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## **Pacific Capital UCITS Funds plc**

**(An umbrella fund constituted as an investment company with variable capital under the laws of Ireland with segregated liability between sub-funds and authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended))**

### **PROSPECTUS**

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#### **MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

**KBA CONSULTING MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

#### **INVESTMENT MANAGER**

**PACIFIC CAPITAL PARTNERS LIMITED**

**DATED 13 MARCH 2023**

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## INTRODUCTION

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If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Prospectus, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser.

### **Authorisation by the Central Bank of Ireland**

The Company has been authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the “Central Bank”) as an “Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities” (“UCITS”) under the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (as amended) (“UCITS Regulations”) and has been established as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between Funds and will comply with the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. Authorisation by the Central Bank does not constitute a warranty by the Central Bank as to the performance of the Company and the Central Bank will not be liable for the performance or default of the Company.

Authorisation of the Company is not an endorsement or guarantee of the Company by the Central Bank nor is the Central Bank responsible for the contents of this Prospectus.

This Prospectus (which term will include a reference to any Supplement hereto) provides information about the Company and a Fund. Prospective investors are required as part of the Subscription Agreement to confirm they have read and understood it. It contains information which prospective investors ought to know before investing in the Company and should be retained for future reference. Further copies may be obtained from the Company at its address set out in the “Directory”. Copies of the most recent annual report of the Company are available free of charge on request.

Shares in the Company are offered only on the basis of the information contained in this Prospectus and the documents referred to herein. Any further information or representations given or made by any dealer, broker or other person should be disregarded and, accordingly, should not be relied upon. No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in the KIID, this Prospectus, each relevant Supplement and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any such Shares other than the Shares to which it relates or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy such Shares by any person in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus or the relevant Supplements nor the issue of Shares will, under any circumstances, create any implication that the affairs of the Company have not changed since the date hereof or that the information contained herein is correct as of any time subsequent to this date.

The Directors of Pacific Capital UCITS Funds plc (the “Company”) whose names appear in the “Directory” of the Prospectus accept responsibility for the information contained in this Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit any material information likely to affect the import of such information. This Prospectus may be translated into other languages provided that such translation will be a direct translation of the English text and in the event of a dispute, the English language version will prevail. All disputes as to the terms thereof will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Ireland.

The Company is an “umbrella fund” enabling investors to choose between one or more investment objectives by investing in one or more separate Funds offered by the Company. As the Company is availing of the provisions of the Investment Funds, Companies and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 2005, it is intended that each Fund will have segregated liability from the other Funds and that the Company will not be liable as a whole to third parties for the liability of each Fund. However, investors should note the risk factor “Company’s Liabilities” under “Risk Considerations” below. A separate pool of assets will not be maintained for each Class. As of the date of this Prospectus, the Company is offering Shares in the Fund described in the most recent Supplement in force at the date of this Prospectus. The Directors may from time to time decide to offer, with

the prior approval of the Central Bank, additional separate Funds and, with prior notice to and clearance from the Central Bank, additional classes of Shares in existing Fund(s). In such an event, this Prospectus will be updated and amended so as to include detailed information on the new Funds and / or classes, and / or a separate Supplement or addendum with respect to such Funds and / or classes will be prepared. Such updated and amended Prospectus or new separate Supplement or addendum will not be circulated to existing Shareholders except in connection with their subscription for Shares of such Funds.

Where a subscription charge is provided for the difference at any one time between the issue and repurchase price of Shares in the relevant Fund means that the investment should be viewed as medium to long term. An initial charge on the subscription of Shares may be payable. Details of any such charges payable in respect of Shares of any Fund of the Company, will be set out in the Supplement which relates to that Fund, but in any case will not exceed 5% in the case of a subscription charge.

Investors may, subject to applicable law, invest in any Fund offered by the Company. Investors should choose the Fund that best suits their specific risk and return expectations as well as their diversification needs and are encouraged to seek independent advice in that regard. A separate pool of assets will be maintained for each Fund and will be invested in accordance with the investment policy applicable to the relevant Fund in seeking to achieve its investment objective. The Net Asset Value and the performance of the Shares of the different Funds and classes thereof are expected to differ. It should be remembered that the price of Shares and the income (if any) from them may fall as well as rise and there is no guarantee or assurance that the stated investment objective of a Fund will be achieved.

## DISTRIBUTION AND SELLING RESTRICTIONS

The distribution of this Prospectus and the offering of the Shares is restricted in certain jurisdictions. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer or solicitation in a jurisdiction where to do so is unlawful or the person making the offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or a person receiving the offer or solicitation may not lawfully do so. It is the responsibility of any person in possession of this Prospectus and of any person wishing to apply for Shares to inform himself or herself about and to observe all applicable laws and regulations of relevant jurisdictions. Investors should inform themselves and should take appropriate advice on the legal requirements as to possible tax consequences, foreign exchange restrictions and / or exchange control requirements that they might encounter under the laws of the countries of their citizenship, residence, or domicile and that might be relevant to the subscription, purchase, holding, exchange, redemption or disposal of Shares of a Fund.

### United States

There will be no public offering of Shares in the United States. The Shares will not generally be available to U.S. Persons, unless they are, among other things, "accredited investors" (as defined in Rule 501(a) of Regulation D under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**")) and "qualified purchasers" (as defined in Section 2(a)(51) of the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "**Investment Company Act**")).

The Shares have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any of the states of the United States, nor is such registration contemplated. The Shares may not be offered, sold or delivered directly or indirectly in the United States or to or for the account or benefit of any U.S. Person except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and any applicable state laws. Any re-offer or resale of any of the Shares in the United States or to U.S. Persons may constitute a violation of U.S. law.

The Articles provide that the Company may refuse to register any transfer of Shares to a U.S. Person. Each applicant will be required to certify to the Company that, among other things, the Shares are not being acquired and will not at any time be held for the account or benefit, directly or indirectly, of any U.S. Person. It is the responsibility of each Shareholder to verify that it is not a U.S. Person that would be prohibited from owning Shares.

There is no public market for the Shares in the United States and no such market is expected to develop in the future. The Shares offered hereby are subject to restrictions on transferability and resale and may not be transferred or resold except as permitted under the Articles of Association, the Securities Act and applicable state securities law pursuant to registration or exemption therefrom. The Shares are being offered outside the United States pursuant to the exemption

from registration under Regulation S under the Securities Act and inside the United States in reliance on Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act and Section 4(2) thereof.

The Company has not been and will not be registered under the Investment Company Act pursuant to the provisions of Section 3(c)(7) of the Investment Company Act. Under Section 3(c)(7), a privately offered fund is excepted from the definition of "investment company" if U.S. Person security holders consist exclusively of "qualified purchasers" and the Shares are only offered in the U.S. on a private placement basis.

The Funds may trade commodity interest contracts (including swaps) as an incidental component of its strategies. However, the Investment Manager is currently exempt from registration with the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") as a 'commodity pool operator' with respect to the Funds pursuant to CFTC Rule 4.13(a)(3) because: (i) purchasers of Shares are limited to non-U.S. persons as defined under CFTC Rules or "accredited investors", as defined under U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Rules; (ii) Shares in the Funds are exempt from registration under the Securities Act and are offered and sold without marketing to the public in the United States; (iii) the Shares are not marketed as or in a vehicle for trading in the commodity futures or commodity options markets; and (iv) for each Fund at all times either (a) the aggregate initial margin and premiums required to establish commodity interest positions will not exceed five per cent of the liquidation value of the Fund's portfolio; or (b) the aggregate net notional value of commodity interest positions will not exceed one hundred per cent of the liquidation value of the Fund's portfolio. Therefore, unlike a registered commodity pool operator, the Investment Manager is not required to deliver a disclosure document or a certified annual report to shareholders in the form required by the CFTC. However the Company, on behalf of the Fund, will deliver this Prospectus as well as the periodic and annual reports described herein to all shareholders.

The Investment Manager reserves the right to register as a commodity pool operator and/or a commodity trading adviser in the future so that the Investment Manager may in the future act as a commodity pool operator to new Funds, or continue to act as a commodity pool operator to existing Funds that do not meet the criteria for the exemption under CFTC Rule 4.13(a)(3).

The Shares have not been filed with or approved or disapproved by any regulatory authority of the United States or any state thereof, nor has any such regulatory authority passed upon or endorsed the merits of this offering or the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is unlawful.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, a prospective investor (and each employee, representative or other agent of a prospective investor) may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the transactions described in this Prospectus and all materials of any kind that are provided to the prospective investor relating to such tax treatment and tax structure (as such terms are defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4), it being understood that "tax treatment" and "tax structure" do not include the name or the identifying information of (i) the Company or a Fund, or (ii) the parties to a transaction. This authorisation of tax disclosure is retroactively effective to the commencement of discussions with prospective investors.

Entities subject to the U.S. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, generally may not purchase Shares of a Fund.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, each Shareholder (and each employee, representative, or other agent of such Shareholder) may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of (i) the Company and / or a Fund and (ii) any of their respective transactions, and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to the Shareholder relating to such tax treatment and tax structure.

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## DEFINITIONS

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In this Prospectus, the following words and phrases will have the meanings indicated below:

<b>“Act”</b>	means the Companies Act 2014, as may be amended, and all applicable Central Bank regulations made or conditions imposed or derogations granted thereunder;
<b>“Administrator”</b>	means Citibank Europe plc or such other company in Ireland for the time being appointed as administrator by the Company as successor thereto, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;
<b>“Administration Agreement”</b>	means the agreement dated 1 February 2022 as amended and as may be further amended from time to time, between the Company, the Manager and the Administrator, pursuant to which the Administrator was appointed administrator of the Company;
<b>“Approved Electronic Request”</b>	means a request sent via an electronic method as agreed in advance between the investor, the Directors, the Manager and the Administrator. Such electronic methods may include SWIFT or trading platforms such as Euroclear, Fundsettle and EMX. However, in no circumstances will emailed instructions be accepted.
<b>“Articles”</b>	means the Articles of Association of the Company;
<b>“Article 8”</b>	means Article 8 of the SFDR in respect of the transparency of the promotion of environmental or social characteristics in pre-contractual disclosures;
<b>“Article 9”</b>	means Article 9 of the SFDR in respect of the transparency of sustainable investments in pre-contractual disclosures;
<b>“Base Currency”</b>	means the base currency of a Fund, being a currency determined by the Directors and disclosed in a Supplement.
<b>“Benefit Plan Investor”</b>	means a “benefit plan investor” as defined in Section 3(42) of ERISA and any regulations promulgated by the US Department of Labor thereunder, being “employee benefit plans” as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA that are subject to Title I of ERISA, “plans” that are subject to the prohibited transaction provisions of Section 4975 of the Code, and entities the assets of which are treated as “plan assets” under Section 3(42) of ERISA and any regulations promulgated thereunder;
<b>“Best Execution”</b>	means the best price available in the market and most favourable execution, taking account of circumstances such as the ability to match up natural order flow; the ability to control anonymity, timing or price limits; the quality of the back office; commission rates; use of automation; and / or the ability to provide information relating to the particular transaction or security;
<b>“Board”</b>	means the board of directors of the Company;
<b>“Business Day”</b>	means, in relation to each Fund, such day as is defined in each Supplement;
<b>“Central Bank”</b>	means the Central Bank of Ireland;

<b>“Central Bank UCITS Regulations”</b>	means the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1) Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (as may be amended or supplemented from time to time) in addition to any guidance issued by the Central Bank in respect of same;
<b>“CFTC”</b>	means the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission;
<b>“Class” or “Classes”</b>	means any class or classes of Shares established by the Company in respect of any Fund;
<b>“Class Currency”</b>	means the currency in which a Share class is designated;
<b>“Class Expenses”</b>	means any expenses attributable to a specific class including legal fees, marketing expenses (including tax reporting expenses) and the expenses of registering a class in any jurisdiction or with any stock exchange, regulated market or settlement system and such other expenses arising from such registration;
<b>“Code”</b>	means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
<b>“Company”</b>	means Pacific Capital UCITS Funds plc, an investment company with variable capital, incorporated in Ireland pursuant to the Act;
<b>“Commodity Exchange Act”</b>	means the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended;
<b>“Dealing Day”</b>	means, in relation to each Fund, such day as is defined in each Supplement, provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day per fortnight;
<b>“Depositary”</b>	means Citi Depositary Services Ireland Designated Activity Company or such other company in Ireland as may for the time being be appointed as depositary of the assets of the Company as successor thereto in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;
<b>“Depositary Agreement”</b>	means the agreement dated 1 February 2022 as amended and as may be further amended from time to time between the Company, the Manager and the Depositary, pursuant to which the Depositary was appointed depositary of the Company;
<b>“Directors”</b>	means the directors of the Company for the time being and any duly constituted committee thereof;
<b>“Duties and Charges”</b>	means in relation to any Fund, all stamp and other duties, taxes, governmental charges, brokerage, bank charges, foreign exchange spreads, interest, depositary or sub-custodian charges (relating to sales and purchases), transfer fees, registration fees and other duties and charges whether in connection with the original acquisition or increase of the assets of the relevant Fund or the creation, issue, sale, conversion or redemption of Shares or the sale or purchase of investments or in respect of certificates or otherwise which may have become or may be payable in respect of or prior to or in connection with or arising out of or upon the occasion of the transaction or dealing in respect of which such duties and charges are payable, which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes, when calculating subscription and redemption prices, any provision for spreads (to take into account the difference between the price at which assets were valued for the purpose of calculating the NAV and the price at which such assets were bought as a result of a subscription and sold as a result of a redemption), but will



not include any commission payable to agents on sales and purchases of Shares or any commission, taxes, charges or costs which may have been taken into account in ascertaining the NAV of Shares in the relevant Fund;

