interest rate, taking into account early repayments by the customer. As a result of this method, the fair value on the transfer date is equal to the nominal value. The market value of the mortgage portfolio is determined on a monthly basis in a corresponding manner.

The market value of call money is based on the theoretical price, calculated using data from active markets.

## Asset and liabilities

Assets and liabilities are valued at fair value upon initial recognition. Subsequently, assets and liabilities are valued at amortised cost. When no premium, discount or transaction costs apply, the amortised cost equals the nominal value of the asset or liability.

The receivables and liabilities have a maturity of less than one year. Valuation is carried out net of any provision for doubtful debts.

## Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are valued at nominal value.

## Net asset value

In the net asset value of the fund, the transactions with participants and the appropriation of the result are recorded. Transactions with participants are processed against the subscription- or redemption price excluding subscription or redemption fee or dilution levy.

### 3.4.2 Investments

Movement schedule of investments		
(amounts x € 1,000)	2024	2023
<i>Mortgage receivables</i>		
Opening balance	8,490,352	8,692,557
Provisions	765,028	775,462
Repayments	(883,976)	(975,678)
Revaluation	299,890	(1,989)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>8,671,294</b>	<b>8,490,352</b>
<i>Call money</i>		
Opening balance	235,453	122,230
Net receipts/(payments) for call money transactions	(15,777)	113,223
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>219,676</b>	<b>235,453</b>

The distribution of the investment portfolio according to the method of valuation is shown below:

Investments by valuation method		
(amounts x € 1,000)	2024	2023
Derived from quoted market prices	219,676	235,453
Net present value	8,671,294	8,490,352
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>8,890,970</b>	<b>8,725,805</b>

### 3.4.3 Risks with respect to financial instruments

This paragraph shows the important risks associated with the investments of the fund.

#### Price risk

Price risk can be divided into:

- Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in exchange rates;
- Market risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, either caused by factors that exclusively apply to the individual instrument or the issuer thereof or by factors that influence all instruments that are traded in the market;
- Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates.

The concept of price risk does not only comprise possibility of losses but also the possibility of gains.

#### Currency risk

There is no active currency policy. The fund predominantly has euro investments and is therefore not exposed to significant currency risk.

#### Market risk

The risk that relates to changes in market prices is limited by the spread in mortgage products and regions. The market price is influenced by the limitation in mortgage tradability. The mortgage receivables can only be sold to a party affiliated with Aegon.

Mortgage portfolio to product		
	2024	2023
<b>Product</b>		
Annuity	62.5%	62.1%
Interest-only	30.1%	30.0%
Linear repayment	3.9%	4.1%
Bank savings ("Bankspaar")	2.9%	3.2%
Savings ("Spaar")	0.4%	0.4%
Life insurance	0.2%	0.2%
<b>Total as at 31 december</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Distribution portfolio by region

Mortgage receivable portfolio by province		
	2024	2023
<b>Province</b>		
Drenthe	3,5%	3,5%
Flevoland	2,0%	2,0%
Friesland	4,3%	4,3%
Gelderland	14,5%	14,5%
Groningen	3,5%	3,5%
Limburg	7,0%	7,0%
Noord-Brabant	16,3%	16,3%
Noord-Holland	11,8%	12,0%
Overijssel	8,3%	8,2%
Utrecht	8,0%	8,0%
Zeeland	2,7%	2,7%
Zuid-Holland	18,1%	18,0%
<b>Total as at 31 december</b>	<b>100,0%</b>	<b>100,0%</b>

## Interest rate risk

The fund invests in long term fixed income securities and is therefore exposed to significant interest rate risk. The table below categorises the mortgage receivables and call money into fixed interest maturity buckets. In this table no consideration is given to (early) repayment of mortgage receivables.

Remaining fixed rate period 2024						
(amounts x € 1,000)	2024					
	Shorter than 1 year	Between 1 and 5 years	Between 5 and 10 years	Between 10 and 20 years	Longer than 20 years	Total
Mortgage receivables	95,194	225,004	917,322	5,763,555	1,670,219	8,671,294
Call money	219,676	-	-	-	-	219,976
<b>Total</b>	<b>314,870</b>	<b>225,004</b>	<b>917,322</b>	<b>5,763,555</b>	<b>1,670,219</b>	<b>8,890,970</b>

Remaining fixed rate period 2023						
(amounts x € 1,000)	2023					
	Shorter than 1 year	Between 1 and 5 years	Between 5 and 10 years	Between 10 and 20 years	Longer than 20 years	Total
Mortgage receivables	81,823	184,770	479,610	6,026,763	1,717,386	8,490,352
Call money	235,453	-	-	-	-	235,453
<b>Total</b>	<b>317,276</b>	<b>184,770</b>	<b>479,610</b>	<b>6,026,763</b>	<b>1,717,386</b>	<b>8,725,805</b>

## Cash flow risk

Cash flow risk is the risk that future cash flows of a monetary financial instrument will fluctuate in size.

The fund has limited investments in financial instruments with variable interest rates and is therefore not exposed to significant cash flow risk.

## Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that counterparties of investments cannot meet their obligations, causing the fund to incur a financial loss.

The amount which best represents the maximum credit risk of the fund is € 8,947,994,000 (2023: € 8,773,650,000).



