

# NOTICE OF COMPULSORY REDEMPTIONS

**OF** 

WISDOMTREE EUR AGGREGATE BOND ESG ENHANCED YIELD UCITS ETF
WISDOMTREE EUR GOVERNMENT BOND ESG ENHANCED YIELD UCITS ETF
WISDOMTREE EUROPEAN UNION BOND UCITS ETF

(the "Closing Funds")
SUB-FUNDS OF
WISDOMTREE ISSUER ICAV
(the "ICAV")

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THIS SHAREHOLDER LETTER IS SENT TO YOU AS A SHAREHOLDER IN WISDOMTREE ISSUER ICAV. IT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT AS TO THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONSULT YOUR STOCKBROKER, BANK MANAGER, SOLICITOR OR ATTORNEY OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR.

If you have transferred your holding in the ICAV, please send this document to the stockbroker, bank manager or other agent through whom the transfer was effected for transmission to the transferee.

Terms used in this shareholder letter and not otherwise defined bear the same meanings as where used in the prospectus of the ICAV dated 8 March 2023 available from WisdomTree's website at the following link: <a href="https://www.wisdomtree.eu/en-gb/-/media/eu-media-files/key-documents/prospectus/wt/prospectus-wisdomtree.pdf">https://www.wisdomtree.eu/en-gb/-/media/eu-media-files/key-documents/prospectus/wt/prospectus-wisdomtree.pdf</a>

Dated 4 July 2023



To: All shareholders in the Closing Funds

### NOTICE OF COMPULSORY REDEMPTIONS AND FUND CLOSURES

Dear Shareholder,

# 1. Background

WisdomTree ("WisdomTree") continuously reviews its product set to ensure that all of its products are compelling and differentiated investment offerings within the current exchange traded fund landscape. As a result of a comprehensive review, and after carefully evaluating factors such as market demand and competitive positioning, WisdomTree has identified certain sub-funds of the ICAV which have not gathered significant turnover or demand from investors and is therefore closing these funds in order to better serve products which have enjoyed more traction and make room for more relevant innovation going forward.

This announcement is being made 2 months ahead of the Compulsory Redemption Date (as defined below) to give investors sufficient time to make their investment decisions. During this time, we are dedicated to ensuring the process around the closure of these products is seamless for our investors.

The ICAV wishes to notify shareholders of compulsory redemptions of all share classes of the Closing Funds, the details of which are set out below.

## 2. Compulsory Redemption

## Notice of Compulsory Redemption

The ICAV gives notice, pursuant to paragraph 10.1.7 of the ICAV's Instrument of Incorporation (the "Instrument"), that all of the shares (the "Redeeming Shares") in all the share classes of the Closing Funds (as set out at Appendix 1), are to be compulsorily redeemed and that the ICAV has nominated 5 September 2023 to be the compulsory redemption date for all share classes of the Closing Funds (the "Compulsory Redemption Date"). The ICAV will give further notice after the Compulsory Redemption Date of the redemption proceeds payable to shareholders.

# **Deviation from Investment Policy**

The ICAV may need to sell off some of the underlying assets in the Closing Funds in the days leading up to the relevant Compulsory Redemption Date to ensure an efficient liquidation of the underlying assets. This could result in the relevant Closing Fund no longer tracking the index as per its investment policy, and may impact the tracking error of the relevant Closing Fund between the last trading day on exchange and the relevant Compulsory Redemption Date.

## For Authorised Participants

For authorised participants that have entered into authorised participant agreements with the ICAV, redemption requests received (or deemed received) prior to the dealing deadlines for the relevant Closing Fund on 31 August 2023 will be valid and will be processed in the normal way. Redemption requests received (or deemed received) after that day will be invalid. Any Redeeming Shares then remaining in issue will be compulsorily redeemed in accordance with the Prospectus and the relevant Supplement.

## For all Shareholders and End Investors

For all shareholders on the register and underlying investors ("**End Investors**"), it is expected that the Redeeming Shares will stop trading on their respective exchanges after the close of trading on or around 24 August 2023. If you wish to sell your Redeeming Shares before the compulsory redemption, you should do so by the close of trading on this date.