<b>“Eligible Assets”</b>	means those investments which are eligible for investment by a UCITS as detailed in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.
<b>“ERISA”</b>	means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended;
<b>“ESMA”</b>	the European Securities and Markets Authority;
<b>“ESMA Remuneration Guidelines”</b>	means the ESMA guidelines on sound remuneration policies under the UCITS Directive;
<b>“EU”</b>	means the European Union;
<b>“EU Member State”</b>	means a member state of the EU;
<b>“euro” or “€”</b>	means the unit of the European single currency;
<b>“FATCA”</b>	means the provisions commonly known as the Foreign Accounts Tax Compliance Act in the enactment of the United States of America known as Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act 2010.
<b>“Fund” or “Funds”</b>	means a distinct portfolio of assets established by the Directors in consultation with the Manager (with the prior approval of the Central Bank) constituting in each case a separate fund represented by one or more Classes of Shares with segregated liability from the other Funds and invested in accordance with the investment objective and policies applicable to such fund as specified in the relevant Supplement;
<b>“Hedged Class” or “Hedged Classes”</b>	means any Class or Classes of a Fund in respect of which currency hedging will be implemented as set out in a Supplement;
<b>“Intermediary”</b>	means a person who:  (a) carries on a business which consists of, or includes, the receipt of payments from a regulated investment undertaking in Ireland on behalf of other persons, or  (b) holds shares in such an investment undertaking on behalf of other persons;
<b>“Investment Company Act”</b>	means the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended;
<b>“Investment Manager”</b>	means Pacific Capital Partners Limited or such other company for the time being appointed as investment manager by the Manager and any successor thereto in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. Where the context so requires, references to the Investment Manager shall also include reference to any sub-investment manager;
<b>“Investment Management Agreement”</b>	means the agreement dated 1 February 2022 as amended and as may be further amended from time to time between the Company, the Manager and the

Investment Manager, pursuant to which the latter acts as investment manager in relation to the assets of the Company;

<b>“Irish Resident”</b>	means, unless otherwise determined by the Directors, any company resident, or other person resident or ordinarily resident, in Ireland for the purposes of Irish tax. Please see the “Taxation” section below;
<b>“IRS”</b>	means the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. government agency responsible for tax collection and tax law enforcement;
<b>“Irish Revenue Commissioners”</b>	means the Irish authority responsible for taxation and customs duties;
<b>“Key Information Document”</b>	means the form of Key Information Document provided for under Regulation (EU) 1286/2014 in respect of Packaged Retail and Insurance-based Investment Products (PRIIPS), the Key Investor Information Document provided for under the UCITS Directive or any form of similar document setting out key information in relation to a Fund or Class as may be required in accordance with local regulation in any jurisdiction in which the Company or a Fund may be registered for sale;
<b>“Manager”</b>	means KBA Consulting Management Limited, acting in its capacity as the UCITS management company of the Company, or such other entity as may from time to time be appointed to provide management company services to the Company, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;
<b>“Management Agreement”</b>	means the agreement dated 1 February 2022 as amended and as may be further amended from time to time between the Company and the Manager appointing the Manager as the UCITS management company of the Company;
<b>“MiFID II”</b>	means Directive 2014/65/EU together with the delegated and implementing EU regulations made thereunder, laws and regulations introduced by Member States of the EU to implement it;
<b>“Net Asset Value” or “NAV”</b>	means the Net Asset Value of the Company, or of a Fund, as appropriate, calculated as described herein;
<b>“Net Asset Value per Share” or “NAV per Share”</b>	means the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class of Shares of a Fund calculated as described herein;
<b>“OECD”</b>	means the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development, whose members as at the date of this Prospectus are Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and the U.S.;
<b>“Ordinary Resolution”</b>	means a resolution passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by Shareholders entitled to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company or on matters affecting the relevant class of Shares, as the case may be;

<b>“Pacific” or “Pacific Group”</b>	Pacific Investments Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales registration number 04384561 and its subsidiary undertakings, whose place of business is 1 Portland Place, London, W1B 1PN, United Kingdom;
<b>“Prospectus”</b>	means this document, any Supplement or addendum designed to be read and construed together with and to form part of this document and the Company’s most recent annual and semi-annual report and accounts (if issued);
<b>“Recognised Market”</b>	means any recognised exchange or market listed or referred to in Appendix B to this Prospectus and such other markets as the Directors may from time to time determine in accordance with the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and specify in Appendix B to this Prospectus;
<b>“Redemption Application”</b>	means an application by a Shareholder to the Company and / or the Administrator requesting that Shares of a Fund be redeemed in such form as is approved by the Company, in consultation with the Manager and Investment Manager from time to time;
<b>“Redemption Cut-Off Time”</b>	means, in relation to a Fund, such time as will be specified in a Supplement;
<b>“Securities Act”</b>	means the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended;
<b>“SFDR”</b>	means Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector;
<b>“Share” or “Shares”</b>	means a share or shares of any class in the Company or a Fund, as the context so requires;
<b>“Shareholder”</b>	means a holder of Shares;
<b>“Subscription Agreement”</b>	means the subscription agreement to be completed and signed by an applicant seeking to subscribe for Shares in such form as is approved by the Company, in consultation with the Manager and Investment Manager from time to time;
<b>“Subscription Cut-Off Time”</b>	means, in relation to a Fund, such time as will be specified in a Supplement;
<b>“Supplement”</b>	means a document which contains specific information in relation to a particular Fund and any addenda thereto;
<b>“tranche”</b>	means the Shares issued in one or more Classes which represent a separate Fund;
<b>“Taxonomy Regulation”</b>	means Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment, and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088, as may be amended from time to time;
<b>“Technical Criteria”</b>	means the Delegated Acts published pursuant to the Taxonomy Regulation which establish the technical screening criteria for determining the conditions under which a specific economic activity qualifies as environmentally sustainable;
<b>“UCITS”</b>	means an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities within the meaning of the UCITS Regulations;

<b>“UCITS Directive”</b>	means Directive 2014/91/EU as may be amended or updated from time to time;
<b>“UCITS Regulations”</b>	means the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations (as amended) and all applicable Central Bank regulations made or conditions imposed or derogations granted thereunder as may be amended from time to time;
<b>“U.S.” or “United States”</b>	means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), its territories, possessions and all other areas subject to its jurisdiction;
<b>“USD” or “US\$”</b>	means U.S. Dollars, the lawful currency of the U.S.;
<b>“U.S. Person”</b>	has such meaning as is set out in Appendix A hereto;
<b>“Valuation Day”</b>	means, in relation to a Fund, such day as will be specified in a Supplement; and
<b>“Valuation Point”</b>	means, in relation to a Fund, such time as will be specified in the relevant Supplement.

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## THE COMPANY

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The Company is an open-ended investment company with variable capital incorporated in Ireland on 24 November 2014 under the laws of Ireland as a public limited company pursuant to the Act under registration number 553111 and is authorised by the Central Bank as a UCITS pursuant to the UCITS Regulations. The object of the Company, as set out in Clause 2 of its Memorandum and Articles of Association, is the collective investment of capital raised from the public in transferable securities and / or in other liquid financial assets in accordance with the UCITS Regulations operating on the principle of risk spreading.

The Company is organised in the form of an umbrella fund with segregated liability between Funds. The Articles provide that the Company may offer separate Funds. Each Fund will have a distinct portfolio of investments. The Company has obtained the approval of the Central Bank for the establishment of the Fund set out below. Information specific to a Fund will be set out in a separate Supplement.

<b>Funds of the Company</b>
Pacific North of South EM All Cap Equity
Pacific North of South EM Equity Income Opportunities
Pacific Multi-Asset Accumulator – Conservative Fund
Pacific Multi-Asset Accumulator – Core Fund
Pacific Multi-Asset Accumulator – Plus Fund
Pacific Multi Asset Accumulator – Defensive Fund
dVAM Global Equity Income PCP
Pacific G10 Macro Rates
dVAM Cautious Active PCP
dVAM Balanced Active PCP
dVAM Growth Active PCP
dVAM Diversified Liquid Alternatives PCP
dVAM Global Equity Focus Strategy PCP
Pacific Multi Asset Sustainable – Conservative Fund
Pacific Multi Asset Sustainable – Defensive Fund
Pacific Multi Asset Sustainable – Balanced Fund
Pacific Multi Asset Sustainable – Plus Fund
Pacific Longevity and Social Change Fund

With the prior approval of the Central Bank, the Company, in consultation with the Manager, from time to time may create an additional Fund or Funds, the investment policies and objectives for which will be outlined in a Supplement, together with details of the initial offer period, the initial subscription price for each Share and such other relevant information in relation to the additional Fund or Funds as the Directors may deem appropriate, or the Central Bank requires, to be included. Each Supplement will form part of, and should be read in conjunction with, this Prospectus. In addition, the Company, in consultation with the Manager, may create additional Classes of Shares within a Fund to accommodate different terms, including different charges and / or fees and / or brokerage arrangements provided that the Central Bank is notified in advance, and gives prior clearance, of the creation of any such additional Class of Shares.

Under the Articles, the Directors are required to establish a separate Fund, with separate records, for each tranche of Shares in the following manner:

- (a) For each tranche of Shares the Company will keep separate books in which all transactions relating to the relevant Fund will be recorded and, in particular, the proceeds from the allotment and issue of Shares of each such tranche, the investments and liabilities and income and expenditure attributable thereto will be applied or charged to such Fund subject to the below;
- (b) Any assets derived from any other asset (whether cash or otherwise) comprised in any Fund will be applied in the books of the Company to the same Fund as the asset from which it was derived and any increase or diminution in the value of such an asset will be applied to the relevant Fund;
- (c) In the event that there are any assets of the Company which the Directors, in consultation with the Manager and the Investment Manager, do not consider are readily attributable to a particular Fund or Funds, the Directors will allocate such assets to and among any one or more of the Funds in such manner and on such basis as they, in their discretion, deem fair and equitable; and the Directors will have the power to and may at any time and from time to time vary such basis in respect of assets not previously allocated;
- (d) Each Fund will be charged with the liabilities, expenses, costs, charges or reserves of the Company in respect of or attributable to that Fund and any such liabilities, expenses, costs, charges or reserves of the Company not readily attributable to any particular Fund or Funds will be allocated and charged by the Directors in such manner and on such basis as the Directors in their discretion, following consultation with the Manager, deem fair and equitable, and the Directors will have the power to and may at any time and from time to time vary such basis;
- (e) If, as a result of a creditor proceeding against certain of the assets of the Company or otherwise, a liability, expense, cost, charge or reserve would be borne in a different manner from that in which it has been borne under paragraph (d) above, or in any similar circumstances, the Directors may, with the consent of the Depositary, transfer in the books and records of the Company any assets to and from any of the Funds;
- (f) Subject as otherwise in the Articles provided, the assets held in each Fund will be applied solely in respect of the Shares of the tranche to which such Fund appertains and will belong exclusively to the relevant Fund and will not be used to discharge directly or indirectly the liabilities of or claims against any other Fund and will not be available for any such purpose.

Pursuant to Irish law, the Company should not be liable as a whole to third parties and there should not be the potential for cross contamination of liabilities between Funds. However, there can be no categorical assurance that, should an action be brought against the Company in the courts of another jurisdiction, the segregated nature of a Fund will be upheld.

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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

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A Fund will invest in transferable securities and / or other liquid assets listed or traded on Recognised Markets in accordance with the investment restrictions described in Appendix D “Investment Restrictions” below and subject to the market limits specified in the Articles. The investment objectives and policies of a Fund are set out in the relevant Supplement.

In addition, and to the extent only that the Investment Manager deems consistent with the investment policies of a Fund, a Fund may utilise for the purposes of efficient portfolio management, the investment techniques and instruments described in Appendix C “Efficient Portfolio Management” below. Such investment techniques and instruments may include financial derivative instruments. Where a Fund intends to use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes, the Manager’s risk management process will be submitted to the Central Bank in accordance with the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. The extent to which a Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments and adopt policies in relation to leverage will be formulated and agreed by the Directors, in consultation with the Manager, on an individual Fund basis and will be set out in the relevant Supplement. Investors should refer to the section “Risk Considerations” for information in relation to the risks associated with financial derivative instruments.

Each Fund may invest in other collective investment schemes. Where it is appropriate to its investment objective and policies a Fund (the “Investing Fund”) may also invest in other Funds of this Company (a “Receiving Fund”). A Fund may only invest in another Fund of this Company if the Fund in which it is investing does not itself hold Shares in any other Fund of this Company. Any commission (including a rebated commission) received by the Investment Manager in respect of such investment will be paid into the assets of the Fund. Where an Investing Fund invests in a Receiving Fund, the rate of the annual management fee which Shareholders in the Investing Fund are charged in respect of that portion of the Investing Fund’s assets invested in Receiving Funds (whether such fee is paid directly at Investing Fund level, indirectly at the level of the Receiving Funds or a combination of both) shall not exceed the rate of the maximum annual investment management fee which investors in the Investing Fund may be charged in respect of the balance of the Investing Fund’s assets, such that there shall be no double charging of the annual investment management fee to the Investing Fund as a result of its investments in the Receiving Fund.