The fund primarily invests in mortgages for which the collateral consists of privately owned Dutch residential property. The credit risk is therefore initially hedged by the property that serves as collateral for the mortgages provided. In addition, credit risk is hedged by limiting the LTFV (volume of loans in relation to the execution value of the collateral) in the fund mandate and by setting a maximum amount per loan.

A significant amount of the mortgage portfolio is subject to the NHG-arrangement.

## Allocation of mortgage receivables portfolio by remaining debt at year-end

	2024	2023
<b>Remaining debt</b>		
Lower than 100.000	8.7%	8.0%
100.000 – 150.000	16.3%	16.3%
150.000 – 200.000	22.8%	23.6%
200.000 – 250.000	18.2%	19.5%
250.000 – 300.000	11.6%	12.0%
300.000 – 350.000	7.6%	7.3%
350.000 – 400.000	5.4%	5.0%
Higher than 400.000	9.4%	8.3%
<b>Total as at 31 december</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Allocation of mortgage receivables remaining debt in relation to fair value of the underlying property

	2024	2023
<b>Remaining debt</b>		
NHG	45.6%	47.7%
0 through 50%	30.8%	22.4%
50% through 100%	23.6%	29.9%
<b>Total as at 31 December</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Overdue mortgage receivable payments 2024

(amounts x € 1.000)	Amount overdue	Outstanding nominal	NHG
<b>Outstanding debt</b>			
Not overdue	-	8,647,592	45.5%
Overdue up to 3 months	127	21,141	72.4%
Overdue between 3 and 6 months	58	2,434	89.4%
Overdue for more than 6 months	7	127	100.0%
<b>Total as at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>8,671,294</b>	<b>45.6%</b>

## Overdue mortgage receivable payments 2023

(amounts x € 1.000)	Amount overdue	Outstanding nominal	NHG
<b>Outstanding debt</b>			
Not overdue	-	8,460,491	47.6%
Overdue up to 3 months	147	26,651	75.6%
Overdue between 3 and 6 months	47	1,987	78.6%
Overdue for more than 6 months	54	1,223	49.7%
<b>Total as at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>8,490,352</b>	<b>47.7%</b>

The total losses on mortgage receivables amount to € 71,157 (2023: € 1,283).

## Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk, also known as 'funding risk', is the risk that the fund is not able to meet the financial obligations associated with its financial instruments or redemptions by participants. Liquidity risk can, among others, occur from the inability to sell a financial asset in the short term for (an amount close to) its fair value.

The investments of the fund cannot be liquidated immediately. The fund is therefore exposed to significant liquidity risk. This liquidity risk is reduced by existing restrictions for withdrawals from the fund. Participants can exit the fund on the first working day of each month.

The redemption of participations will be financed using the cash flows under the Investments or arising from new issues of participations in the fund. Mortgage receivables are illiquid investments that normally cannot be liquidated. Therefore, upon exit from the fund, participants will be dependent on the available cash and the new inflow of (prospective) participants into the fund. As a result of this restricted liquidity, outflow from the fund may take a long time.

If the liquidity of the fund is insufficient to comply with a redemption request (in full), the relevant participations will be 'included' again in the next redemption round according to the same procedure, etc. If and as long as one or several participations are offered to the fund for redemption, the manager will not make any further investments until all these participations have been redeemed.

### 3.4.4 Other receivables

Other receivables		
(amounts x € 1,000)	2024	2023
Accrued interest	24,032	23,999
<b>Total as at 31 December</b>	<b>24,032</b>	<b>23,999</b>

### 3.4.5 Cash and cash equivalents

No restrictions on the use of cash and cash equivalents exist.

### 3.4.6 Net asset value

Movement schedule net asset value		
(amounts x € 1,000)	2024	2023
<b>Net asset value participants</b>		
Opening balance	8,760,540	8,889,676
Subscriptions	94,004	81,136
Redemptions	(223,694)	(250,275)
Dividends	(217,247)	(179,548)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>8,413,603</b>	<b>8,540,989</b>
<b>Net result for the year</b>	<b>520,956</b>	<b>219,551</b>
<b>Total net asset value as at 31 December</b>	<b>8,934,559</b>	<b>8,760,540</b>

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2024, there was a dividend payment for financial year 2023 of €0,26 per unit. The dividend payment is based on direct result minus operating expenses for the 2023 financial year. Also, the dividend payment is based on the average interest rate of the mortgages in 2023 and on the initial net asset value of 2024.

For investments for which no frequent market quotation is available, a revaluation reserve for the unrealised positive revaluation should be established. The unrealised positive revaluation for such investments is €0 (2023: €0).

Movement schedule of participations		
	2024	2023
Number of participations as at 1 January	838,305,168	854,988,471
Subscriptions	9,231,381	7,967,637
Redemptions	(21,566,935)	(24,650,940)
<b>Number of participations as at 31 December</b>	<b>825,969,614</b>	<b>838,305,168</b>

Historical summary			
	2024	2023	2022
Net asset value (X € 1,000)	8,934,559	8,760,540	8,889,676
Number of participations outstanding (units)	825,969,614	838,305,168	854,988,471
Net asset value per participation in €	10.82	10.45	10.40
Performance (net asset value)	6.15%	2.55%	(14.00%)

## 3.4.7 Other payables

Other payables		
(amounts x € 1,000)	2024	2023
Management fee payable	557	543
Service fee payable	53	52
Servicing fee mortgages payable	2,100	2,128
<b>Total as at 31 December</b>	<b>2,710</b>	<b>2,723</b>

## 3.4.8 Profit and loss statement

### Income and expense recognition

The profit and loss statement accounts for income and expenses resulting from business operations during the year. Transaction costs for investments and derivatives are directly accounted for in the profit and loss statement.