Please note that there will be a gap between the last trading day on exchange and the relevant Compulsory Redemption Date. There will also be a further gap between the relevant Compulsory Redemption Date and the



payment of the redemption proceeds to shareholders whilst these payments are processed. End Investors are therefore strongly advised to contact their advisors and brokers if they wish to sell their Redeeming Shares in advance of the last trading day on exchange in order to avoid being part of the compulsory redemption process.

### Actions to be taken

On or prior to 24 August 2023, being the expected last day where trading on exchange will be possible, End Investors can take two actions:

- 1. Sell their Redeeming Shares in advance of the last trading day on exchange either independently or by contacting their broker or financial advisor; or
- 2. Do nothing and be part of the compulsory redemption process and receive payment on the redemption of your Redeeming Shares as outlined below.

## Payment of redemption proceeds

It is expected that the redemption proceeds in respect of the compulsory redemption of each of the Redeeming Shares will be sent on or around 12 September 2023 to Citibank Europe plc (the "Common Depositary") or its nominee. Through an automated process, the Common Depositary will instruct onward payments which will pass through nominees to the End Investors. The Common Depositary will make this payment on or around 14 September 2023. Such payments will be made in the relevant share class currency as set out in Appendix 1.

End Investors who are not named on the register of Shareholders which is maintained on behalf of the ICAV, will receive the proceeds of the compulsory redemption from their intermediary/broker. Please note that the ICAV has no control over or visibility on the payment of redemption proceeds to End Investors by individual intermediaries/brokers. There may be delays in these payments reaching End Investors and they are advised to contact their brokers or financial advisers for more information.

#### 3. Further information

For further information on the compulsory redemption please refer to the Compulsory Redemption Q&A included in Appendix 2 or contact WisdomTree UK Limited / WisdomTree Ireland Limited at <a href="mailto:europesupport@wisdomtree.com">europesupport@wisdomtree.com</a>.

Yours faithfully

Director

For and on behalf of WisdomTree Issuer ICAV



# APPENDIX 1 LIST OF CLOSING FUNDS AND THE REDEEMING SHARES

Closing Fund	Redeeming Share Class	ISIN	WKN	Exchanges	Share Class Currency
WisdomTree EUR Aggregate Bond ESG Enhanced Yield UCITS				Borsa Italiana,	
	WisdomTree EUR Aggregate Bond ESG Enhanced Yield UCITS	JE00BD40B043	AO IIZHG	SIX,	FUD
	ETF - EUR	IE00BD49R912	A2JKH6	Xetra	EUR
	WisdomTree EUR Aggregate Bond ESG Enhanced Yield UCITS			Borsa Italiana, SIX,	
ETF	ETF - EUR Acc	IE00BD49RB39	A2JKH7	Xetra	EUR
WisdomTree EUR Government Bond ESG Enhanced Yield UCITS ETF	W. L. T FUD O			Borsa Italiana,	
	WisdomTree EUR Government Bond ESG Enhanced Yield UCITS ETF - EUR	IE00BD49RJ15	A2JKH8	SIX, Xetra	EUR
	WisdomTree EUR Government Bond ESG Enhanced Yield	120055 10110 10	7.2014.10	Borsa Italiana, SIX,	2011
	UCITS ETF - EUR Acc	IE00BD49RK20	A2JKH9	Xetra	EUR
WisdomTree European Union Bond UCITS ETF				Borsa Italiana,	
	WisdomTree European Union Bond UCITS ETF - EUR Acc	IE00BMXWRM76	A2QGBX	Xetra	EUR

# APPENDIX 2 Compulsory Redemption Q&A

## **EUROPEAN EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS TO BE COMPULSORY REDEEMED**

WisdomTree Issuer ICAV (WisdomTree) has announced that it will be compulsorily redeeming 3 Exchange Traded Funds ("ETFs") from its UCITS platform on the compulsory redemption dates referenced below. This means that the ETFs being closed, which are listed below, and their underlying share classes will terminate and be compulsorily redeemed on this date.

## 1. WHICH PRODUCTS WILL BE CLOSING AND WHEN?

This announcement impacts the following 3 UCITS ETFs only:

Product	Compulsory Redemption Date
WisdomTree EUR Aggregate Bond ESG Enhanced Yield UCITS ETF	
WisdomTree EUR Government Bond ESG Enhanced Yield UCITS ETF	Tuesday 5 September 2023
WisdomTree European Union Bond UCITS ETF	

The full share class listings of these products can be found later in the document.