There can be no assurance or guarantee that a Fund’s investments will be successful or its investment objective will be achieved. Please refer to the “Risk Considerations” in this Prospectus and in the Supplements for a discussion of those factors that should be considered when investing in that Fund.

The investment objective and policies of a Fund are set out in the Supplement for that Fund. The investment objective of each Fund will not at any time be altered without prior consultation with the Manager and the approval of an Ordinary Resolution or with the prior written approval of all Shareholders. Changes to investment policies which are material in nature may only be made with the approval of an Ordinary Resolution to which the changes relate or with the prior written approval of all Shareholders. In the event of a change of investment objective and / or a material change to investment policy a reasonable notification period will be provided by the Company and the Company will provide facilities to enable Shareholders to redeem their Shares prior to implementation of these changes.

In respect of any Funds that use a benchmark index to compute a performance fee, the Manager, or its delegate, is working with the applicable benchmark administrators for the benchmark indices of such Funds to confirm that the benchmark administrators are or intend to get themselves included in the register maintained by ESMA under Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (the “Benchmark Regulations”). The Manager, or its delegate, has put in place written plans, in accordance with Article 28(2) of the Benchmark Regulations, detailing the actions it will take in the event that any index it uses for any Fund in accordance with Article 3(1)(7)(e) of the Benchmark Regulation materially changes or ceases to be provided. These written plans shall detail the steps the Manager will take to nominate a suitable alternative index.

### **Investment in Financial Indices through the use of Financial Derivative Instruments**

A Fund may gain exposure to financial indices through the use of financial derivative instruments (“FDI”) where considered appropriate to the investment objective and investment policies of the relevant Fund.

Such financial indices may or may not comprise of Eligible Assets.

The Investment Manager shall only gain exposure to financial indices which comply with the requirements of the Central Bank as set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and in any guidance issued by the Central Bank.

In this regard, any such financial indices will be rebalanced/adjusted on a periodic basis in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank e.g. on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis. The costs associated with gaining exposure to a financial index will be impacted by the frequency with which the relevant financial index is rebalanced.

It is not possible to comprehensively list the actual financial indices to which exposure may be taken as they may not have, as of the date of this Prospectus, been selected and they may change from time to time. A list of the indices which a Fund takes exposure to for investment purposes will be included in the annual financial statements of the Company. In addition, a list of the indices which a Fund may take exposure to for investment purposes, their classification, their rebalancing frequencies and the markets which they are representing will be provided to Shareholders of that Fund by the Investment Manager on request.

Where the weighting of a particular constituent in the financial index exceeds the investment restrictions set down in the UCITS Regulations the Investment Manager will as a priority objective look to remedy the situation taking into account the interests of Shareholders and the relevant Fund.

However where a financial index comprised of Eligible Assets does not fulfil the criteria set out in Article 9(1) of the Commission Directive 2007/16/EC (i.e. sufficiently diversified, representative of an adequate benchmark for the market to which it refers and published in an appropriate manner), investment in such an index by the Company on behalf of a Fund is not considered a derivative on a financial index but is regarded as a derivative on the combination of assets comprised in the index. A Fund may only gain exposure to such a financial index where on a "look through" basis, the Fund is in a position to comply with the risk spreading rules set down in the UCITS Regulations taking into account both direct and indirect exposure of the Fund to the constituents of the relevant index.

Any intention to use any of the above financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and/or efficient portfolio management purposes such as hedging and performance enhancement will be disclosed in the relevant Supplement. Additional derivative instruments, which may be used by a Fund for efficient portfolio management and/or investment purposes, will be disclosed in the relevant Supplement.

The use of derivative instruments for the purposes outlined above may expose the Fund to the risks disclosed under the heading "Risk Considerations". In addition, any derivatives used for efficient portfolio management purposes or investment purposes must be used in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements which are set out under Appendix D "Investment Restrictions" in this Prospectus.

The Manager will employ a risk management process which will enable it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the risks attached to financial derivative positions and details of this process have been provided to the Central Bank. The Company will not utilise financial derivatives which have not been included in the risk management process until such time as a revised risk management process has been submitted to the Central Bank. The Manager will provide on request to Shareholders supplementary information relating to the risk management methods employed by the Manager including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of investments.

No alterations or amendments may be made to the investment objective of a Fund as disclosed in a Supplement to this Prospectus and no material changes may be made to the investment policy of a Fund as disclosed in a Supplement to this Prospectus, in each case without the prior written approval of all relevant Shareholders or the prior approval of Shareholders on the basis of a majority of votes cast at general meeting. The Directors who, in consultation with the Manager, are responsible for the formulation of each Fund's present investment objectives and investment policies and any subsequent changes to those objectives or policies in the light of political and/or economic conditions may amend the present investment policies of a Fund from time to time. In the event of a change of investment objective and/or of any material change to the investment policies on the basis of a majority of votes cast at a general meeting



a reasonable notification period shall be provided by the Directors, in consultation with the Manager, to enable Shareholders seek repurchase of their Shares prior to implementation of such changes.

### **Investment in China A Shares**

It is not currently intended that the Funds will invest in China A Shares. However, where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Fund may reserve its right to gain exposure to China A Shares. Further information on how a Fund may gain exposure to China A Shares is set out below.

### **Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (“RQFII”)**

Under prevailing RQFII regulations in the People’s Republic of China (“**PRC**”), foreign institutional investors who wish to invest directly in the PRC domestic securities market may apply for a RQFII licence. It is intended that, where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Fund may obtain exposure to securities issued within the PRC through the RQFII quotas of the Investment Manager. Under the RQFII quota administration policy of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (“**SAFE**”), the Investment Manager has the flexibility to allocate its RQFII quota across different open-ended fund products, or, subject to SAFE’s approval, to products and/or accounts that are not open-ended funds. The Investment Manager may therefore allocate additional RQFII quota to each relevant Fund, or allocate RQFII quota which may otherwise be available to the relevant Fund to other products and/or accounts. The Investment Manager may also apply to SAFE for additional RQFII quota which may be utilised by the relevant Fund, other clients of the Investment Manager or other products managed by the Investment Manager.

However, there is no assurance that the Investment Manager will make available RQFII quota that is sufficient for the relevant Fund’s investment at all times.

The RQFII regime is currently governed by rules and regulations as promulgated by the mainland Chinese authorities, i.e., the China Securities Regulatory Commission (“**CSRC**”), the SAFE and the People’s Bank of China (“**PBOC**”). Such rules and regulations may be amended from time to time and include (but are not limited to): (a) the “Pilot Scheme for Domestic Securities Investment through Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors” issued by the CSRC, the PBOC and the SAFE and effective from 1 March 2013; (b) the “Implementation Rules for the Pilot Scheme for Domestic Securities Investment through Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors” issued by the CSRC and effective from 1 March 2013; (c) the “Circular on Issues Related to the Pilot Scheme for Domestic Securities Investment through Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors” issued by SAFE and effective from 21 March 2013; (d) the “Notice of the People’s Bank of China on the Relevant Matters concerning the Implementation of the Pilot Scheme for Domestic Securities Investment Made through Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors”, issued by the PBOC and effective from 2 May 2013; (e) the “Guidelines on Management and Operation of RQFII Quota” issued by SAFE and effective from 30 May 2014; and (f) any other applicable regulations promulgated by the relevant authorities (collectively, the “**RQFII Regulations**”).

There are specific risks associated with the RQFII regime and investor’s attention is drawn to the section of this Prospectus entitled “Risk Factors” below.

Pacific Capital Partners Limited may assume dual roles as the Investment Manager of the relevant Fund and the holder of the RQFII quota. Pacific Capital Partners Limited will be responsible for ensuring that all transactions and dealings will be dealt with in compliance with the provisions of this Prospectus, as well as the relevant laws and regulations applicable to it as an RQFII. If any conflicts of interest arise, Pacific Capital Partners Limited will have regard in such event to its obligations to the relevant Fund and will endeavour to ensure that such conflicts are resolved fairly and that Shareholders’ interests can be sufficiently protected.

### **Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen Stock Connect**

The Shanghai Hong Kong Stock Connect (the “**Shanghai Stock Connect**”) and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (the “**Shenzhen Stock Connect**”) (together the “**Stock Connect**”) are securities trading and clearing linked programs developed by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“**HKEx**”), the Shanghai Stock Exchange (“**SSE**”), the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (“**SZSE**”) and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited

(“**ChinaClear**”), with an aim to achieve mutual market access between mainland China and Hong Kong. The framework of the Shanghai Stock Connect was set out in the joint announcement released by the CSRC and the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong on 10 April 2014 regarding the in-principle approval for such program. The stock exchanges of the two jurisdictions continue to issue details of the program, e.g. operational rules, from time to time. The SSE and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“**SEHK**”) enable investors to trade eligible shares listed on the other’s market through local securities firms or brokers. The Shanghai Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Trading Link and a Southbound Trading Link. Under the Northbound Trading Link, investors, through their Hong Kong brokers and a securities trading service company to be established by SEHK, are able to place orders to trade eligible shares listed on SSE by routing orders to SSE. Under the Southbound Trading Link, eligible investors, through PRC securities firms and a securities trading service company to be established by SSE, are able to place orders to trade eligible shares listed on SEHK by routing orders to SEHK. All Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Fund) are allowed to trade SSE Securities (as defined below) through the Shanghai Stock Connect (through the Northbound Trading Link).

The following summary presents some key points about the Northbound Trading Link (which may be utilised by the Fund to invest in the PRC):

#### *Eligible securities*

Among the different types of SSE-listed securities, only China A Shares are included in the Stock Connect. Other product types such as China B-Shares, Exchange Traded Funds (“**ETFs**”), bonds, and other securities are not included.

In the initial phase, Hong Kong and overseas investors are able to trade certain stocks listed on the SSE market (i.e. “**SSE Securities**”). The scope of the Shanghai Stock Connect include all the constituent stocks from time to time of the SSE 180 Index and SSE 380 Index, and all the SSE-listed China A Shares that are not included as constituent stocks of the relevant indices but which have corresponding H-Shares listed on SEHK, except the following:

- (a) SSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB; and
- (b) SSE-listed shares which are included in the “risk alert board”.

The scope of Shenzhen Stock Connect includes all constituent stock of the SZSE Component Index and SZSE Small/Mid Cap Innovation Index which has a market capitalisation of RMB6 billion or above and all the SZSE-listed China A Shares which have corresponding H shares listed on SEHK, except the following:

- (a) SZSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB;
- (a) SZSE-listed shares which are subject to suspension; and
- (a) SZSE-listed shares which are included in the “risk alert board” or under a delisting arrangement.

#### *Trading quota*

Trading under the Shanghai Stock Connect is subject to a maximum cross-boundary quota (“**Daily Quota**”), which is monitored by SEHK.

The Daily Quota limits the maximum net buy value of cross-boundary trades under the Shanghai Stock Connect each day. The Northbound Daily Quota is set at RMB52 billion.

The Daily Quota may be increased or reduced subject to the review and approval by the relevant PRC regulators from time to time. SEHK will publish the remaining balance of the Northbound Aggregate Quota and Daily Quota at scheduled times on the HKEx’s website.

#### *Settlement and Custody*

The Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (“**HKSCC**”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of HKEx, is responsible for the clearing, settlement and the provision of depository, nominee and other related services of the trades executed by Hong Kong market participants and investors.

The China A Shares traded through Shanghai Stock Connect are issued in scripless form, so investors do not hold any physical China A Shares. Hong Kong and overseas investors who have acquired SSE Securities through Northbound trading will maintain the SSE Securities with their brokers’ or custodians’ stock accounts with CCASS (the Central Clearing and Settlement System operated by HKSCC for the clearing securities listed or traded on SEHK).

#### *Corporate actions and shareholders’ meetings*

Notwithstanding the fact that HKSCC does not claim proprietary interests in the SSE Securities held in its omnibus stock account in ChinaClear, ChinaClear as the share registrar for SSE listed companies will still treat HKSCC as one of the shareholders when it handles corporate actions in respect of such SSE Securities.

HKSCC will monitor the corporate actions affecting SSE Securities and keep the relevant brokers or custodians participating in CCASS (“**CCASS participants**”) informed of all such corporate actions that require CCASS participants to take steps in order to participate in them.

SSE-listed companies usually announce their annual general meeting/extraordinary general meeting information about one month before the meeting date. A poll is called on all resolutions for all votes. HKSCC will advise CCASS participants of all general meeting details such as meeting date, time, venue and the number of resolutions.

#### *Currency*

Hong Kong and overseas investors trade and settle SSE Securities in RMB only. Hence, the relevant Fund will need to use its RMB funds to trade and settle SSE Securities.

Further information about the Shanghai Stock Connect is available online at the website:

[http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/market/sec\\_tradinfra/chinaconnect/chinaconnect.htm](http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/market/sec_tradinfra/chinaconnect/chinaconnect.htm)

#### *Investor Compensation*

The Fund’s investments through Northbound trading under Shanghai Stock Connect will not be covered by Hong Kong’s Investor Compensation Fund.

Hong Kong’s Investor Compensation Fund is established to pay compensation to investors of any nationality who suffer pecuniary losses as a result of default of a licensed intermediary or authorised financial institution in relation to exchange-traded products in Hong Kong.

Since default matters in Northbound trading via Shanghai Stock Connect do not involve products listed or traded in SEHK or Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited, they will not be covered by the Investor Compensation Fund.