### Interest income and expenses

Interest is accounted for in the period to which it relates. Interest income and expenses are processed on a time proportion basis, considering the effective interest rate of the concerned assets and liabilities.

### Revaluation of investments

Changes in fair value of mortgage receivables are generally accounted for as unrealised result because the mortgage receivables are held to maturity, except for the premature repayment of mortgages by the issuer. Since all transactions are in euro, no currency results exist.

### Expenses

Expenses are recorded in the period to which they relate.

## 3.4.9 Off-balance sheet rights and obligations

### Construction deposits

The fund has granted mortgages where part of the mortgage has been reserved in the form of construction deposits. As of the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2024, an amount of €85 million of construction deposits remains undrawn by borrowers. This amount represents an obligation of the fund to make additional payments in the future from this deposit. This obligation has not been recognised in the balance sheet.

## 3.4.10 Indirect result

Changes in fair value of investments		
(amounts x € 1,000)	2024	2023
Unrealised price- and currency gains mortgages	299,890	-
Unrealised price- and currency losses mortgages	-	(1,989)
<b>Total as at 31 December</b>	<b>299,890</b>	<b>(1,989)</b>

## 3.4.11 Subscription and redemption fee

The fund does not charge subscription and redemption fees.

## 3.4.12 Costs and fees

### Management fee

The annual management fee amounts to 0.21% per year.

### Service fee

The manager charges a service fee to the fund. The service fee serves as a compensation for costs such as custody fees, audit fees, legal and advisory fees, incorporation costs, administration fees and marketing and communication costs. The service fee is determined as a percentage on an annual basis. The service fee is charged to the fund each day based on the net asset value of the fund at the end of the preceding trading day.

The fees for the audit of the annual report, fiscal advice and other non audit related services are paid by the manager from the service fee. The costs for the audit for the 2024 financial year amount to EUR 36,111

### Mortgage servicing fee

The fund pays Aegon Hypotheken B.V. a fee service for related to the management of the mortgage portfolio. The mortgage servicing fee amounts to 0.27% per year.

### Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)

The OCF is a standard for ongoing costs that are charged to the fund during the reporting period. For the calculation of the OCF, the following needs to be considered:

- The OCF represents the ratio between ongoing costs and the average net asset value. The ongoing costs include all expenses that have been charged to the fund during the reporting period, with the exception of subscription- and redemption fees, performance fees, transaction costs for investments and interest expenses on bank accounts. The fund can invest in other Aegon funds. In addition to the costs directly recognised by the fund, the calculation of the fund's ongoing costs also includes the ongoing costs of other Aegon funds in which the fund invests as well as the costs of fee sharing agreements.
- The average net asset value is based on the number of days when a net asset value calculation was performed during the reporting period.

The overview below shows the costs during the year:

OCF		
(amounts x € 1,000)	2024	2023
Average net asset value	8,678,671	8,640,182
Total costs within the fund including fee sharing agreements	45,325	45,445
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>45,325</b>	<b>45,445</b>
<b>OCF</b>	<b>0.52%</b>	<b>0.53%</b>

## Turnover Ratio (TR)

The Turnover Ratio gives an indication of the turnover of the fund's investment portfolio by providing insight in the extent to which the fund manager actively changes the investment portfolio based on his investment decisions. The Turnover Ratio gives information on the relative amount of transaction costs involved with portfolio management. Active portfolio management means higher transaction costs. A turnover ratio of 200 indicates that purchase- and sales transactions have been executed for twice the amount of the average net asset value on top of the purchase- and sales transactions caused by subscriptions and redemptions of participants. Transaction in call money are not included in the calculation of the TR.

Subscriptions and redemptions of participations are netted on a daily basis to determine the actual in- or outflow on a daily basis. The purpose of this is to better align the in- or outflow with the purchases and sales as a result of transactions with participants. As a result, the amounts may differ from the amounts as stated in the movement schedule of the net asset value and the cash flow statement.

A fund can invest partially or entirely in participations in other Aegon investment funds in which the actual purchases and sales of investments take place. The TR of the underlying Aegon investment funds is more relevant and will be disclosed in the Financial Statements of this particular Aegon investment fund.

The Turnover Ratio is calculated as follows:

$[(\text{Total 1} - \text{Total 2}) / X] * 100$

Total 1: the total amount of securities transactions (securities purchases + securities sales).

Total 2: the total amount of transactions (subscriptions + redemptions) of participations of the fund.

X: the average net asset value of the fund (determined in line with the related OCF method)

TR		
(amounts x € 1,000)	2024	2023
Purchases of investments	765,028	775,462
Sales of investments	883,976	975,678
<b>Total investment transactions</b>	<b>1,649,004</b>	<b>1,751,140</b>
Subscriptions	94,004	81,136
Redemptions	223,694	250,275
<b>Total movements in participations</b>	<b>317,698</b>	<b>331,411</b>
Average net asset value	8,678,671	8,640,182
<b>TR</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>

## Related parties

All transactions with related parties have been entered into at arm's length and under normal market conditions. For completeness purposes, the related parties and information on the agreements with these parties are detailed below.