### 2. WHAT ARE THE KEY DATES AND STAGES FOR THE UCITS ETF CLOSURES?

Here are the key dates and steps for the closing down of the UCITS ETFs. Please note that the ETFs will continue to price daily until the Compulsory Redemption Date (as defined in the table above). Please refer to Q.8 for details on each stage of the timeline.

TIMELINE	PROCESS STEPS		
Thursday 24 August 2023	Last day of trading on relevant Stock Exchanges (All investors)		
Tuesday 29 August 2023	Last trading day for Creations (Authorised Participants only)		
Thursday 31 August 2023	Last trading day for Redemptions (Authorised Participants only)		
Tuesday 5 September 2023	Compulsory redemption date		
Monday 11 September 2023	Record Date for Shareholders and Final Price Announcement		
Thursday 14 September 2023	Compulsory redemption payment date to Shareholders		

#### 3. WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

WisdomTree continuously reviews its product set to ensure that it provides compelling and differentiated investment offerings within the current ETF landscape. As a result of a comprehensive review and after carefully evaluating factors like the investor's best interests, market demand and competitive positioning, WisdomTree has identified funds which have not gathered enough investment or demand from investors and which are expensive to run; therefore, it is carrying out these fund closures to better serve products which have enjoyed more traction and make room for more relevant innovation going forward.

The announcement has been made with 2 months' notice of the effective closure date to give investors as long as possible to make their investment decisions. During this time, we are dedicated to ensuring the process around the closure of these products is seamless for our investors.

# 4. DOES THIS IMPACT OTHER WISDOMTREE ETFs?

No. The closing of the funds only impacts the 3 ETFs listed above.

### 5. ARE YOU LOOKING AT CLOSING MORE ETFs?

No. WisdomTree is not planning to close more ETFs. As mentioned, WisdomTree continuously reviews its product set to ensure that it provides compelling and differentiated investment offerings.

WisdomTree will continue to offer one of the most comprehensive product sets in Europe with products available across commodities, equities, foreign exchange, fixed income, digital assets and alternatives, after this process has completed.

A range of our other products available can be found by accessing this link: www.wisdomtree.eu

## 6. IF I AM INVESTED IN AN ETF THAT IS CLOSING, WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

**Please note** that the ETFs, which are due to close, will stop trading on their respective exchanges after the close of trading on or around 24 August 2023. This is necessary to help the ETFs wind down in an orderly way.

Investors have 2 options:

- (i) Investors can sell their positions prior to the last exchange trading day on 24 August 2023; or
- (ii) Investors can wait until the compulsory redemption takes effect on the compulsory redemption dates and they will receive their proceeds on or after 14 September 2023.

**Please note** only investors capable of trading off-exchange (also known as, Over-The-Counter) will be able to sell their positions between 25 August and 31 August 2023.

Please see the timeline and key stages in Q2 and the process outlined in more detail in Q8.

### 7. IF I AM INVESTED IN AN ETF THAT IS CLOSING AND I DON'T DO ANYTHING, WHAT HAPPENS?

Following the close of trading on exchange on or around 24 August 2023, any remaining investors will automatically be part of the compulsory redemption process. Please note that there will be a gap between the last trading date on exchange and the compulsory redemption date or final net asset value ("**NAV**") date which might mean there is a difference in the final NAV and the NAV of 24 August 2023.

There will also be a further gap between the compulsory redemption date and the payment date when beneficial shareholders will receive the cash payments in respect of their ETFs.

If you are holding affected ETF(s) through an intermediary or broker, it could take longer for the cash payments to be paid to you and your broker may apply additional fees. Please contact your intermediary or broker to discuss this.

## 8. WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT TO HAPPEN IN THE PROCESS OF CLOSING DOWN AN ETF?

The following timeline can provide additional detail about the process and what investors should expect at each stage.

# 4 July 2023

The date of the announcement notifying investors of the expected product closures. The notice period between the date of the announcement and the date of closure is intended to allow investors flexibility in managing their position.

We encourage investors to sell their shares in the ETFs listed for closure prior to 24 August 2023, being the date on which these ETFs are expected to stop trading on their respective exchanges. Alternatively, investors may stay invested in the products and see them compulsory redeemed on or around 5 September 2023 through the process described below.