On the other hand, since the Fund is carrying out Northbound trading through securities brokers in Hong Kong but not PRC brokers, they are not protected by the China Securities Investor Protection Fund in the PRC.

#### **Disclosures under the Sustainable Finance Disclosures Regulation (SFDR)**

References in this section to the Company shall, where relevant, include the Manager, the investment team within the Investment Manager or Sub-Investment Manager responsible for the investment of the relevant Fund’s assets.

SFDR requires the Company and the Manager to include certain disclosures in relation to sustainable investment in this Prospectus and / or the relevant Supplement for individual Funds. The provisions below apply to each Fund and

are subject to any further disclosures which are specific to individual Funds and which are set out in the relevant Supplement.

#### *Article 4 of SFDR*

In accordance with the discretion granted pursuant to Article 4(1)(b) of SFDR, the Manager does not currently consider the PAIs of investment decisions on sustainability factors or issue a statement on its website, in relation to the due diligence policies with respect to those impacts (either generally at the level of the Manager or specifically in respect of the Fund). This is due to the lack of information and data available to adequately assess the full range of adverse impacts, the nature and scale of the Manager's activities and the wide and varied range of financial products which it makes available. The Manager will continue to review its position in relation to the consideration and publication of adverse impacts and, if it determines at a future date to provide such information, this Supplement and the Manager's website shall be updated accordingly.

#### *Article 6 of SFDR*

In accordance with Article 6 of SFDR the Company and the Manager are obliged to disclose (a) the results of the assessment of the likely impacts of sustainability risks on the returns of the Funds, and (b) the manner in which sustainability risks are integrated into investment decisions.

#### *Assessment of the Impact of Sustainability Risks on the Funds*

SFDR defines sustainability risks as an environmental, social or governance event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of an investment and hence the Net Asset Value of a Fund.

In addition to such specific sustainability risks as may be set out in a relevant Supplement, the sustainability risks set out below have been identified by the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager as being potentially relevant to the investments made by individual Fund. This description is not exhaustive.

- failure to comply with environmental, social or governance standards resulting in reputational damage causing fall in demand for products and services or loss of business opportunities for a company or industry group,
- changes in laws, regulations or industry norms giving rise to possible fines, sanctions or change in consumer behaviour affecting a company or an entire industry's prospects for growth and development;
- changes in laws or regulations, may generate higher demand for, and thus undue increase in prices of securities of companies perceived as meeting higher ESG standards;
- changes in laws or regulations, may incentivize companies to provide misleading information about their environmental, social or governance standards or activities.

Commonly considered sustainability risk factors are split into "Environment, Social, and Governance" (ESG), and relate, among other things, to the following topics:

#### *Environment*

- Climate mitigation;
- Adjustment to climate change;
- Protection of biodiversity;
- Sustainable use and protection of water and maritime resources;
- Transition to a circular economy, avoidance of waste, and recycling;

- The avoidance and reduction of environmental pollution;
- Protection of healthy ecosystems;
- Sustainable land use;

### *Social*

- Compliance with recognized labour law standards (no child and forced labour, no discrimination);
- Compliance with employment safety and health protection;
- Appropriate remuneration, fair working conditions, diversity, and training and development opportunities;
- Trade union rights and freedom of assembly;
- Guarantee of adequate product safety, including health protection;
- Application of the same requirements to entities in the supply chain;
- Inclusive projects or consideration of the interests of communities and social minorities;

### *Governance*

- Tax honesty;
- Anti-corruption measures;
- Sustainability management by the board;
- Board remuneration based on sustainability criteria;
- The facilitation of whistle-blowing;
- Employee rights guarantees; and
- Data protection and cyber security.

The impacts following the occurrence of a sustainability risk may be numerous and vary depending on the specific risk and asset class. In general, where a sustainability risk occurs in respect of an asset, there will be a negative impact on, or entire loss of, its value.

For a corporate, this may be because of damage to its reputation with a consequential fall in demand for its products or services, loss of key personnel, exclusion from potential business opportunities, increased costs of doing business and/or increased cost of capital. A corporate may also suffer the impact of fines and other regulatory sanctions. The time and resources of the corporate's management team may be diverted from furthering its business and be absorbed seeking to deal with the sustainability risk, including changes to business practices and dealing with investigations and litigation. Sustainability risks may also give rise to loss of assets and/or physical loss including damage to real estate and infrastructure. The utility and value of assets held by businesses to which a Fund is exposed may also be adversely impacted by a sustainability risk.

Equity and equity-like instruments such as corporate bonds that are bound to the performance of the company are deemed to be investments that inherently carry the highest level of sustainability risk. The market value of an equity instrument will often be affected by environmental, social or governance events or conditions such as natural disasters, global warming, income inequality, anti-consumerism or malicious governance. The Funds which invest or may invest primarily into equities are considered to have an inherently high level of sustainability risk.

The market value of fixed-rate corporate bonds or other bonds which are not bound to the performance of the investee company, will inherently carry similar sustainability risks. As such instruments are affected by the foreseen solvency of the company, the risks may be somewhat lower than in direct equity instruments and in some cases the longer-term conditions do not affect the solvency to the extent that sudden events do. The Funds which invest primarily into corporate bonds are considered to have an inherently moderate level of sustainability risk.

Government and other sovereign bonds are subject to similar sustainability risks as detailed for equities and corporate bonds. While nations and other sovereign issuers are subject to seemingly sudden events, the underlying conditions are often well-known, understood and already priced-in to the market value of such assets. The Funds that invest mostly into government and other sovereign bonds are considered to have an inherently low level of sustainability risk.

Currencies, investments into currencies and the currency effect against the base currency of any Fund, regardless if such risk is hedged or not, shall not be subject to assessment of sustainability risk. The market value fluctuations of currencies are deemed not to be affected by actions of any specific entity where a materiality threshold could be exceeded by a single event or condition.

Investment decisions in bank deposits and ancillary liquid assets will be subject to an assessment of governance events: an inherent part of the analysis for instruments where the market value of the asset is largely bound to a counterparty risk were the counterparty fails to fulfil its usually contractually or otherwise predetermined obligations.

Investment into diversified indices, other funds or diversified structured products are generally understood to be investments into instruments where any event or condition in one underlying asset is not likely to have a material impact on the investment due to the underlying diversification. The sustainability risks of such instruments are assessed in the manner set out in the relevant Supplement but may generally only be assessed on a high level; for example, where such an instrument primarily holds underlying assets that would be subject to the same conditions or events.

Sustainability risks derived from financial derivative instruments, including but not limited to futures, forwards, options and swaps, will be assessed on the basis of the assets underlying the derivative. Investors shall note that for the purposes of this section, sustainability risk is only assessed from the point of view of negative material impact; material positive impact will not be assessed. Consequently, this means that any derivative instruments (even where not used solely for hedging purposes) which have a negative correlation to their underlying asset e.g. short selling will not be subject to a risk assessment where due to negative correlation a negative impact on the value of the underlying asset would not create a negative impact on the market value of the asset.

Sustainability risks are relevant as both standalone risks, and also as cross-cutting risks which manifest through many other risk types which are relevant to the assets of a Fund. For example, the occurrence of a sustainability risk can give rise to financial and business risk, including through a negative impact on the credit worthiness of other businesses. The increasing importance given to sustainability considerations by both businesses and consumers means that the occurrence of a sustainability risk may result in significant reputational damage to affected businesses. The occurrence of a sustainability risk may also give rise to enforcement risk by governments and regulators, and also litigation risk.

A sustainability risk may arise and impact a specific investment or may have a broader impact on an economic sector, geographical regions and/or jurisdictions and political regions. Many economic sectors, regions and/or jurisdictions, including those in which a Fund may invest, are currently and/or in the future may be, subject to a general transition to a greener, lower carbon and less polluting economic model. Drivers of this transition include governmental and/or regulatory intervention, evolving consumer preferences and/or the influence of non-governmental organisations and special interest groups.

Laws, regulations and industry norms play a significant role in controlling the impact on sustainability factors of many industries, particularly in respect of environmental and social factors. Any changes in such measures, such as increasingly stringent environmental or health and safety laws, can have a material impact on the operations, costs and profitability of businesses. Further, businesses which are in compliance with current measures may suffer claims, penalties and other liabilities in respect of alleged prior failings. Any of the foregoing may result in a material loss in value of an investment linked to such businesses.

Further, certain industries face considerable scrutiny from regulatory authorities, non-governmental organisations and special interest groups in respect of their impact on sustainability factors, such as compliance with minimum wage or living wage requirements and working conditions for personnel in the supply chain. The influence of such authorities, organizations and groups along with the public attention they may bring can cause affected industries to make material changes to their business practices which can increase costs and result in a material negative impact on the profitability

of businesses. Such external influence and can also materially impact the consumer demand for a business's products and services which may result in a material loss in value of an investment linked to such businesses.

Sectors, regions, businesses and technologies which are carbon-intensive, higher polluting or otherwise cause a material adverse impact on sustainability factors may suffer from a significant fall in demand and/or obsolescence, resulting in stranded assets the value of which is significantly reduced or entirely lost ahead of their anticipated useful life. Attempts by sectors, regions, businesses and technologies to adapt so as to reduce their impact on sustainability factors may not be successful, may result in significant costs being incurred, and future ongoing profitability may be materially reduced.

In the event that a sustainability risk arises this may cause investors, including the Investment Manager in respect of a Fund to determine that a particular investment is no longer suitable and to divest of it (or not make an investment in it), further exacerbating the downward pressure on the value of the investment.

Sustainability risks can lead to a significant deterioration in the financial profile, profitability or reputation of an underlying investment and thus may materially impact its market price or liquidity.

Assessment of sustainability risks can be complex and require subjective judgement, which may be based on data which is difficult to obtain, incomplete, estimated, out of date or otherwise materially inaccurate. Even when identified, there can be no guarantee that the methodology and models used to analyse the data/information will correctly assess the impact of sustainability risks on the Fund's investments.

There can be no assurance that the Company, the Manager or the Investment Manager can successfully mitigate against all sustainability risks across a Fund. To the extent that a sustainability risk occurs, or occurs in a manner that is not anticipated by the Investment Manager, there may be a sudden, material negative impact on the value of an investment, and hence on the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Such negative impact may result in an entire loss of value of the relevant investment(s) and may have an equivalent negative impact on the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

#### *Integration of Sustainability Risk into Investment Decisions*

The Company and the Manager hold the following beliefs relating to sustainable investing:

- Sustainability issues are sources of long-term risk and return, therefore considering sustainability risks as outlined above leads to better analyses and investment decisions;
- The execution of ownership rights may increase performance and lower risk over time; accordingly, in selecting investments for each Fund, the Investment Manager will seek to encourage good governance through its voting in respect of such ownership right with the belief that this should produce higher risk-adjusted returns over the long term;
- Sustainability risk and governance information and data may be sourced from in house analysis, from direct engagement and interaction with underlying funds, companies, governments and other issuers, and from third parties; and
- Integrating and assessing sustainability risk enhances the quality of investment processes as sustainability issues, when poorly managed, will create long-term material adverse impacts for society, the environment and undermine investment returns.

Further details in relation to the approach taken by the Manager and the Investment Manager of each individual Fund regarding the integration of sustainability risk into investment decisions will be set out in the relevant Supplement.

#### *Article 8 of SFDR*

In accordance with Article 8 of SFDR, any Fund which promotes, among other characteristics, environmental or social characteristics, or a combination of those characteristics, provided that the companies in which the investments are

made follow good governance practices, in particular regarding sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance, should include information on how those characteristics are met.

The disclosures set out in the relevant Supplement for any Fund which is identified as an Article 8 Fund shall include information in relation to such matters as (a) environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, (b) the fact that the Fund does not have a sustainable investment objective as contemplated under Article 9 of SFDR, (c) the investment strategy in relation to sustainable investment, (d) relevant sustainability indicators and (e) the use of derivatives.



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## RISK CONSIDERATIONS

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There can be no assurance that the investment objective of a Fund will be achieved.

**An investment in a Fund involves a high degree of risk, including the risk that the entire amount invested may be lost.** Each Fund is primarily designed to purchase certain investments, which will introduce significant risk to the Fund, including asset performance, price volatility, administrative risk and counterparty risk. No guarantee or representation is made that any Fund's investment program will be successful, or that such Fund's returns will exhibit low correlation with an investor's traditional securities portfolio. Prospective investors should consider the following additional factors in determining whether an investment in a Fund is a suitable investment.

**Each Fund may be deemed to be a speculative investment and is not intended as a complete investment program. Investment in a Fund is suitable only for persons who can bear the economic risk of the loss of their investment and who meet the conditions set forth in this Prospectus and the Subscription Agreement. There can be no assurances that a Fund will achieve its investment objective. Prospective Shareholders should carefully consider the risks involved in an investment in a Fund, including, but not limited to, those discussed below. Various risks discussed below may apply to a Fund. The following does not intend to describe all possible risks of an investment in a Fund. In addition, different or new risks not addressed below may arise in the future. Prospective Shareholders should consult their own legal, tax and financial advisors about the risks of an investment in a Fund. Any such risk could have a material adverse effect on a Fund and its Shareholders.**

Whilst some risks will be more relevant to certain Funds, investors should ensure that they understand all the risks discussed in this Prospectus, insofar as they may relate to that Fund. In addition the relevant Supplement provides more information on the specific risks associated with individual Funds.

Investors should read all the "Risk Considerations" in this Prospectus and the relevant Supplement to determine applicability to a specific Fund in which the investor intends to invest.

