



QUANTUM MUTUAL FUND

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NOTICE CUM ADDENDUM

Notice Cum Addendum to the Scheme Information Document (SID) and Key Information Memorandum (KIM) of Quantum India ESG Equity Fund

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in accordance with SEBI Circular No. SEBI / HO/IMD/IMD-I – PoD1/P/CIR/2023 /125 dated July 20, 2023 – New Category of Mutual Fund Schemes for Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) investing and related disclosure by Mutual Funds, the name of Quantum India ESG Equity Fund will be changed to Quantum ESG Best In Class Strategy Fund (Scheme) reflecting the ESG Investment Strategy of the Scheme with effect from February 1, 2024. SEBI vide its email dated January 19, 2024 has taken on its records change of Scheme name to Quantum ESG Best In Class Strategy Fund. Accordingly, the following are the scheme features have been revised:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Existing Scheme Features	Revised Scheme Features																												
1	Name of the Scheme	Quantum India ESG Equity Fund	Quantum ESG Best In Class Strategy Fund																												
2	Type of the Scheme	An Open-ended equity scheme investing in companies following Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) theme.	An Open-ended equity scheme investing in companies following Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) theme assessed through a Best In Class Strategy																												
3	Investment Objectives	The Investment Objective of the scheme is to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in share of companies that meet Quantum's Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria. The sustainability objectives of the ESG strategy are: a. achieving positive and above-average ESG profile b. mitigating ESG risks and harnessing ESG opportunities, and c. influencing overall positive behavior by investing in companies that promote sustainable products and services.	The Investment Objective of the scheme is to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in share of companies identified based on the Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) theme following Best in Class Strategy. There is no assurance that the Investment Objective of the Scheme will be achieved.																												
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5	Investment Strategy	<p>Investment Philosophy/Strategy</p> <p>India has embarked upon a national level cleanliness movement- “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan”. The aim was to clean length and breadth of country, provide cleaner natural resources, improve hygiene and health and contribute towards achieving the sustainable development goal established by the United Nations in 2015.</p> <p>Supporting the mass movement for cleanliness and sustainability, Quantum India ESG Equity Fund is a step towards ensuring that investments flow into greener and cleaner business. The focus of this scheme would be on investing in businesses, which are ensuring sustainable management of natural and human resources, diversity within the organizational structure, prudent management and socially responsible framework of business. The aim of this scheme is to provide the investors an opportunity to have an exposure to sustainable investment option.</p> <p>The investment strategy determines sector weightages to reflect that of broad well diversified indices for the Indian equity markets. Further, the strategy aims to invest in companies within each sector that stand high on the Environmental, Social and Governance parameters.</p> <p>The investment strategy of the Scheme will be to invest in a basket of stocks after intensive analysis on the environmental, social and governance aspects of the company. The aim is to follow a comprehensive ‘ESG Framework’ in order to develop deeper understanding into a company’s management practices, sustainable businesses and risk profile, which would thereby help us in understanding the impact on long-term sustainability that drives performance.</p> <p>The primary focus of the Scheme will be on companies based on two criteria. First is for selecting companies under coverage and second is for selecting companies in the portfolio. The first criteria are selecting companies generally trading with liquidity of minimum US \$ 1 million on an average over the last 12 months and second criteria based on their ESG score.</p> <p>Each security, which is filtered on the basis of first criteria, will be scored on ESG parameters using data sources such as sustainability reports (GRI Framework), Business Responsibility Reports (BRR) and other publicly available documents. Active weights of a security within their respective sector will be determined by a composite ESG score. A higher ESG score of a security within the sector will have higher relative weight and vice versa. The selection process ensures eliminating exposure to companies that rank poorly on ESG criteria completely. The sum total of the weights of securities in a sector will equal to track sector weights of broad well-diversified indices. The allocations focus on governance and sustainability; hence will be agnostic to valuations.</p> <p>The investment strategy is broadly a combination of the following ESG approaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Exclusions: The investment strategy excludes companies in the sectors – Alcohol, Gambling and Tobacco. ➤ Integration: The investment strategy incorporates certain key financial filters that the company needs to comply with. These filters include long-term return on capital employed, leverage, and growth rates. ➤ Best-in-class & Positive Screening: The investment strategy is based on a positive screening and Best-in-Class approach subject to adherence of the company incorporating favorable ESG practices in core/material within each of the E, S, and G dimensions. <p>The contribution to 'positive environmental change', an investor might reasonably expect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Scheme fund invests in companies that meet Quantum ESG criteria and has a positive ESG score which means the company stands relatively better as compared to other companies in their sectors on their ESG performance. While evaluating companies, the Team assess if the company has gone beyond their traditional remit and have made conscious effort to recognize the environment and society as important stake holders and have achieved a reasonable progress on their environmental footprint and social recognition and contribution. The Team also look for companies efforts in adapting and mitigating climate change and thereby reducing the carbon footprint, improving the resource efficiency, water usage and waste reduction and disposal. Similarly, on the social aspects, companies should work towards being more equitable, encourage diversity, positively contribute towards the society through judicious use of CSR, encouraging worker representation and health & safety at workplace, upholding best standards for data privacy and cyber security. ➤ The Team do not only measure these aspects through the ESG framework but monitor and engage companies to become better at their ESG performance. 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The Scheme shall endeavor to have a higher proportion of the assets under the ESG theme.</p> <p>Generally speaking, the portfolio will tend to include shares of all companies above a particular threshold ESG composite score derived as a result of a thorough analysis of the Environmental, Social and Governance factors relevant to the company and the sector in which it operates.</p>	<p>Investment Philosophy/Strategy</p> <p>India has embarked upon a national level cleanliness movement- “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan”. The aim was to clean length and breadth of country, provide cleaner natural resources, improve hygiene and health and contribute towards achieving the sustainable development goal established by the United Nations in 2015.</p> <p>Supporting the mass movement for cleanliness and sustainability, Quantum ESG Best In Class Strategy Fund is a step towards ensuring that investments flow into greener and cleaner business. 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The allocations focus on governance and sustainability; hence will be agnostic to valuations.</p> <p>The investment strategy is broadly a combination of the following Best In Class ESG approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Fund uses a best-in-class screening strategy for the companies assessed based on proprietary framework on ESG metrics which generally covers more than 200 parameters which are material to the company's ESG performance. The companies meeting a threshold ESG score is considered for inclusion in the portfolio. ➤ The metric tracked by the fund to determine the best in class performance of investee companies is an aggregate ESG score determined through a materiality based assessment of companies E,S and G factors. Within each of the pillars there are certain materiality driven metric that would determine companies performance on each of the pillars. However, the factors chosen or its materiality to companies operations. Examples of various metrics tracked under each pillar of ESG is given here: Emissions, carbon footprint, renewable energy mix, etc under Environment, gender diversity, gender pay parity, human rights, etc under Social and board composition and diversity, CSR spending, data privacy, etc under Governance. This is not an exhaustive list but examples to provide understanding of metrics under each E,S,G factor. ➤ The metric would tend to exclude companies in the sectors like Alcohol, Gambling and Tobacco. While the ESG factors determine the quality and sustainability of potential investee companies, it would also scan for financial soundness of companies to ascertain its viability as a good investment. Along with material factors, financial filter including long term return on capital employed, leverage and growth rates are analysed to ensure the financial soundness and operational longevity of the company. ➤ The composite ESG score meeting our internal threshold assigned to the company on the basis of best-in-class ESG strategy is the one that broadly determines portfolio selection and corresponding weight is assigned to the company based on relative scores of companies within the respective sector, subject to investment guardrails. <p>The contribution to 'positive environmental change', an investor might reasonably expect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Scheme fund invests in companies that meet Quantum ESG criteria and has a positive Best In Class ESG score which means the company stands relatively better as compared to other companies in their sectors on their ESG performance. 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Scheme Specific Risk Factors