#### 24 August 2023

This is the last day of exchange trading for the ETFs listed for closure as they will be delisted at the close of business. After 24 August 2023, investors will no longer be able to buy or sell the products on exchange. Please note, from 25 August 2023 to 31 August 2023, it may still be possible in some circumstances to trade out of your position "over-the-counter" (OTC) by contacting your broker or trading platform.

# 31 August 2023

This is the last day that the ETFs for closure will accept redemptions. After this date, any investor holdings will be subject to the compulsory redemption.

## 5 September 2023

As set out in Q2 above, these are the compulsory redemption dates and the dates at which the ETFs for closing will be valued for the final time and redeemed. The final value of investor's holdings will be based upon the price (also known as the NAV) of the products which are closing as of the close of this date. WisdomTree will be communicating the final NAV of the ETFs for closing on or around 5 September 2023. Investors will be able to find all final NAVs published on the WisdomTree website www.wisdomtree.eu by looking up the relevant ETF. An updated table with final prices will also be published.

#### 14 September 2023

This is the date on which the Issuer expects to make all payments to shareholders as per the record date of 11 September 2023. Payments will be made in the relevant share class currency of the ETF. Please refer to the product table on the back page of this document for more information.

To the extent that you hold the products which are closing through a broker, custodian or other intermediary, please contact that intermediary for information on how they will pass on the payments. Typically, you should expect to receive the payment in much the same way you receive a dividend, a coupon on a bond or the payment of principle when the bond matures. It may take longer for the payment to find its way to your account if you hold the share through a broker or a nominee account of another kind and your broker may apply additional fees.

Please note that WisdomTree has no control over or visibility on the payment of redemption proceeds by individual intermediaries/brokers. We strongly recommend that investors contact their broker, bank or financial adviser who will be able to provide further information regarding how this process will work for you.

# 9. WHY IS THERE A GAP BETWEEN THE LAST EXCHANGE TRADING DAY AND THE COMPULSORY REDEMPTION DATE?

The reason why the secondary market trading has been suspended around 5 days ahead of the closures is because the secondary market is made up of many participants and the trades can flow through numerous investment intermediaries who are trading on various exchanges and market venues. As the ETF trading ecosystem is subject to various levels of intermediation, this can result in a time lag between an end investor trading an ETF and that ETF position being reflected in the accounts of the various settlement systems. To ensure that the correct beneficial owner receives the proceeds from the ETFs which are closing, we have built in sufficient time for this settlement to happen.

# 10. IF I AM THE LAST INVESTOR IN THE ETFS BEFORE CLOSE, WILL I INCUR ADDITIONAL COSTS?

No. There are no additional costs charged by WisdomTree and borne by the investor due to the ETF closures.

# 11. WILL THE ETFs DEVIATE FROM THE BENCHMARK DURING LIQUIDATION?

The investment managers may need to sell off some of the funds underlying fixed income securities in the days leading up to the final NAV date to ensure efficient liquidation of the portfolios. This could result in the fund no longer tracking the index as per its investment objective and can cause additional tracking error. If this does occur, it is only expected to occur in the few days ahead of the final NAV date.

# LIST OF ETFs TO BE COMPULSORY REDEEMED

Product Name	ISIN	WKN	Shareclass Currency	Exchange	Exchange Ticker
WisdomTree EUR Aggregate Bond				Xetra	WTDP
ESG Enhanced Yield UCITS ETF -			EUR	Borsa Italiana	YLD
EUR	IE00BD49R912	A2JKH6		SIX Swiss Exchange	YLD
				Xetra	WTDQ
WisdomTree EUR Aggregate Bond ESG Enhanced Yield UCITS ETF –			EUR	Borsa Italiana	EYLD
EUR Acc	IE00BD49RB39	A2JKH7		SIX Swiss Exchange	EYLD
				Xetra	WTDR
WisdomTree EUR Government Bond ESG Enhanced Yield UCITS			EUR	Borsa Italiana	GOVE
ETF - EUR	IE00BD49RJ15	A2JKH8		SIX Swiss Exchange	GOVE
				Xetra	WTDS
WisdomTree EUR Government Bond ESG Enhanced Yield UCITS		A2JKH9	EUR	Borsa Italiana	WGOV
ETF - EUR Acc	IE00BD49RK20			SIX Swiss Exchange	WGOV
WisdomTree European Union Bond		FLID		Xetra	W1TG
UCITS ETF - EUR Acc	IE00BMXWRM76	A2QGBX	EUR	Borsa Italiana	EUBO