### Fund manager

The funds use the services of the fund manager, AIM, and do not employ any personnel. The personnel that AIM uses is employed by Aegon Employees Netherlands B.V. The expenses for the use of the personnel of the fund manager are covered by the management fee that the fund pays to the fund manager.

### Legal owner

Aegon Custody B.V. serves as legal owner of the investments. Aegon Custody B.V. was incorporated on 25 April 1991. The legal owner is a private limited liability company with its registered office at Aegonplein 50, 2591 TV, The Hague. Aegon Custody B.V. is a fully-owned subsidiary of Aegon Asset Management Holding B.V. It is registered in the Chamber of Commerce register of The Hague under number 27134727.

### Aegon Ltd.

Aegon Ltd. renders the following services for the benefit of the fund, represented by the fund manager and the legal owner:

- Cash management: Aegon Ltd. performs day-to-day cash management duties and manages the funds' aggregate cash pool.

- Currency management: Aegon Ltd. is the counterparty for certain funds that do not have their own bank account in foreign currency for currency transactions. All settlements and corporate actions in foreign currency of these funds are booked on the currency accounts of Aegon Ltd. and charged to the euro account of the relevant funds;

#### *Aegon Derivatives N.V.*

To close OTC derivatives: within the framework of Aegon Ltd's derivatives policy, long-term OTC derivatives are entered into in the name of Aegon Derivatives N.V. The manager is required to verify in advance whether the use of the relevant instrument is permitted within the policy formulated by Aegon Ltd. or in the prospectus of the fund's policies formulated. Effectively, the fund has Aegon Derivatives N.V. as a counterparty and has Aegon Derivatives N.V. the external parties as counterparty. The collateral is settled on a daily basis by Aegon Derivatives N.V. with the funds. Aegon Derivatives N.V. is an intermediary for the purpose of efficiently managing of the derivatives exposure for the funds.

#### *a.s.r.*

Aegon Group has a strategic interest in a.s.r. with combined rights. AIM remains part of Aegon Group. AIM and a.s.r. have entered a long-term asset management agreement for the management of, among other things, the illiquid investments of Aegon Nederland and a.s.r., investments of Aegon's premium pension institution Cappital, a.s.r.'s mortgage funds, a.s.r.'s private debt fund and a.s.r.'s Renewable Energy fund.

#### *Aegon Asset Management UK plc.*

The fund manager has a service level agreement with Aegon Asset Management UK plc. regarding the calculation of fund- and benchmark performance that the manager uses for reporting on the funds.

#### *Aegon USA Investment Management, LLC*

An Investment Management Agreement has been made with Aegon USA Investment Management LLC regarding the management of the American portfolio.

#### *Aegon Hypotheken B.V.*

The fund pays a fee to Aegon Hypotheken B.V. for services related to the distribution of mortgages and the (special) management of the mortgage portfolio. These services include, among other things, the administration of the mortgage portfolio, communication with underlying debtors, handling all payments related to the mortgage loans, and providing reports for the management of the fund.

### Outsourcing

The fund manager has delegated tasks to the following parties in the context of the management of the fund:

- Aegon Asset Management Hungary B.V.: shared service centre for transaction processing and performance measurement;
- Aegon Derivatives N.V.: services related to the management of cash and collateral;
- Aegon EDC Limited: IT infrastructure services;
- Aegon USA Investment Management LLC: external asset manager for certain equity portfolios;
- External asset manager(s) for management of the investment portfolio;
- Citibank N.A. (London Branch): operational execution of securities lending transactions, fund accounting and corporate actions;
- Aegon Ltd. (Group Treasury): services in the field of cash management;
- Aegon Asset Management UK Plc.: calculation of fund performance and benchmark performance;

### Liability of the depositary

The depositary is liable to the the fund and the participants for the loss of any financial instrument taken into custody by the depositary or a third party to which it has transferred the custody. The depositary will not be liable if it can demonstrate that the loss was caused by an external event beyond his reasonable control, the consequences of which were unavoidable despite any efforts to prevent them.

The depositary is also liable to the the fund and the participants for any other losses they suffer due to the depositary's failure to properly fulfil its obligations under this depositary agreement with intent or due to negligence. Participants may indirectly invoke the liability of the depositary via the fund manager. If the fund manager refuses to

cooperate with such a request, the participants are authorised to file the claim for damages directly with the depositary.

#### Hard commissions and softdollar arrangements

The fund does not enter into hard commission arrangements. With regard to soft dollar arrangements, AIM is compliant with the legally established Fund Governance Principles. AIM is charged by brokers for research information. This research information is beneficial to the fund and its participants.

#### Proposed profit appropriation

The Board of Management proposes to add the profit for the financial year to the fund's participants capital.

### 3.4.13 Events after the balance sheet date

There have been no events after the balance sheet date that require further explanation.