(i) Greenwashing

- Greenwashing is the process of conveying a false impression or providing misleading information about how a company's business/products/services are more environmentally sound. It is our fiduciary duty as custodians of investor capital to navigate any greenwashing attempts and endeavor to deliver investors true sustainability geared portfolio.
- ESG Audits are not yet popular in India. Therefore, companies may provide different baselines, scopes and boundaries of disclosures which make comparisons difficult. In such exceptional circumstances, the Fund may not be able to detect such practices and may buy/continue to hold such companies as part of the portfolio.

(ii) Risk of divergence in third-party rating providers' and Quantum MF's view on ESG scores/controversies etc:

The companies under ESG coverage of Quantum MF are assessed based on Quantum's Best In Class proprietary ESG framework. There is a high likelihood that the assessment provided by the third party provider and Quantum's Best In Class proprietary assessment differs materially. For instance, the depth of engagement with company, stakeholders, peers, third parties, vendors etc. would differ and that contributes to the overall ranking of the company. Therefore, it may happen that companies with low ESG scores or stocks in excluded sectors as per Quantum's Best In Class assessment may go up in value and that may lead to lag in returns of the fund as compared to the market returns.

(iii) Risk Management Strategy - Green Washing

It is our fiduciary duty as custodians of investor capital to navigate any greenwashing attempts and endeavor to deliver investors true sustainability geared portfolio. The Team understands that ESG is not a "tick the box" desk research. The Research Team will not restrict the research to self-declared company disclosures. The Research Team try to do a 360-degree company check talking to various stakeholders like suppliers, vendors, customers, channel checks, employees, etc. to get more information to get a granular understanding of the true state of the company's affairs. The Research Team also try to get information from unorthodox sources like pollution control boards, NGOs, local communities in our bid to leave no stone unturned to follow and assess the companies on our Best In Class Strategy. There is also an attempt to verify the information with other available data and map with other companies in the sector and globally to identify any red flags.

All other features and terms and conditions of Quantum ESG Best In Class Strategy Fund shall remain unchanged.

This addendum forms an integral part of the Scheme Information Document and Key Information Memorandum of Quantum ESG Best In Class Strategy Fund as amended from time to time.

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Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.