

STATEMENT

Temporarily no sale of shares in the ASN-Novib Microkredietfonds

Effective as of 4 p.m. CET on 30 March 2020, ASN-Novib Microkredietfonds, will temporarily no longer repurchase shares. Sales orders regarding shares in the Fund that you enter after 4 p.m. CET on 30 March 2020 will not be processed. This statement provides an explanation for the decision to temporarily not repurchase shares in the Fund.

Microfinancing

The ASN-Novib Microkredietfonds invests in approximately 90 microfinance institutions (MFIs) in nearly forty countries through private loans and equity participations. As far as the fund requires liquid assets, it cannot reclaim loans or sell investments on a daily basis. The fund's investments are typically illiquid.

Liquidity policy

Due to the illiquid nature of the investments, a cash position is maintained to enable the inflow and outflow of shareholders. Because the ASN-Novib Microkredietfonds is tradable on the stock exchange, with daily entry and exit, it is possible that the ASN-Novib Microkredietfonds does not have the necessary cash at any time to facilitate exit from the ASN-Novib Microkredietfonds. In addition, cash is required to meet collateral obligations under derivative transactions.

ABB pursues an active liquidity policy based on three pillars to ensure that the ASN-Novib Microkredietfonds continues to have sufficient liquidity in various circumstances in the future. The first pillar is the meticulous monitoring of expected future cash flows, the second pillar is raising debt up to a maximum of 10% of the fund assets and the last pillar is the possibility to close ASN-Novib Microkredietfonds for a short or longer period for issue or repurchase of shares. Closing the fund is in the interest of the existing investors in the ASN-Novib Microkredietfonds.

Suspension of share repurchase transactions

Recently, more shares in the ASN-Novib Microkredietfonds have been sold by investors than purchased. The liquidity position of the ASN-Novib Microkredietfonds has fallen below its internal liquidity target. In order to ensure that the ASN-Novib Microkredietfonds continues to have sufficient liquid assets, the manager, ASN Beleggingsinstellingen Beheer B.V. (ABB), is closing the fund temporarily. This means that investors cannot sell their shares in the ASN-Novib Microkredietfonds during the period that the fund has suspended all share repurchase transactions. Investors can, however, still buy shares in the ASN-Novib Microkredietfonds.

More information

As soon as ABB re-opens the Fund, this will be published on the website www.asnbeleggingsfondsen.nl under 'mededelingen'.