The following "Risk Considerations" detail particular risks associated with an investment in a Fund, which investors are encouraged to discuss with their professional advisers. It does not purport to be a comprehensive summary of all of the risks associated with an investment in a Fund.

### ***Forward-Looking Statements***

This Prospectus contains forward-looking statements, including observations about markets and industry and regulatory trends as of the original date of this Prospectus. Forward-looking statements may be identified by, among other things, the use of words such as "intends," "expects," "anticipates" or "believes," or the negatives of these terms, and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements reflect views as of such date with respect to possible future events. Actual results could differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of factors beyond the control of the Directors, the Manager or Investment Manager. Prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such statements. Neither the Directors, nor the Manager and Investment Manager have any obligation to update any of the forward-looking statements in this Prospectus.

### ***General Economic and Market Conditions***

The success of a Fund's activities will be affected by general economic and market conditions, such as interest rates, availability of credit, inflation rates, economic uncertainty, changes in laws, trade barriers, currency exchange controls and national and international political circumstances. These factors may affect the level and volatility of securities' prices and the liquidity of a Fund's investments. Volatility or illiquidity could impair a Fund's profitability or result in losses.

Where a Fund's assets are invested in narrowly-defined markets or sectors of a given economy, risk is increased by the inability to diversify broadly investments and thereby subjecting the Fund to greater exposure to potentially adverse developments within those markets or sectors.

Since 2008 world financial markets have experienced extraordinary market conditions, including, among other things, extreme volatility in securities markets and the failure of credit markets to function. When such conditions arise, decreased risk tolerance by investors and significantly tightened availability of credit may result in certain securities becoming less liquid and more difficult to value, and thus harder to dispose of. Such conditions may be exacerbated by, among other things, uncertainty regarding financial institutions and other market participants, increased aversion to risk, concerns over inflation, instability in energy costs, complex geopolitical issues, the lack of availability and higher cost of credit and declining real estate and mortgage markets. These factors, combined with variable commodity pricing, declining business and consumer confidence, increased unemployment and diminished expectations for predictable global financial markets, may lead to a global economic slowdown and fears of a global recession. Neither the duration and ultimate effect of any such market conditions, nor the degree to which such conditions may worsen can be predicted. The continuation or further deterioration of any such market conditions and continued uncertainty regarding markets generally could result in further declines in the market values of potential investments or declines in market values. Such declines could lead to losses and diminished investment opportunities for a Fund, could prevent a Fund from successfully meeting their investment objectives or could require a Fund to dispose of investments at a loss while such unfavourable market conditions prevail. While such market conditions persist, a Fund would also be subject to heightened risks associated with the potential failure of brokers, counterparties and exchanges, as well as increased systemic risks associated with the potential failure of one or more systemically important institutions. See *"Failure of Brokers, Counterparties and Exchanges"*.

In reaction to these events since 2008, regulators and lawmakers in the United States and several other countries have taken unprecedented regulatory actions and enacted programs to stabilize the financial markets. Some of the programs enacted during this period have terminated; however, the U.S. government and regulators in many other jurisdictions continue to consider and implement measures to stabilize U.S. and global financial markets. Despite these efforts and the efforts of regulators of other jurisdictions, global financial markets remain extremely volatile. It is uncertain whether regulatory actions will be able to prevent losses and volatility in securities markets, or to stimulate the credit markets.

Unpredictable or unstable market conditions may result in reduced opportunities to find suitable investments to deploy capital or make it more difficult to exit and realize value from a Fund's existing investments.

The economies of non-U.S. countries may differ favourably or unfavourably from the U.S. economy in such respects as growth of gross domestic product, rate of inflation, currency depreciation, asset reinvestment, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position. Further, certain non-U.S. economies are heavily dependent upon international trade and, accordingly, have been and may continue to be adversely affected by trade barriers, exchange controls, managed adjustments in relative currency values and other protectionist measures imposed or negotiated by the countries with which they trade. The economies of certain non-U.S. countries may be based, predominantly, on only a few industries and may be vulnerable to changes in trade conditions and may have higher levels of debt or inflation.

### **Costs**

The identification of attractive investment opportunities is difficult and involves a high degree of uncertainty. A Fund may incur significant expenses in connection with identifying investment opportunities and investigating other potential investments which are ultimately not consummated, including expenses relating to due diligence, transportation, legal expenses and fees of other third party advisers.

### **Restricted Securities**

A Fund may invest in securities that are not registered under the Securities Act or under the laws of any non-U.S. jurisdiction pursuant to an exemption thereunder ("**Restricted Securities**"). Restricted Securities may be sold in private placement transactions between issuers and their purchasers and may be neither listed on an exchange nor traded in other established markets. In many cases, privately placed securities may not be freely transferable under the laws of the applicable jurisdiction or due to contractual restrictions on resale. As a result of the absence of a public trading market, privately placed securities may be less liquid and more difficult to value than publicly traded securities. To the extent that privately placed securities may be resold in privately negotiated transactions, the prices realized

from the sales, due to illiquidity, could be less than those originally paid by the Fund or less than their fair market value. In addition, issuers whose securities are not publicly traded may not be subject to the disclosure and other investor protection requirements that may be applicable if their securities were publicly traded. If any privately placed securities held by a Fund are required to be registered under the securities laws of one or more jurisdictions before being resold, a Fund may be required to bear the expenses of registration. A Fund's investments in private placements may consist of direct investments and may include investments in smaller, less seasoned issuers, which may involve greater risks. These issuers may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources or they may be dependent on a limited management group. In making investments in such securities, a Fund may obtain access to material non-public information, which may restrict a Fund's ability to conduct portfolio transactions in such securities.

### ***Purchases of Securities and Other Obligations of Financially Distressed Companies***

A Fund may directly or indirectly purchase securities and other obligations of issuers that are experiencing significant financial or business distress ("**Distressed Companies**"), including issuers involved in bankruptcy or other reorganization and liquidation proceedings. These investments are considered speculative. Although such purchases may result in significant returns, they involve a substantial degree of risk and may not show any return for a considerable period of time, if ever. In fact, many of these instruments ordinarily remain unpaid unless and until the issuer reorganizes and / or emerges from bankruptcy proceedings, and as a result may have to be held for an extended period of time. The level of analytical sophistication, both financial and legal, necessary for successful investment in issuers experiencing significant business and financial distress is unusually high. There is no assurance that a Fund will correctly evaluate the nature and magnitude of the various factors that could affect the prospects for a successful reorganization or similar action. In any reorganization or liquidation proceeding relating to an issuer, a Fund may lose its entire investment or may be required to accept cash or securities with a value less than its original investment.

### ***Public Securities***

In the event that a Fund acquires fixed income securities and / or equity securities that are publicly traded, the Fund will be subject to the risks inherent in investing in public securities. In addition, in such circumstances the Fund may be unable to obtain financial covenants or other contractual rights that it might otherwise be able to obtain in making privately-negotiated debt investments. Moreover, a Fund may not have the same access to information in connection with investments in public securities, either when investigating a potential investment or after making an investment, as compared to a privately-negotiated investment. Furthermore, a Fund may be limited in its ability to make investments, and to sell existing investments, in public securities if the Manager, the Investment Manager or an affiliate has material, non-public information regarding the issuers of those securities. The inability to sell securities in these circumstances could materially adversely affect the investment results of a Fund.

### ***Depository Receipts***

A Fund may invest in American Depository Receipts ("**ADRs**") and Global Depository Receipts ("**GDRs**") or other similar securities representing ownership of foreign securities (collectively, "**Depository Receipts**") if issues of these Depository Receipts are available that are consistent with the Fund's investment objective. Depository Receipts generally evidence an ownership interest in a corresponding foreign security on deposit with a financial institution. Transactions in Depository Receipts usually do not settle in the same currency in which the underlying securities are denominated or traded. Generally, ADRs, in registered form, are designed for use in the U.S. securities markets. GDRs generally are traded in one or more non-U.S. public or private securities markets and represent securities held by foreign institutions.

A Fund may invest in Depository Receipts through "sponsored" or "unsponsored" facilities if issues of such Depository Receipts are available and are consistent with the Fund's investment objective. A sponsored facility is established jointly by the issuer of the underlying security and a depository, whereas a depository may establish an unsponsored facility without participation by the issuer of the deposited security. Holders of unsponsored Depository Receipts generally bear all the costs of such facilities and the depository of an unsponsored facility frequently is under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the issuer of the deposited security or to pass through voting rights to the holders of such receipts in respect of the deposited securities. In addition, local practices in non-U.S. markets (such as a requirement to be physically present in order to vote, a need for foreign language

translation of voting materials or complex share registration procedures) may make exercising voting rights more difficult for holders of Depository Receipts.

### ***Derivative Instruments Generally***

A Fund may make use of derivatives in its investment policy. Derivatives are financial instruments that derive their performance, at least in part, from the performance of an underlying asset, index, or interest rate.

A Fund's use of derivatives involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities or more traditional investments, depending upon the characteristics of the particular derivative and the overall portfolio of the Fund as a whole. Derivatives permit an investor to increase or decrease the level of risk of its portfolio, or change the character of the risk to which its portfolio is exposed, in much the same way as an investor can increase or decrease the level of risk, or change the character of the risk, of its portfolio by making investments in specific securities.

Derivatives may entail investment exposures that are greater than their cost would suggest, meaning that a small investment in derivatives could have a large potential impact on a Fund's performance. If a Fund invests in derivatives at inopportune times or judges market conditions incorrectly, such investments may lower the Fund's return or result in a loss, which could be significant. Derivatives are also subject to various other types of risk, including market risk, liquidity risk, structuring risk, counterparty financial soundness, credit worthiness and performance risk, legal risk and operations risk. In addition, a Fund could experience losses if derivatives are poorly correlated with its other investments, or if the Fund is unable to liquidate its position because of an illiquid secondary market. The market for many derivatives is, or suddenly can become, illiquid. Changes in liquidity may result in significant, rapid, and unpredictable changes in the prices for derivatives.

Engaging in derivative transactions involves a risk of loss to a Fund that could materially adversely affect the Fund's NAV. No assurance can be given that a liquid market will exist for any particular contract at any particular time.

### **Financial Derivative Instruments ("FDI") Risk**

*Correlation Risk* Although taking exposure to underlying assets through the use of FDI will, the Investment Manager believes, benefit Shareholders in certain circumstances, by reducing operational costs and creating other efficiencies, there is a risk that the performance of a Fund will be imperfectly correlated with the performance which would be generated by investing directly in the underlying assets.

*Derivatives risk.* The risks associated with the use of FDI are different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Generally, a derivative is a financial contract the value of which depends upon, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index, and may relate to stocks, bonds, interest rates, currencies or currency exchange rates and related indices. There is no assurance that any derivative strategy used by a Fund will succeed.

*Interest rate risk.* is primarily the chance that the zero coupon swap prices overall will decline because of rising interest rates. Interest rate risk will be high for a Fund which invests mainly in long-term zero coupon swaps, whose prices are more sensitive to interest rate changes than are the prices of intermediate bonds.

*Management risk.* FDI are highly specialised instruments that require investment techniques and risk analyses different from those associated with stocks and bonds. The use of FDI requires an understanding not only of the underlying instrument but also of the derivative itself, without the benefit of observing the performance of the derivative under all possible market conditions.

*Credit risk.* The use of FDI involves the risk that a loss may be sustained as a result of the failure of another party to the contract (usually referred to as the "counterparty") to make required payments or otherwise comply with the contract's terms.

*Liquidity risk.* Liquidity risk exists when a particular FDI is difficult to purchase or sell. If a derivative transaction is particularly large or if the relevant market is illiquid (as in the case with many OTC derivatives), it may not be possible to initiate a transaction or liquidate a position at an advantageous time or price.

*Pricing risk.* Pricing risk exists when a particular FDI becomes extraordinarily expensive relative to historical prices or the prices of corresponding cash market instruments. Under certain market conditions, it may not be economically feasible to initiate a transaction or liquidate a position in time to avoid a loss or to take advantage of an opportunity.

*Leverage risk.* Because many FDI have a leveraged component, adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying asset, reference rate or index can result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. The Company's Funds are managed on a non-leveraged basis unless otherwise specified in the relevant Fund Supplement. See also Appendix C "*Efficient Portfolio Management*" to this Prospectus.

*Market risk.* Like most other investments, FDI are subject to the risk that the market value of the instrument will change in a way detrimental to the Fund's interests. While hedging strategies involving FDI can reduce the risk of loss, they can also reduce the opportunity for gain or even result in losses by offsetting favourable price movements in other portfolio investments. A Fund may also have to buy or sell a security at a disadvantageous time or price because it is legally required to maintain offsetting positions or asset coverage in connection with certain FDI transactions.

*Settlement risk.* Derivative markets will have different clearance and settlement procedures and in certain markets there have been times when settlements have been unable to keep pace with the volume of transactions, thereby making it difficult to conduct such transactions. Delays in settlement could result in temporary periods when assets of the Fund are uninvested and no return is earned thereon. A Fund's inability to make intended purchases due to settlement problems could cause it to miss attractive investment opportunities. Inability to dispose of portfolio securities due to settlement problems could result either in losses to the Fund due to subsequent declines in value of the security or, if it has entered into a contract to sell the security it could result in a possible liability of it to the purchaser.