The Hague, 26 March 2025

The investment manager

Signed on behalf of Aegon Investment Management B.V. by:

D.F.R. Jacobovits de Szeged

W.H.M. van de Kraats

T.E.J.F. Stassen

## 4 Other information

### 4.1 Management board interests

During 2024, the board members of the investment manager held no direct or indirect interests in the fund or in any of the external managers appointed by the fund.



## Independent auditor's report

To: the participants and the manager of AeAM Dutch Mortgage Fund

### Report on the audit of the financial statements 2024 included in the annual report

#### Our opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 of AeAM Dutch Mortgage Fund based in The Hague.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of AeAM Dutch Mortgage Fund as at 31 December 2024 and of its result for 2024 in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

The financial statements comprise:

- The balance sheet as at 31 December 2024
- The profit and loss account for 2024
- The notes comprising a summary of the accounting policies and other explanatory information

#### Basis for our opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of AeAM Dutch Mortgage Fund (the investment fund) in accordance with the Wet toezicht accountantsorganisaties (Wta, Audit firms supervision act), the Verordening inzake de onafhankelijkheid van accountants bij assurance-opdrachten (ViO, Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, a regulation with respect to independence) and other relevant independence regulations in the Netherlands. Furthermore, we have complied with the Verordening gedrags- en beroepsregels accountants (VGBA, Dutch Code of Ethics for professional accountants).

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Information in support of our opinion

We designed our audit procedures in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon. The following information in support of our opinion and any findings were addressed in this context, and we do not provide a separate opinion or conclusion on these matters.

Our focus on fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations

**Our responsibility**

Although we are not responsible for preventing fraud or non-compliance and we cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations, it is our responsibility to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements, taken as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error.

**Our audit response related to fraud risks**

We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements due to fraud. During our audit we obtained an understanding of the investment fund and its environment and the components of the system of internal control, including the risk assessment process and the manager's process for responding to the risks of fraud and monitoring the system of internal control, as well as the outcomes.

We refer to section "Risk management" of the annual report for the manager's (fraud) risk assessment.

We evaluated the design and relevant aspects of the system of internal control and in particular the fraud risk assessment, as well as the Aegon Code of Conduct, Whistleblower Policy, Code of Ethics, Conflicts of Interest Policy and incident registration. We evaluated the design and the implementation of internal controls designed to mitigate fraud risks.

As part of our process of identifying fraud risks, we evaluated fraud risk factors with respect to financial reporting fraud, misappropriation of assets and bribery and corruption. We evaluated whether these factors indicate that a risk of material misstatement due to fraud is present.

We incorporated elements of unpredictability in our audit. We also considered the outcome of our other audit procedures and evaluated whether any findings were indicative of fraud or non-compliance.

We addressed the risks related to management override of controls, as this risk is present in all organizations. For these risks we have performed procedures among other things to evaluate key accounting estimates for management bias that may represent a risk of material misstatement due to fraud, in particular relating to important judgment areas and significant accounting estimates as disclosed in the Notes to the financial statements. We have also used data analysis to identify and address high-risk journal entries and evaluated the business rationale (or the lack thereof) of significant extraordinary transactions, including those with related parties.

Additionally, we have performed specific procedures in response to integrity risks arising from the potential conflict of interest between the manager and the participants of the investment fund. According to our assessment, primarily the costs withdrawn from the investment fund (and other payments from the assets of the investment fund, if any) that are revenues for the manager or for related parties of the manager give rise to this risk. Therefore, we verified amongst others that the management fee and service fee have been calculated in accordance with the prospectus and on the basis of the audited financial information in the financial statements or the underlying general ledger.

When identifying and assessing fraud risks, we presumed that there are risks of fraud in revenue recognition, in particular relating to the recognition of indirect result as a result of incorrect valuation of mortgages due to the subjective elements in (the assumptions applied in) valuation.

We designed and performed our audit procedures responsive to this presumed fraud risk and verified amongst others in cooperation with our own specialists a sample of the fair value calculations by discounting future cashflows and evaluating the appropriateness of the yield curve applied, including risk-related spreads.

We considered available information and made enquiries of AEGON Asset Management Holding B.V., including internal audit and the legal, compliance and risk departments.

The fraud risks we identified, enquiries and other available information did not lead to specific indications for fraud or suspected fraud potentially materially impacting the view of the financial statements.

#### **Our audit response related to risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations**

We performed appropriate audit procedures regarding compliance with the provisions of those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Furthermore, we assessed factors related to the risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements.

In line with NBA Practice Note 1142 from the professional body for auditors in the Netherlands (NBA) on the “Specific obligations from laws and regulations on financial supervision for the internal auditor and the external auditor of investment firms, alternative investment funds (managers) and (management companies of) undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities”, our assessment is based on our general industry experience, through discussions with the manager, inspection of the integrity risk analysis (SIRA) of the manager, reading minutes, inspection of internal audit reports — insofar as relevant for the fund (management) — and reports from the compliance department, as well as performing substantive audit procedures of classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures.

We also inspected the reports of the legal department and correspondence with regulatory authorities and remained alert to any indication of (suspected) non-compliance throughout the audit. Finally, we obtained written representations that all known instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations have been disclosed to us.

#### **Our audit response related to going concern**

As disclosed in the paragraph ‘Going concern’ in the Notes to the financial statements, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. When preparing the financial statements, the manager made a specific assessment of the investment fund’s ability to continue as a going concern and to continue its operations for the foreseeable future.

