

# Norron Sustainable Equity ISIN for Swiss Investors: LU2436693597

### **MONTHLY REPORT**

**SEPTEMBER 2024** 

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Return in %					
	1 month	Year to date	1 year		
Norron Sustainable Equity RC SEK Acc	-1,12	14,44	24,65		

### **Investment Manager Report**

In September, Norron Sustainable Equity declined by 1.1 percent, while the Vinx Benchmark Cap Net Index and Carnegie Nordic Small Cap delivered returns of -0.8 percent and 0.9 percent, respectively. Similar to August, the month was marked by considerable volatility, largely driven by ongoing concerns over macroeconomic data and a reporting season that began with several profit warnings from companies in both the industrial and consumer sectors. Unfortunately, Note issued a profit warning, revising down its revenue and profit forecasts for Q3 and the full year 2024. Although the position only represents 1.2 percent of the fund's total weight, we are closely monitoring the situation. More positively, Valmet received an order worth over 1 billion euros, easing market concerns regarding its order intake and capacity utilization, while strengthening its cash flow. The stock responded well to the news and became the fund's top contributor for the month, followed by Epiroc and Kone. The weakest performers in the fund were Novo Nordisk, AstraZeneca, and Bravida.

In terms of portfolio changes, we sold our holding in Stora Enso and instead bought UPM, as we believe UPM has a stronger financial position with a better balance sheet. Additionally, the company's cash flow is expected to improve with reduced investments and increasing profits, which should support both generous dividends and share buybacks—something we view positively. At the beginning of September, we also decided to sell our position in Nordic Semiconductor as we see more attractive opportunities elsewhere.

Looking at the fund's sustainability themes, Innovative & Sustainable Solutions was the best contributor, adding 0.4 percentage points, primarily driven by the strong performance of Valmet, Hexagon, and Epiroc. This theme represented an average of 28 percent of the fund. Conversely, Healthy & Prosperous Societies was the weakest theme, totaling 37 percent of the fund, with Novo Nordisk and AstraZeneca as the poorest performers.

# NAV growth since inception 180,0 160,0 140,0 120,0 100,0 80,0 2021 2022 2023 2024

### Norron Sustainable Equity RC SEK Acc

### Information

Name	Norron Sustainable Equity RC SEK Acc
Inception Date	2020-09-30
Fund Size in mSEK	609
Month End Price	143,78
Management Fee	1,50%
ISIN	LU1982817865
EU SFDR class	Article 9
SRRI	4

### **Management Team:**

Johan Solini (PM), Jesper Laudon (Sustainability Manager)

### Sustainability Data (explaination on the last page)

Taxonomy Aligned	9,90%
Green/Low Carbon	5,30%
Enabling	4,40%
Transition	0,20%
Sustainable Investments	96,90%
UN Global Compact	82,50%
ESG Risk Reporting	88,20%
Science Based Target	40,60%

### **Sustainability Commitments**

Norron is a signatory to the UN Principles for Responsible Investments (UN PRI) and the UN Global Compact. We are also committed to the Science Based Targets initiative and have set validated climate targets. Norron is also a member of Swesif, a network for organizations working with sustainable investments in Sweden, and reports data for its funds in Hållbarhetsprofilen. For more information, please visit www.norron.com.





### Monthly returns in % - Norron Sustainable RC SEK

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2024	-0,60	1,32	6,84	0,66	3,26	-0,96	4,45	0,04	-1,12				14,44
2023	4,43	-1,38	0,83	-1,53	-0,55	-0,52	-3,63	-3,79	-7,74	-6,65	8,14	7,90	-5,75
2022	-12,51	-2,75	2,49	-3,93	-4,44	-9,97	10,78	-5,45	-8,42	6,95	5,53	-1,06	-22,80
2021	4,50	4,14	2,79	4,45	-1,23	1,32	6,47	6,01	-4,85	6,33	2,25	5,31	43,79
2020	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-6,33	13,73	12,73	_

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Source: Morningstar Direct



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### **SEPTEMBER 2024**

2.5%

4,2%

0,0%

1,1%

7,3%

24,4%

0,0%

0,0%

0,0%

49,6%

10,9%

Bidrag

0,42

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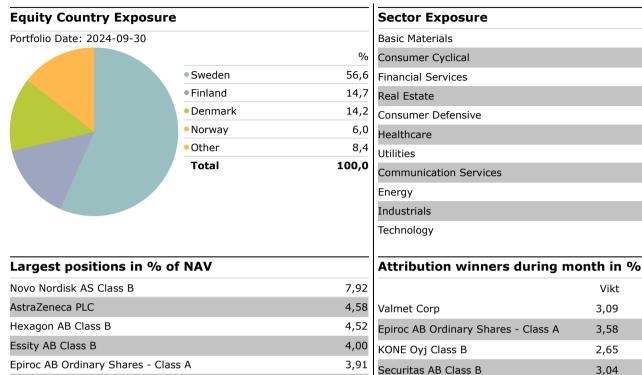
10,97