*Legal risk.* The terms of Over the Counter ("**OTC**") FDI are generally established through negotiation between the parties thereto. While therefore more flexible, OTC FDI may involve greater legal risk than exchange-traded instruments, which are standardised as to the underlying instrument, expiration date, contract size and strike price, as there may be a risk of loss if the OTC FDI are deemed not to be legally enforceable or are not documented correctly. There may also be a legal or documentation risk that the parties to the OTC FDI may disagree as to the proper interpretation of its terms. If such a dispute occurs, the cost and unpredictability of the legal proceedings required for a Fund to enforce its contractual rights may lead the Fund to decide not to pursue its claims under the OTC FDI. A Fund thus assumes the risk that it may be unable to obtain payments owed to it under OTC arrangements, and that those payments may be delayed or made only after the Fund has incurred the costs of litigation. Further, legal, tax and regulatory changes could occur which may adversely affect a Fund. The regulatory and tax environment for FDI is evolving, and changes in the regulation or taxation of FDI may adversely affect the value of such instruments held by the Fund and its ability to pursue its trading strategies. For example, MiFID II introduces a new trading venue the "Organised Trading Facility" which is intended to provide greater price transparency and competition for bilateral trades. The overall impact of such changes on the Company is highly uncertain and it is unclear how the OTC derivatives market will adapt to this new regulatory regime.

The Manager employs a risk management process which enables it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the various risks associated with the use of FDI. The Company will only use those FDI which are specified in the Manager's risk management process and cleared by the Central Bank. Global exposure is calculated using the commitment approach, details of which are contained in the risk management process.

### **Financial Indices**

Where disclosed in the relevant Supplement, a Fund may gain exposure to one or a number of indices (each an 'Index') through the use of financial derivative instruments such as total return swaps. The following risks are relevant where a Fund gains exposure to an Index.

### *Index Performance*

Unless otherwise disclosed in the relevant Supplement, it is not the aim of the relevant Fund to track or replicate the performance of an Index. The exposure of the relevant Fund to an Index can vary dependent on different factors including the discretion of the fund manager to focus on the other elements of that Fund's investment policy as outlined above. Also, the relevant Fund will increase (or decrease) the notional amount of the swap on a Dealing Day to reflect subscriptions (or redemptions) received for that Dealing Day. Therefore, the performance of that Fund may differ substantially from the performance of an Index.

The past performance of an Index is not necessarily a guide to its future performance.

There is no assurance that an Index will continue to be calculated and published or that it will not be amended significantly. Any change to an Index (which shall be published on the website disclosed in the relevant Supplement) may adversely affect the value of the Shares of the relevant Fund.

Exposure to an Index may be achieved through an investment in one or more swaps. Given the nature of the swaps and the costs that may be involved in their utilisation, the value of the swaps (which ultimately determine the return the Shareholders will receive) may not exactly track the level of an Index. The swaps entered into by the relevant Fund will typically be of limited maturity. There can be no assurance that any subsequent swaps entered into at a later stage will have terms similar to those previously entered into.

Where a Fund gains exposure to an Index, it is exposed to the risk that the swap counterparty may default on its obligations to perform under the swap agreement. In assessing this risk, investors should recognise that counterparty exposure will be in accordance with the relevant Fund's investment restrictions and that all counterparties selected by the fund manager shall meet the criteria relating to eligible counterparties set down by the Central Bank from time to time. However, regardless of the measures the Fund may implement to reduce counterparty credit risk, there can be no assurance that a counterparty will not default or that the relevant Fund will not sustain losses on the transactions as a result.

### ***Currency Transactions***

A Fund may engage in a variety of currency transactions. In this regard, spot and forward contracts are subject to the risk that counterparties will default on their obligations. Since a spot or forward contract is not guaranteed by an exchange or clearing house, a default on the contract would deprive a Fund of unrealised profits, transaction costs and the hedging benefits of the contract or force a Fund to cover its purchase or sale commitments, if any, at the current market price. To the extent that a Fund is fully invested in securities while also maintaining currency positions, it may be exposed to greater combined risk. The use of currency transactions is a highly specialised activity which involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary Fund securities transactions. If the Investment Manager is incorrect in its forecasts of market values and currency exchange rates, the investment performance of a Fund would be less favourable than it would have been if this investment technique were not used.

Where a Fund engages in foreign exchange transactions which alter the currency exposure characteristics of its investments the performance of such Fund may be significantly influenced by movements in exchange rates as currency positions held by the Fund may not correspond with the securities positions held.

A Fund may incur costs in connection with conversions between various currencies. Currency exchange dealers realize a profit based on the difference between the prices at which they are buying and selling various currencies. Thus, a dealer normally will offer to sell currency to a Fund at one rate, while offering a lesser rate of exchange should the Fund sell to the dealer.

### ***Forward Contracts***

A Fund may enter into forward contracts which are not traded on exchanges and are generally not regulated. There are no limitations on daily price moves of forward contracts. Banks and other dealers with whom a Fund may maintain accounts may require the Fund to deposit margin with respect to such trading, although margin requirements are often minimal or non-existent. A Fund's counterparties are not required to continue to make markets in such contracts and these contracts can experience periods of illiquidity, sometimes of significant duration. There have been periods during which certain counterparties have refused to continue to quote prices for forward contracts or have quoted prices with

an unusually wide spread (the difference between the price at which the counterparty is prepared to buy and that at which it is prepared to sell). Arrangements to trade forward contracts may be made with only one or a few counterparties, and liquidity problems therefore might be greater than if such arrangements were made with numerous counterparties. The imposition of credit controls by governmental authorities might limit such forward trading to less than that which the Investment Manager would otherwise recommend, to the possible detriment of a Fund. In addition, disruptions can occur in any market traded by a Fund due to unusually high trading volume, political intervention or other factors. Market illiquidity or disruption could result in major losses to a Fund. In addition, a Fund may be exposed to credit risks with regard to counterparties with whom it trades as well as risks relating to settlement default. Such risks could result in substantial losses to such Fund.

### ***Futures***

Futures may be used to gain exposure to positions or markets in an efficient manner or to hedge against market risk. For example a single stock future could be used to provide a Fund with exposure to a single security. Index futures could also be used to manage risk, for example to hedge the risk of a security or group of securities held within the underlying index or with a high correlation with the underlying index. A futures position can be created by way of paying a deposit ('Margin'). Because that is typically only a small part of the total value of the futures contract, it is possible to participate through this 'leverage effect' in the price changes of the underlying assets. Thus a small price movement in the underlying asset can result in substantial profits or substantial losses relative to the invested capital.

### ***Swap Agreements***

A Fund may enter into swap agreements. Swap agreements are derivative products in which two parties agree to exchange payment streams that may be calculated in relation to a rate, index, instrument, or certain securities and a particular "notional amount." Swaps may be subject to various types of risks, including market risk, liquidity risk, structuring risk, tax risk, and the risk of non-performance by the counterparty, including risks relating to the financial soundness and creditworthiness of the counterparty. Swaps may be structured to include exposure to a variety of different types of investments or market factors. Depending on their structure, swaps may increase or decrease a Fund's exposure to equity or debt securities, long-term or short-term interest rates (in the United States or abroad), foreign currency values, corporate borrowing rates, or other factors such as security prices, baskets of securities, or inflation rates and may increase or decrease the overall volatility of the Fund's portfolio. Swap agreements can take many different forms and are known by a variety of names. A Fund is not limited to any particular form of swap agreement if the Investment Manager determines that other forms are consistent with the Fund's investment objective and policies.

The most significant factor in the performance of swaps is the change in individual equity values, specific interest rate, currency or other factors that determine the amounts of payments due to and from the counterparties. If a swap calls for payments by a Fund, the Fund must have sufficient cash available to make such payments when due. In addition, if a counterparty's creditworthiness declines, the value of a swap agreement would be likely to decline, potentially resulting in losses to the Fund.

Swaps may be individually negotiated transactions in the over-the-counter market in which a Fund assumes the credit risk of the other counterparty to the swap and is exposed to the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under a swap agreement in the event of the default or insolvency of the swap counterparty. Such over-the-counter swap transactions may be highly illiquid and may increase or decrease the volatility of a Fund's portfolio. If there is a default by a counterparty, a Fund under most normal circumstances will have contractual remedies pursuant to the swap agreement; however, exercising such contractual rights may involve delays or costs which could result in the net asset value of the Fund being less than if the Fund had not entered into the transaction. Furthermore, there is a risk that a swap counterparty could become insolvent and / or the subject of insolvency proceedings, in which event the recovery of the collateral posted by the Fund with such counterparty or the payment of claims under the swap agreement may be significantly delayed and the Fund may recover substantially less than the full value of the collateral entrusted to such counterparty or of the Fund's claims.

A Fund will also bear the risk of loss if it breaches the swap agreement or if it fails to post or maintain required collateral. Recent changes in law and regulation require certain types of swap agreements to be transacted on exchanges and /

or cleared through a clearinghouse, and will in the future require additional types of swap agreements to be transacted on exchanges and / or cleared through a clearinghouse.

### ***Investment in Collective Investment Schemes***

Each Fund will bear its proportionate share of any fees and expenses paid by collective investment schemes in which the Fund may invest (including funds affiliated with the Investment Manager, other than a Fund of the Company), in addition to all fees and expenses payable by each Fund. Investments in funds affiliated with the Investment Manager will be subject to the Investment Manager's fiduciary obligations to a Fund and will be made on an arm's length basis. Where a Fund invests in units of a collective investment scheme managed by the Investment Manager or its affiliates, and the Investment Manager or its affiliate, as the case may be, is entitled to receive a preliminary charge for its own account in respect of an investment in such fund, the Investment Manager or the affiliate, as appropriate, will waive the preliminary charge. Where the Investment Manager receives any commission by virtue of investing in a fund advised or managed by the Investment Manager, such commission will be paid into the assets of the relevant Fund.

### ***Equity and Equity-Related Securities and Instruments***

A Fund may, directly or indirectly, purchase equity-related securities and instruments, such as convertible securities and warrants. The value of equity securities varies in response to many factors. Factors specific to an issuer, such as certain decisions by management, lower demand for its products or services, or even loss of a key executive, could result in a decrease in the value of the issuer's securities. Factors specific to the industry in which the issuer participates, such as increased competition or costs of production or consumer or investor perception, can have a similar effect. The value of an issuer's stock can also be adversely affected by changes in financial markets generally, such as an increase in interest rates or a decrease in consumer confidence, that are unrelated to the issuer itself or its industry. In addition, certain equity-related instruments may be subject to additional risks, including liquidity risk, counterparty credit risk, legal risk and operations risk, and may involve significant economic leverage and, in some cases, be subject to significant risks of loss. These factors and others can cause significant fluctuations in the prices of the securities in which a Fund invests and can result in significant losses.

### ***Preferred Stock, Convertible Securities and Warrants***

A Fund may invest directly or indirectly in preferred stock, convertible securities and warrants. The value of preferred stocks, convertible securities and warrants will vary with the movements in the equity market and the performance of the underlying common stock, in particular. Their value is also affected by adverse issuer or market information. Thus, for example, as the value of the underlying common stock of an issuer fluctuates, the value of the preferred stock of such issuer would also be expected to fluctuate. With respect to warrants, their value may decrease or may be zero and thus not be exercised if the market price of the underlying securities remains lower than the specified price at which holders of warrants are entitled to buy such securities, resulting in a loss to the Fund of the purchase price of the warrant (or the embedded warrant price in the case of securities issued with warrants attached).

With respect to convertible securities, as with all fixed income securities, the market value of such securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, to increase as interest rates decline. However, when the market price of the common stock underlying a convertible security exceeds the conversion price, the convertible security tends to reflect the market price of the underlying common stock. As the market price of the underlying common stock declines, the convertible security tends to trade increasingly on a yield basis and thus, may not decline in price to the same extent as the underlying common stock. Convertible securities rank senior to common stock in an issuer's capital structure and consequently entail less risk than the issuer's common stock. In evaluating a convertible security, the Investment Manager will give primary emphasis to the attractiveness of the underlying common stock. If a convertible security held by a Fund is called for redemption, the Fund will be required to permit the issuer to redeem the security, convert it into the underlying stock or sell it to a third party. Any of these actions could have an adverse effect on a Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective.

### ***REITs***

In respect of a Fund which may invest in Real Estate Investment Trust Securities ("REITs"), which are pooled investment vehicles that invest primarily in either real estate or real estate related loans, there are particular risks



associated with the direct ownership of real estate by REITs. For example, real estate values may fluctuate as a result of general and local economic conditions, overbuilding and increased competition, increases in property taxes and operating expenses, changes in zoning laws, casualty or condemnation losses, regulatory limitations on rents, changes in neighbourhood values, changes in how appealing properties are to tenants and increases in interest rates. As well as changes in the value of their underlying properties, the value of REITs may also be affected by defaults by borrowers or tenants.

Furthermore, REITs are dependent on specialised management skills. Some REITs may have limited diversification and may be subject to risks inherent in financing a limited number of properties. REITs depend generally on their ability to generate cash flows to make distributions to shareholders or unitholders, and may be subject to defaults by borrowers and to self-liquidations. In addition, the performance of a REIT may be adversely affected if it fails to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under US tax law or if it fails to maintain exemption from registration under the Investment Company Act.

The ability to trade REITS in the secondary market can be more limited than other stocks. The liquidity of REITS on the major US stock exchanges is on average less than the typical stock included in, for example, the S&P 500 Index.