We discussed and evaluated the specific assessment with the manager exercising professional judgment and maintaining professional skepticism. We considered whether the manager’s going concern assessment, based on our knowledge and understanding obtained through our audit of the financial statements or otherwise, contains all relevant events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the investment fund’s ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor’s report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion.

Based on our procedures performed, we did not identify material uncertainties about going concern. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor’s report. However, future events or conditions may cause the investment fund to cease to continue as a going concern.

## Report on other information included in the annual report

The annual report contains other information in addition to the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Based on the following procedures performed, we conclude that the other information:

- Is consistent with the financial statements and does not contain material misstatements
- Contains the information as required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code for the management report and the other information as required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code

We have read the other information. Based on our knowledge and understanding obtained through our audit of the financial statements or otherwise, we have considered whether the other information contains material misstatements. By performing these procedures, we comply with the requirements of Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and the Dutch Standard 720. The scope of the procedures performed is substantially less than the scope of those performed in our audit of the financial statements.

The manager is responsible for the preparation of the other information, including the management report in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and other information required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

## Description of responsibilities regarding the financial statements

### Responsibilities of the manager for the financial statements

The manager is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. Furthermore, the manager is responsible for such internal control as the manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

As part of the preparation of the financial statements, the manager is responsible for assessing the investment fund's ability to continue as a going concern. Based on the financial reporting framework mentioned, the manager should prepare the financial statements using the going concern basis of accounting unless the manager either intends to liquidate the investment fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. The manager should disclose events and circumstances that may cast significant doubt on the investment fund's ability to continue as a going concern in the financial statements.

### Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objective is to plan and perform the audit engagement in a manner that allows us to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence for our opinion.

Our audit has been performed with a high, but not absolute, level of assurance, which means we may not detect all material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error during our audit.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. The materiality affects the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and the evaluation of the effect of identified misstatements on our opinion.

We have exercised professional judgment and have maintained professional skepticism throughout

the audit, in accordance with Dutch Standards on Auditing, ethical requirements and independence requirements. The Information in support of our opinion section above includes an informative summary of our responsibilities and the work performed as the basis for our opinion.

Our audit included among others:

- Identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designing and performing audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion  
The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control
- Obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the investment fund's internal control
- Evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the manager
- Evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures
- Evaluating whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation

#### Communication

We communicate with the manager regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant findings in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Amsterdam, 26 March 2025

EY Accountants B.V.

signed by Q. Tsar

## SFDR Appendix AEAM Dutch Mortgage Fund

Template periodic 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: AEAM Dutch Mortgage Fund  
Legal entity identifier: 5493009ZIRT0TOO3ZP50

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

<div><div><div></div><div></div></div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</div></div>	<div><div><div></div><div></div></div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</div></div>
<div><div><input type="checkbox"/> It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ____%</div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div></div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> It made sustainable investments with a social objective: ____%</div></div></div>	<div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of 15,81% of sustainable investments</div><div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective</div></div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments</div></div></div>

**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 include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



### **To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?**

The Investment Manager checks if the originator actively offers sustainability loans for every borrower, favourable financing conditions for homes with superior energy performance and starter mortgages. Therefore, the sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of the ESG characteristics this strategy promotes is the number of newly originated sustainability loans and the number of newly originated starter loans. During 2024 for this fund 336 new sustainability loans were originated and the number of newly originated starters mortgages for 2024 was 1820. By ensuring that the Investment Manager solely selects mortgage originators that actively promote E/S characteristics, this financial product effectively takes into account the energy efficiency of the real estate assets being financed.



● ***How did the sustainability indicators perform?***

N/A

● ***...and compared to previous periods?***

N/A

● ***What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

There are no sustainable investments made in/for this financial product. It only promotes E/S characteristics in the form of sustainability loans, favourable financing conditions for certain mortgages and starters mortgages.

● ***How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

N/A

— *How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?*

N/A

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

N/A

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.*

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

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

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






## How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

The Investment Manager considers one principal adverse impact indicator: The degree of energy inefficiency of the financed properties. By ensuring that the Investment Manager solely selects mortgage originators that offer favourable financing conditions for homes with superior energy performance, this financial product effectively takes into account the energy efficiency of the real estate assets being financed. More information on how PAIs were considered during a specific reporting period can be found in the SFDR periodic disclosure.

**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, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

**PAI Metrics:**

Adverse sustainability indicator	Metric	Impact 2024
<b>Climate and other environment-related indicators</b>		
<b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b> 	1. GHG emissions	Scope 1 GHG emissions (tCO2eq) 0
		Scope 2 GHG emissions (tCO2eq) 0
		Scope 3 GHG emissions (tCO2eq) 0
		Total GHG emissions (tCO2eq) 0
	2. Carbon footprint	Carbon footprint (tCO2eq/EURm) 0
	3. GHG intensity of investee companies	GHG intensity of investee companies (tCO2eq/EURm) 0
	4. Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector	Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector 0
	5. Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production	Share of non-renewable energy consumption of investee companies from non-renewable energy sources compared to renewable energy sources, expressed as a percentage 0
		Share of non-renewable energy production of investee companies from non-renewable energy sources compared to renewable energy sources, expressed as a percentage 0
	6. Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (GWh/EURm) 0
<b>Biodiversity</b> 		Construction (GWh/EURm) 0
		Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply (GWh/EURm) 0
<b>Water</b> 		Manufacturing (GWh/EURm) 0
		Mining & Quarrying (GWh/EURm) 0
		Real Estate Activities (GWh/EURm) 0
		Transportation & Storage (GWh/EURm) 0
		Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management & Remediation (GWh/EURm) 0
		Wholesale & Retail Trade & Repair of Motor Vehicles & Motorcycles (GWh/EURm) 0
	7. Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas	Share of investments in investee companies with sites/operations located in or near to biodiversity sensitive areas where activities of those investee companies negatively affect those areas 0
	8. Emissions to water	Tonnes of emissions to water generated by investee companies per million EUR invested, expressed as a weighted average 0