9,82

7,42

7,37

2,32



# Attribution loosers during month in %

	VIKL	AVK	bluray
Novo Nordisk AS Class B	9,10	-16,25	-1,50
AstraZeneca PLC	5,12	-11,81	-0,62
Nordic Semiconductor ASA	1,07	-25,97	-0,28
Bravida Holding AB	2,16	-10,22	-0,22
Note AB	1,24	-15,70	-0,20

### **SDG Allocation 2023** (weighted average fund proportion)



3,60

3,21

3,10

3,03

2,85

Rockwool AS Class B

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ABB Ltd

Valmet Corp

Securitas AB Class B

KONE Oyj Class B

Mowi ASA



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### **About Norron**

Norron Asset Management, founded in 2010, is a Nordic asset manager with offices in Stockholm and Oslo. The company manages six funds with a focus on the Nordic capital markets. The fund offering includes absolute return funds as well as actively managed equity funds and fixed income funds. Norron is owned by the founders, staff and the Norwegian listed industrial investment company Aker ASA. The funds are distributed mainly by market-leading Nordic savings platforms with a focus on occupational pension capital. Norron's geographical focus is the Nordic region and the managerial style is characterized by flexibility, openness and transparency. The company's combined expertise with well-defined guidelines combined with a healthy approach to management, which includes a rigorous approach to risk-taking, a sophisticated use of derivatives and a careful stock selection process, benefits our unit holders through a historically very competitive return. To read more about the company, we refer to the website www.norron.com.

### **EU Taxonomy Explanation**

The EU taxonomy is a classification framework that determines whether a specific economic activity is environmentally sustainable. The purpose of the framework is to accelerate the transition towards a more sustainable economy. The taxonomy framework currently includes six environmental objectives, which are: 1. Climate change mitigation, 2. Climate change adaptation, 3. Sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, 4. Transition to a circular economy, 5. Pollution prevention and control, and 6. Protection and restoration of biodiversity ecosystems. For an economic activity to be considered environmentally sustainable ("aligned"), it must significantly contribute to one of the above environmental objectives. The activity must also not cause significant harm to any of the other objectives. Additionally, the company must meet certain social minimum safeguards.

The taxonomy framework is an important tool for Norron in our assessment of sustainable investments. The fund's alignment indicates the proportion of the fund's investments that meet the established criteria for environmental sustainability according to the EU taxonomy regulation. The table also shows whether these activities are classified as "green", enabling, or transitional activities. For complete taxonomy data, we refer to the fund's sustainability report available on Norron's website, and Norron SICAV's annual report.

### Sustainability Data Explanation

Norron invests towards the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2030. For an investment to be considered sustainable, it must contribute to one of the SDGs as well as to one of Norron's sustainable investment objectives. The objectives are as follows: Climate & environment, Healthy & prosperous societies, Innovative & sustainable solutions, Sustainable cities & infrastructure, and Sustainable finance. Sustainable investments must also meet minimum social safeguards and must not cause significant harm on sustainability factors. The table on page one reports the fund's weighted average proportion of sustainable investments for the previous year.

Norron has also established three entity level sustainability goals extending to 2040, with sub-targets set for 2026. These goals state that by 2040, 100% of portfolio companies should 1) set climate goals validated by the Science Based Targets initiative, 2) sign the UN Global Compact, and 3) disclose material sustainability risks. The table on page one shows how the fund contributed (weighted average) to Norron's sustainability goals in the previous year.

### **Fund Information**

Custodian	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), Lux Branch
Fund Legal Structure	SICAV
Base Currency	Swedish Krona
Domicile	Luxembourg
Administrator	European Fund Administration S.A.
Auditor	Deloitte Audit S.à r.l.

### Investment Strategy

Norron Sustainable Equity is an actively managed Nordic sustainability fund, classified as Article 9 under SFDR. Investments aim to combine economic profitability with social and environmental responsibility. The fund invests in large, medium, and small companies. The fund's philosophy is to make sustainable investments. The companies we invest in should therefore contribute to one of the fund's four sustainability objectives: Climate & environment, Healthy & prosperous societites, Innovative & sustainable solutions, or Sustainable cities & infrastructure.

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