### ***Exchange Traded Funds ("ETFs")***

ETFs are investment companies whose shares are bought and sold on a securities exchange. ETFs invest in a portfolio of securities designed to track a particular market segment or index. ETFs have expenses associated with their operation, including advisory fees. When a Fund invests in an ETF, in addition to directly bearing expenses associated with its own operations, it will bear a pro rata portion of the ETF's expenses. Such ETF's expenses may make owning shares of the ETF more costly than owning the underlying securities directly. The risks of owning shares of an ETF generally reflect the risks of owning the underlying securities the ETF is designed to track, although lack of liquidity in an ETF could result in its value being more volatile than the underlying portfolio of securities.

### ***Insolvency Considerations With Respect to Issuers of Securities***

Various laws enacted for the protection of creditors may apply to the securities held by a Fund. Insolvency considerations will differ with respect to issuers located in different jurisdictions. If a court in a lawsuit brought by an unpaid creditor or representative of creditors of an issuer of a loan and / or bond, such as a trustee in bankruptcy, were to find that the issuer did not receive fair consideration or reasonably equivalent value for incurring the indebtedness constituting such loan or bond and, after giving effect to such indebtedness, the issuer (i) was insolvent, (ii) was engaged in a business for which the remaining assets of such issuer constituted unreasonably small capital or (iii) intended to incur, or believed that it would incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they mature, such court could determine to invalidate, in whole or in part, such indebtedness as a fraudulent conveyance, to subordinate such indebtedness to existing or future creditors of the issuer or to recover amounts previously paid by the issuer in satisfaction of such indebtedness. The measure of insolvency for purposes of the foregoing will vary. Generally, an issuer would be considered insolvent at a particular time if the sum of its debts were then greater than all of its property at a fair valuation or if the present fair salable value of its assets were then less than the amount that would be required to pay its probable liabilities on its existing debts as they became absolute and matured. There can be no assurance as to what standard a court would apply in order to determine whether the issuer was "insolvent" after giving effect to the incurrence of the indebtedness constituting the securities or that, regardless of the method of valuation, a court would not determine that the issuer was "insolvent" upon giving effect to such incurrence. In addition, in the event of the insolvency of an issuer of a loan or bond, payments made on such loan or bond could be subject to avoidance as a "preference" if made within a certain period of time before insolvency.

In general, if payments on securities may be avoidable, whether as fraudulent conveyances or preferences, such payments can be recaptured either from the initial recipient (such as a Fund) or from subsequent transferees of such payments (such as the Shareholders). To the extent that any such payments are recaptured from a Fund, the resulting loss will be borne by the Shareholders of a Fund at that time pro rata. However, a court in a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding would be able to direct the recapture of any such payment from a Shareholder only to the extent that such court has jurisdiction over such holder or its assets. Moreover, it is likely that avoidable payments could not be recaptured directly from a Shareholder that has given value in exchange for its Shares, in good faith and without knowledge that the payments were avoidable.

Many of the events within a bankruptcy case are adversarial and often beyond the control of the creditors. While creditors generally are afforded an opportunity to object to significant actions, there can be no assurance that a bankruptcy court would not approve actions which may be contrary to the interests of a Fund.

Generally, the duration of a bankruptcy case can only be roughly estimated. The reorganization of a company usually involves the development and negotiation of a plan of reorganization, plan approval by creditors and confirmation by the bankruptcy court. This process can involve substantial legal, professional and administrative costs to the Company and the Fund; it is subject to unpredictable and lengthy delays; and during the process, the company's competitive position may erode, key management may depart and the company may not be able to invest adequately. In some cases, the company may not be able to reorganize and may be required to liquidate assets. The debt of companies in financial reorganization will, in most cases, not pay current interest, may not accrue interest during reorganization and may be adversely affected by an erosion of the issuer's fundamental values. Such investments can result in a total loss of principal.

U.S. bankruptcy law permits the classification of "substantially similar" claims in determining the classification of claims in a reorganization for purpose of voting on a plan of reorganization. Because the standard for classification is vague, there exists a significant risk that a Fund's influence with respect to a class of securities can be lost by the inflation of the number and the amount of claims in, or other gerrymandering of, the class. In addition, certain administrative costs and claims that have priority by law over the claims of certain creditors (for example, claims for taxes) may be quite high.

Furthermore, there are instances where creditors and equity holders lose their ranking and priority such as when they take over management and functional operating control of a debtor. In those cases where a Fund, by virtue of such action, is found to exercise "domination and control" over a debtor, a Fund may lose its priority if the debtor can demonstrate that its business was adversely impacted or other creditors and equity holders were harmed by a Fund.

A Fund may invest in companies based in the OECD countries and other non-U.S. countries. Investment in the debt of financially distressed companies domiciled outside the United States involves additional risks. Bankruptcy law and process may differ substantially from that in the United States, resulting in greater uncertainty as to the rights of creditors, the enforceability of such rights, reorganization timing and the classification, seniority and treatment of claims. In certain developing countries, although bankruptcy laws have been enacted, the process for reorganization remains highly uncertain.

The Investment Manager, on behalf of a Fund, may elect to serve on creditors' committees, equity holders' committees or other groups to ensure preservation or enhancement of a Fund's positions as a creditor or equity holder. A member of any such committee or group may owe certain obligations generally to all parties similarly situated that the committee represents. If the Investment Manager concludes that its obligations owed to the other parties as a committee or group member conflict with its duties owed to a Fund, it may resign from that committee or group, and in such case a Fund may not realize the benefits, if any, of participation on the committee or group. In addition and also as discussed above, if a Fund is represented on a committee or group, it may be restricted or prohibited under applicable law from disposing of or increasing its investments in such company while it continues to be represented on such committee or group.

A Fund may purchase creditor claims subsequent to the commencement of a bankruptcy case. Under judicial decisions, it is possible that such purchase may be disallowed by the bankruptcy court if the court determines that the purchaser has taken unfair advantage of an unsophisticated seller, which may result in the rescission of the transaction (presumably at the original purchase price) or forfeiture by the purchaser.

Reorganizations can be contentious and adversarial. It is by no means unusual for participants to use the threat of, as well as actual, litigation as a negotiating technique. It is possible that a Company, a Fund, the Manager or Investment Manager could be named as defendants in civil proceedings. The expense of defending against claims by third parties and paying any amounts pursuant to settlements or judgments would generally be borne by the Fund and would reduce net assets.

### ***Investments which are not Liquid***

Certain investments and types of investments are subject to restrictions on resale, may trade in the over-the-counter market or in limited volume, or may not have an active trading market. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. It may be difficult for a Fund to value illiquid securities accurately. Also, a Fund may not be able to dispose of illiquid securities or execute or close out a derivatives transaction readily at a favourable time or price or at prices approximating those at which the Fund currently values them. Illiquid securities also may entail registration expenses and other transaction costs that are higher than those for liquid securities. Any use of the efficient portfolio management techniques described in Appendix C, may also adversely affect the liquidity of a Fund's portfolio and will be considered by the Manager and the Investment Manager in managing the Fund's liquidity risk.

From time to time, the counterparties with which a Fund effects transactions might cease making markets or quoting prices in certain of the instruments in which a Fund has invested. In such instances, a Fund might be unable to enter into a desired transaction or to enter into any offsetting transaction with respect to an open position, which might adversely affect its performance.

### ***Risks of Spread Transactions***

Where a Fund enters into spread transactions, it is subject to the risk that the prices of the currencies underlying the positions comprising such spreads will not fluctuate in the same direction or to the same extent during the period in which the spread position is maintained. Under such circumstances, the Fund could sustain losses on one or both legs of the spread position.

### ***Country Risks***

Investments in securities of issuers of different nations and denominated in currencies other than the Base Currency present particular risks. Such risks include changes in relative currency exchange rates; political, economic, legal and regulatory developments; taxation; the imposition of exchange controls; confiscation and other governmental restrictions (including those related to foreign investment currency repatriation) or changes in policy. Investment in securities of issuers from different countries offers potential benefits not available from investments solely in securities of issuers from a single country, but also involves certain significant risks that are not typically associated with investing in the securities of issuers located in a single country.

Issuers of foreign investments are generally subject to different accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and requirements in different countries throughout the world. The volume of trading, the volatility of prices and the liquidity of securities may vary in the markets of different countries. In addition, the level of government supervision and regulation of securities exchanges, securities dealers and listed and unlisted companies is different throughout the world. The laws of some countries may limit a Fund's ability to invest in securities of certain issuers located in those countries.

Different markets also have different clearance and settlement procedures. Delays in settlement could result in temporary periods when a portion of the assets of a Fund is uninvested and no or limited return is earned thereon. The inability of a Fund to make intended investment purchases due to settlement problems could cause a Fund to miss attractive investment opportunities. The inability of a Fund to dispose of its investments due to a failed trade settlement could result in losses to a Fund due to subsequent declines in the value of its investments or, if the Fund has entered into a contract to sell the investments, in a possible liability to the purchaser. There may also be a danger that, because of uncertainties in the operation of settlement systems in individual markets, competing claims may arise in respect of securities held by, or to be transferred to, the Fund.

With respect to certain countries, there is a possibility of expropriation, confiscatory taxation, limitations on the removal of funds or other assets of a Fund, political or social instability or diplomatic developments that could affect investments in those countries. An issuer of securities may be domiciled in a country other than the country in whose currency such securities are denominated. Furthermore, the ability to collect or enforce obligations may vary depending on the laws and regulations of the issuer / borrower's jurisdiction.

Investments may be adversely affected by the possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation, imposition of withholding taxes on dividend or interest payments or other income, limitations on the removal of funds or other assets of a Fund, political or social instability or diplomatic developments. An issuer of securities or obligations may be domiciled in a country other than the country in whose currency the instrument is denominated. The values and relative yields of investments in the securities markets of different countries, and their associated risks, are expected to change independently of each other.

As a Fund may invest in markets where custodial and / or settlement systems are not fully developed, the assets of a Fund which are traded in such markets and which have been entrusted to sub-custodians, in circumstances where the use of sub-custodians is necessary, may be exposed to risk in circumstances where the Depository will have no liability. Please see also "Depositories and Sub-Custodians" below.

### ***Emerging Markets***

A Fund may invest in investments in various markets, some of which may be considered as "emerging markets". Many emerging markets are developing both economically and politically and may have relatively unstable governments and economies based on only a few commodities or industries. Many emerging market countries do not have firmly established product markets and companies may lack depth of management or may be vulnerable to political or economic developments such as nationalisation of key industries. Investments in companies and other entities in emerging markets and investments in emerging market sovereign debt may involve a high degree of risk and may be speculative.

Risks include: (i) greater risk of expropriation, confiscatory taxation, nationalisation, social and political instability (including the risk of changes of government following elections or otherwise) and economic instability; (ii) the relatively small current size of some of the markets for securities and other investments in emerging markets issuers and the current relatively low volume of trading, resulting in lack of liquidity and in price volatility; (iii) certain national policies which may restrict a Fund's investment opportunities including restrictions on investing in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests; (iv) the absence of developed legal structures governing private or foreign investment and private property; (v) the potential for higher rates of inflation or hyper-inflation; (vi) currency risk and the imposition, extension or continuation of foreign exchange controls; (vii) interest rate risk; (viii) credit risk; (ix) lower levels of democratic accountability; (x) differences in accounting standards and auditing practices which may result in unreliable financial information; and (xi) different corporate governance frameworks.

The emerging markets risks described above increase counterparty risks for those Funds invested in these markets. In addition, investor risk aversion to emerging markets can have a significant adverse effect on the value and/or liquidity of investments made in or exposed to such markets and can accentuate any downward movement in the actual or anticipated value of such investments which is caused by any of the factors described above.

Emerging markets are characterised by a number of market imperfections, analysis of which requires long experience in the market and a range of complementary specialist skills. These inefficiencies include: (i) the effect of politics on sovereign risk and asset price dynamics; (ii) institutional imperfections in emerging markets, such as deficiencies in formal bureaucracies and historical or cultural norms of behaviour at the level of individual economic factors; (iii) the fact that asset classes in emerging markets are still developing and the information driving markets is a small proportion of the available information, and underlying development and sovereign risk fundamentals may take days, months and sometimes years to impact asset prices; (iv) liquidity imperfections and the unpredictability of market concentration; and (v) information asymmetries, most typically the result of experience and local knowledge and the fact that some market participants have access to relevant market information that others do not. The Investment Manager will seek to take advantage of these market imperfections to achieve the investment objectives of the particular Fund. It is not, however, guaranteed that it will be able to do so at any time.

In the recent past, the tax systems of some emerging markets countries have been marked by rapid change, which has sometimes occurred without warning and has been applied with retroactive effect. In these countries, a large national budget deficit often gives rise to an acute government need for tax revenues, while the condition of the economy has reduced the ability of potential taxpayers to meet their tax obligations. In some cases, there is

widespread non-compliance with tax laws, insufficient personnel to deal with the problem and inconsistent enforcement of the laws by the inexperienced tax inspectors.

In addition, the market practices in relation to settlement of securities transactions and custody of assets may not be as developed as in developed countries, increasing the risk of conducting transactions in those countries.