**Waste****9. Hazardous waste ratio**

Tonnes of hazardous waste generated by investee companies per million EUR invested, expressed as a weighted average

0

**Social and employee, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters**

10. Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	Share of investments in investee companies that have been involved in violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	0
11. Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UNGC principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	Share of investments in investee companies without policies to monitor compliance with the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises or grievance/complaints handling mechanisms to address violations	0
12. Unadjusted gender pay gap	Average unadjusted gender pay gap of investee companies	0
13. Board gender diversity	Average ratio of female to male board members in investee companies	0
14. Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions)	Share of investments in investee companies involved in the manufacture or selling of controversial weapons	0

**Indicators applicable to investments in sovereigns and supranationals**

Adverse sustainability indicator	Metric	Impact 2024
<b>Environmental</b> 15. GHG intensity	GHG intensity of investee countries (KtonCO <sub>2</sub> eq/EURm)	0
<b>Social</b> 16. Investee countries subject to social violations	Number of investee countries subject to social violations (absolute number and relative number divided by all investee countries), as referred to in international treaties and conventions, United Nations principles and, where applicable, national law	0

**Indicators applicable to investments in real estate assets**


Adverse sustainability indicator	Metric	Impact 2024
<b>Fossil fuels</b> 17. Exposure to fossil fuels through real estate assets	Share of investments in real estate assets involved in the extraction, storage, transportation or manufacture of fossil fuels	0
<b>Energy efficiency</b> 18. Exposure to energy-inefficient real estate assets	Share of investments in energy-inefficient real estate assets	57% (100%)

#### Other Corporate indicators for principal adverse impact

Adverse sustainability indicator		Metric	Impact 2024
<b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b>	2.4 Investing in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives	Share of investments in investee companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives aimed at aligning with the Paris Agreement	0
<b>Human rights</b>	3.9 Lack of a Human Rights Policy	Share of investments in companies without a human rights policy	0

#### Other Corporate indicators for principal adverse impact

Adverse sustainability indicator		Metric	Impact 2024
	Share of bonds not issued under Union legislation on environmentally sustainable bonds	Share of bonds not issued under Union legislation on environmentally sustainable bonds	0
	Average income inequality score	Average income inequality score	0

Data provided by 

#### General explanation

PAI's are an average of four quarters.

Calculation of above PAI metrics follows the Regulatory Technical Standards as required by COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2022/1288) and supplemental advice from the published Q&As (including JC 2022 47; JC 2022 62) and uses data from our external data provider as input, where available. In the case of our mortgage products, the PAI data is provided by Aegon Hypotheken B.V and ASR Levensverzekering N.V.



## What were the top investments of this financial product?

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
AEGON Hypotheken BV	Mortgages	97,57	Netherlands

The top 15 participations are compiled based on direct participations in issuers and underlying investments of funds, where information was available.

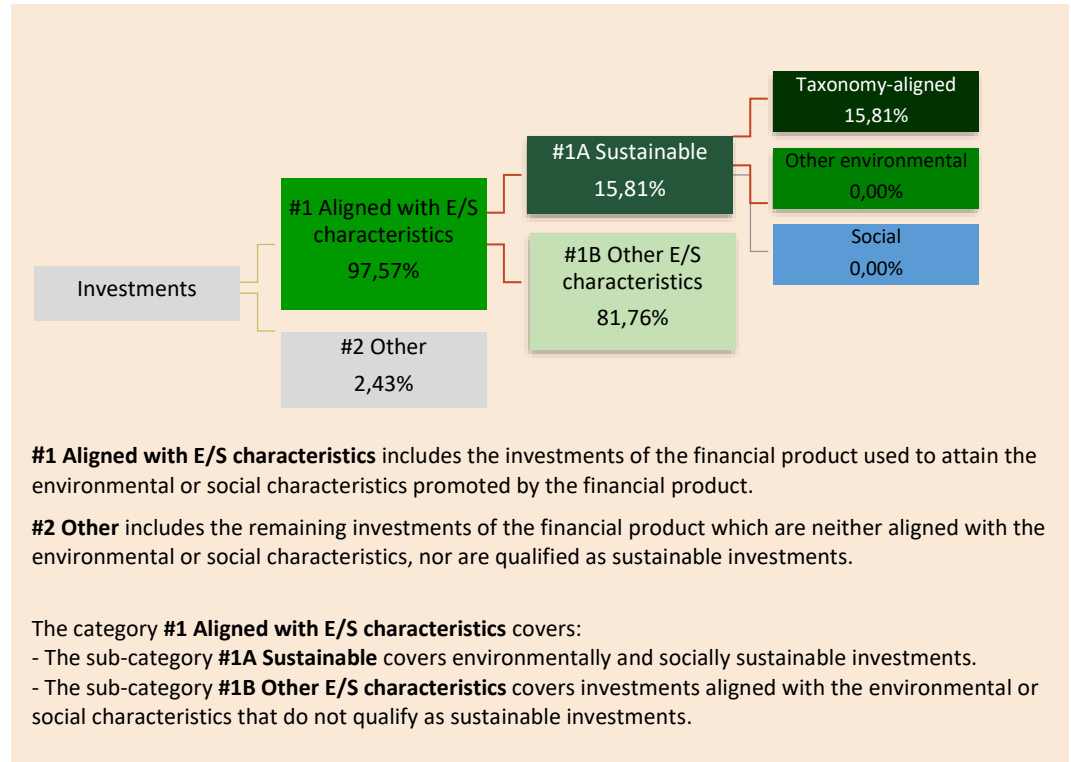
The list includes the investments constituting **the greatest proportion of investments** of the financial product during the reference period which is: 1-1-2024 untill 31-12-2024



## What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

### ● What was the asset allocation?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.



### ● In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Sector	% Assets
Mortgages	97,57%

The sector allocation may not be 100%. There may be investments that cannot be assigned to a sector (e.g. cash, derivatives).



## To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The percentage of sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy made by this product is 15,81% of the invested mortgage receivables. To reach this conclusion, the Fund Manager has reviewed the current holdings based on reported Taxonomy alignment from the data provider.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully 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.



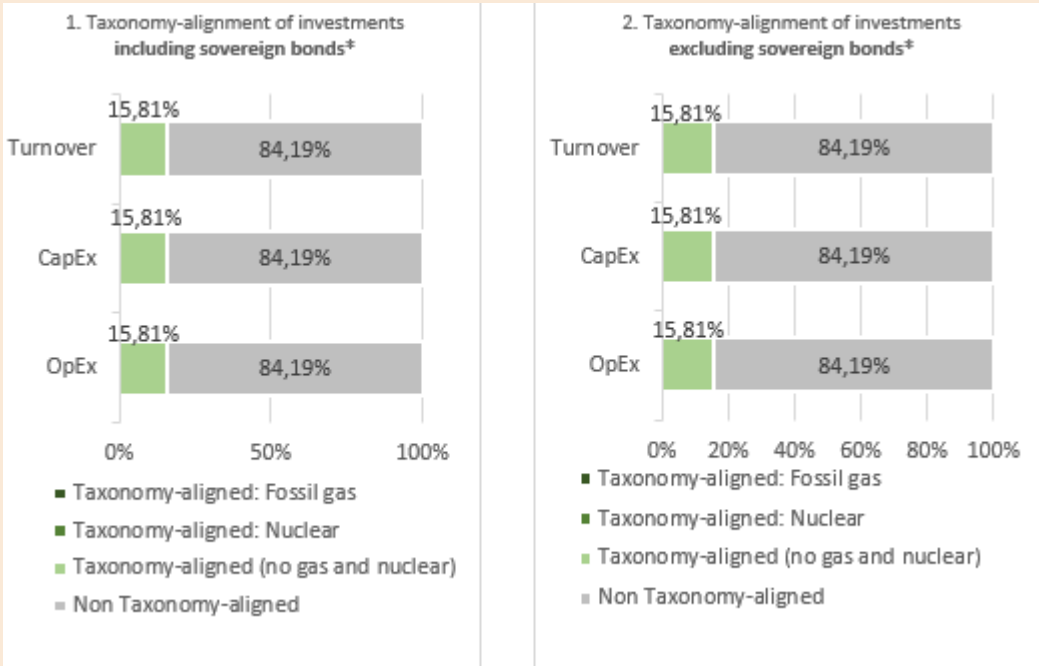
Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **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 green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

● **Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?**

- ☐ **Yes:**
- ☐ In fossil gas    ☐ In nuclear energy
- ☒ **No**

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were 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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

● **What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?**

Financial metrics	Type of activity	Share of investments %
Turnover	Transition	0,00%
Turnover	Enabling	0,00%
CapEx	Transition	0,00%
CapEx	Enabling	0,00%
OpEx	Transition	0,00%
OpEx	Enabling	0,00%

● **How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?**

The percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy increased from 14,70% to 15,81% compared to the previous reference period.



**What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

N/A



**What was the share of socially sustainable investments?**

N/A



**What investments were included under “other”, what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

The manager has invested in other investments for the purpose of efficient portfolio management, for example, derivatives, cash and cash equivalents. These other investments are not subject to the fund's environmental or social criteria.



**What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?**

The Fund will invest predominantly in mortgage receivables as described in the Fund's investment policy. The strategy is implemented using an investment process as outlined in the fund supplement. In addition, the strategy is implemented in the investment process by evaluating the originators at least semi-annually in line with service-level agreements. The Investment Manager also receives quarterly ESG reports from the originator which includes the disclosure and tracking of relevant environmental characteristics.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

- *How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?*

N/A

- *How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?*

N/A

- *How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?*

N/A

- *How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?*

N/A

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