### ***Ongoing Russo-Ukrainian Conflict***

On 24 February 2022, Russia advanced troops and commenced large scale military operations in Ukraine (the “**Russo-Ukrainian War**”). In response to the Russo-Ukrainian War, the U.S., the United Kingdom and the European Union have imposed a significant series of sanctions against Russian and Belarus. While many of these sanctions are targeted at specific financial institutions, businesses, key members and personnel associated with Russia and separatist regimes in the Donbas region, the U.S., EU and UK have also imposed wider, country-wide financial and trade sanctions that may limit the ability of Russian companies to trade with or raise funds on U.S., EU or UK capital markets. In response the Russian government and relevant exchanges have restricted the ability of those who had been holding interests in Russian entities prior to Russo-Ukrainian War to close out of those positions by way of transfer or other form of disposition.

While the future scope of sanctions cannot be determined at this point, these current sanctions and any future enlargement of such sanctions or similar measures in relation to the Russo-Ukrainian War or any subsequent military action or further conflict arising from the Russo-Ukrainian War could have significant and pronounced negative effects on U.S., European and Asian public markets and the prices of commodities, and could also adversely affect the economic performance of portfolio investments and of any Fund.

In extremis, the escalation of hostilities between Russian, Ukraine, NATO member states and other states may result in an escalation into transatlantic conventional warfare which would likely have significant long-term risks and adverse consequences for the global economy, the Fund and its Investments.

While the most immediate impacts on corporate transactions will likely be related to changes in market conditions, further measures taken in response to the Russo-Ukrainian War that are not known at this stage may have an adverse impact on transactions, particularly those occurring in, or impacted by conditions in, Russia or Ukraine.

Sanctions threatened or imposed by the U.S, the EU and the UK, and other intergovernmental actions that have been or may be undertaken in the future, against Russia, Russian entities or Russian individuals, may result in the devaluation of Russian currency, a downgrade in the country's credit rating, an immediate freeze of Russian assets, a decline in the value and liquidity of Russian securities, property or interests, and/or other adverse consequences to the Russian economy or any entity holding Russian securities. The scope and scale of sanctions in place at a particular time may be expanded or otherwise modified in a way that have negative effects. Sanctions, or the threat of new or modified sanctions, could impair the ability of an entity to buy, sell, hold, receive, deliver or otherwise transact in certain affected securities or other investment instruments. Sanctions could also result in Russia taking counter measures or other actions in response, which may further impair the value and liquidity of Russian securities. These sanctions, and the resulting disruption of the Russian economy, may cause volatility in other regional and global markets and may negatively impact the performance of various sectors and industries, as well as companies in other countries, which could have a negative effect on the performance of a Fund, even if a Fund does not have direct exposure to securities of Russian issuers. As a collective result of the imposition of sanctions, Russian government countermeasures and the impact that they have had on the trading markets for Russian securities, any Fund which had Russian exposure prior to the Russo-Ukrainian War has used, and may in the future use, fair valuation procedures approved by the Investment Manager to value certain Russian securities, which could result in such securities being deemed to have a zero value.

In light of the Russo-Ukrainian War and the various sanctions regimes outlined above, the Investment Manager has determined that the Open Joint Stock Company Moscow Exchange MICEX-RTS (“MICEX”) no longer constitutes a Recognised Market for the purposes of UCITS investment restrictions and that no Fund, including those Funds with an emerging market focus and which were permitted to invest in Russia prior to the Russo-Ukrainian War, should make further investments in Russian entities or on MICEX. This position shall continue until such time as the Russo-Ukrainian War has been satisfactorily resolved and the various sanctions outlined above have been lifted (together with any Russian counter-measures or restrictions issued in response to such sanctions) and the Investment Manager

determines that it is prudent to allow those Funds to recommence investment in Russia. In such circumstances, the Supplement of any relevant Fund shall be updated to confirm that such investment is again permitted. As Russian exposure was suspended in light of Russo-Ukrainian War, any decision to recommence investing in Russia in such circumstances would not constitute a material change in investment policy of such Fund.

### ***Russian Investment Risk***

Investors should note that there are significant risks inherent where a Fund invests in Russia. These risks include: delays in settling transactions and the risk of loss arising out of Russia's system of securities registration and custody; the lack of corporate governance provisions, under-developed or non-existent rules regarding management's duties to shareholders, and the lack of general rules or regulations relating to investor protection or investments; pervasiveness of corruption, insider trading and crime in the Russian economic system; difficulties associated in obtaining accurate market valuations of many Russian securities, based partly on the limited amount of publicly available information; the risk of imposition of arbitrary or onerous taxes due to tax regulations that are ambiguous and unclear; the general financial condition of Russian companies, which may involve particularly large amounts of inter-company debt; banks and other financial systems are not well developed or regulated and as a result tend to be untested and have low credit ratings; the lack of local laws and regulations that prohibit or restrict a company's management from materially changing the company's structure without shareholder consent; difficulties involved with seeking redress in a court of law of breach of local laws, regulations or contracts, arbitrary and inconsistent application of laws and regulations by courts; the risk of further economic and political sanctions being imposed against Russia, Russian issuers of securities or individuals in Russia may compromise the ability of a Fund to pursue its investment objectives or may adversely affect the value of Russian investments which the relevant Portfolio holds; and the risk that the government of Russia or other executive or legislative bodies may decide not to continue to support the economic reform programs implemented since the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

Securities in Russia are issued only in book entry form and ownership records are maintained by registrars who are under contract with the issuers. The registrars are neither agents of, nor responsible to, the Depository or its local agents in Russia. Transferees of securities have no proprietary rights in respect of securities until their name appears in the register of holders of the securities of the issuer. The law and practice relating to registration of holders of securities are not well developed in Russia and registration delays and failures to register securities can occur. Although Russian sub-custodians will maintain copies of the registrar's records ("Extracts") on its premises, such Extracts may not, however, be legally sufficient to establish ownership of securities. Furthermore, a quantity of forged or otherwise fraudulent securities, extracts or other documents are in circulation in the Russian markets and there is therefore a risk that a Fund's purchases may be settled with such forged or fraudulent securities. In common with other emerging markets, Russia has no central source for the issuance or publication of corporate actions information. The Depository therefore cannot guarantee the completeness or timeliness of the distribution of corporate actions notifications.

Investments in securities listed or traded in Russia will only be made in securities that are listed or traded on the Moscow Exchange.

### ***Currency Risks***

As a result of investment in obligations involving currencies of various countries, the value of the assets of a Fund as measured in a Fund's Base Currency will be affected by changes in currency exchange rates, which may affect a Fund's performance independent of the performance of its securities investments. A Fund may or may not seek to hedge all or any portion of its foreign currency exposure. However, even if a Fund attempts such hedging techniques, it is not possible to hedge fully or perfectly against currency fluctuations affecting the value of securities denominated in non-Base Currencies because the value of those securities is likely to fluctuate as a result of independent factors not related to currency fluctuations.

Currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time causing, along with other factors, a Fund's Net Asset Value to fluctuate as well. Currency exchange rates generally are determined by the forces of supply and demand in the currency exchange markets and the relative merits of investments in different countries, actual or anticipated changes in interest rates and other complex factors, as seen from an international perspective. Currency

exchange rates also can be affected unpredictably by intervention or failure to intervene by governments or central banks or by currency controls or political developments throughout the world. To the extent that a substantial portion of a Fund's total assets, adjusted to reflect a Fund's net position after giving effect to currency transactions, is denominated in the currencies of particular countries, the Fund will be more susceptible to the risk of adverse economic and political developments within those countries.

### ***Government Investment Restrictions***

Government regulations and restrictions may limit the amount and types of securities that may be purchased or sold by a Fund. The ability of a Fund to invest in securities of companies or governments of certain countries may be limited or, in some cases, prohibited. As a result, larger portions of a Fund's assets may be invested in those countries where such limitations do not exist. Such restrictions may also affect the market price, liquidity and rights of securities and may increase Fund expenses. In addition, policies established by the governments of certain countries may adversely affect each Fund's investments and the ability of a Fund to achieve its investment objective.

In addition, the repatriation of both investment income and capital is often subject to restrictions such as the need for certain governmental consents, and even where there is no outright restriction, the mechanics of repatriation may affect certain aspects of the operation of a Fund.

### ***Position Limits***

"Position limits" imposed by various regulators and / or counterparties may also limit a Fund's ability to effect desired trades. Position limits are the maximum amounts of net long or net short positions that any one person or entity may own or control in a particular financial instrument. All positions owned or controlled by the same person or entity, even if in different accounts, may be aggregated for purposes of determining whether the applicable position limits have been exceeded. Thus, even if a Fund does not intend to exceed applicable position limits, it is possible that different accounts managed by the Investment Manager and its affiliates may be aggregated. If at any time positions managed by the Investment Manager were to exceed applicable position limits, the Investment Manager would be required to liquidate positions, which might include positions of a Fund, to the extent necessary to come within those limits. Further, to avoid exceeding the position limits, a Fund might have to forego or modify certain of its contemplated trades.

### ***Use of Leverage***

A Fund may borrow to avoid settlement failure and may be leveraged through the use of derivatives, including entering into swap agreements and derivative contracts, and may also enter into securities lending agreements subject to the conditions and limits set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. These transactions may expose a Fund to additional levels of risk including (i) greater losses from investments than would otherwise have been the case had a Fund not borrowed to make the investments, (ii) margin calls or interim margin requirements which may force premature liquidations of investment positions and (iii) losses on investments where the investment fails to earn a return that equals or exceeds the relevant Fund's cost of borrowing such funds (including interest, transaction costs and other costs of borrowing). Forward contracts, swaps, securities lending agreements and other derivative instruments contain inherent leverage in that they provide more market exposure than the money paid or deposited when the transaction is entered into; consequently, a relatively small adverse market movement can not only result in the loss of the entire investment, but may also expose a Fund to the possibility of a loss exceeding the original amount invested or deposited. In addition, many of these products are subject to variation or other interim margin requirements, which may force premature liquidation of investment positions. A Fund may attempt to mitigate this risk by maintaining cash and cash equivalents at least equal to the value of the obligations created by its net mark-to-market swap positions and the obligations created by its securities lending agreements.

### ***Hedging Transactions***

Hedging techniques used by the Investment Manager may involve a variety of derivative transactions, including forward foreign currency contracts and various interest rate transactions (collectively, "**Hedging Instruments**"). Hedging techniques involve unique risks. In particular, the variable degree of correlation between price movements of Hedging Instruments and price movements in the position being hedged creates the possibility that losses on the hedge may be greater than gains in the value of a Fund's positions. In addition, certain Hedging Instruments and markets may

not be liquid in all circumstances. As a result, in volatile markets a Fund may not be able to close out transactions in certain of these instruments without recurring losses substantially greater than the initial deposit. Although the contemplated use of these instruments should tend to minimise the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the hedged position, at the same time they tend to limit any potential gain which might result from an increase in the value of such position. The ability of a Fund to hedge successfully will depend on the Investment Manager's ability to predict pertinent market movements, which cannot be assured. A Fund is not required to hedge and there can be no assurance that hedging transactions may be available or, even if undertaken, will be effective. In addition it is not possible to hedge fully or perfectly against currency fluctuations affecting the value of securities denominated in non-U.S. currencies because the value of those securities is likely to fluctuate as a result of independent factors not related to currency fluctuations. Furthermore, over-hedged or under-hedged positions may arise due to factors beyond the control of the Fund.

### ***Investment Risk***

Further specific investment risks relevant to a Fund will be included in the relevant Supplement.

### ***Concentration Risk***

A Fund will generally seek to diversify portfolio investments on behalf of the Fund; however, a significant percentage of the Fund's assets may be invested from time to time in groups of issuers deriving significant revenues from the same market, region or industry. To the extent a Fund makes such investments, the exposure to credit and market risks associated with such market, region or industry will be increased.

### ***Correlation of Performance Across Investments and Strategies***

The Investment Manager may invest in securities in a manner which is intended to provide some degree of portfolio diversification. However, there can be no assurance that the performance of its investments will not be correlated. For example, in periods of illiquidity such as those experienced in 2008, assets in certain market sectors which historically did not show a high degree of correlation became correlated due to the sharp decrease in liquidity available to investors and the loss of systemically important institutions that affected all such investments. Similarly, there can be no assurance that the strategy employed by the Investment Manager will be uncorrelated with other investment strategies in the future.

### ***Systemic Risk***

Credit risk may also arise through a default by one or several large institutions that are dependent on one another to meet their liquidity or operational needs, so that a default by one institution causes a series of defaults by the other institutions. This is sometimes referred to as a "systemic risk" and may adversely affect financial intermediaries, such as clearing agencies, clearing houses, banks, securities firms and exchanges, with which a Fund interacts on a daily basis.

### ***Execution of Orders; Electronic Trading***

A Fund's investment strategies and trading strategies depend on its ability to establish and maintain an overall market position in a combination of financial instruments selected by the Investment Manager. A Fund's trading orders may not be executed in a timely and efficient manner due to various circumstances, including, without limitation, trading volume surges or systems failures attributable to a Fund, the Investment Manager, a Fund's counterparties, brokers, dealers, agents or other service providers. In such event, a Fund might only be able to acquire or dispose of some, but not all, of the components of such position, or if the overall position were to need adjustment, the Fund might not be able to make such adjustment. As a result, a Fund would not be able to achieve the market position selected by the Investment Manager, which may result in a loss. In addition, a Fund relies heavily on electronic execution systems (and may rely on new systems and technology in the future), and such systems may be subject to certain systemic limitations or mistakes, causing the interruption of trading orders made by a Fund.

### ***Trading on Exchanges***



A Fund may trade, directly or indirectly, securities on exchanges located anywhere. Some exchanges, in contrast to those based in the United States, for example, are “principals’ markets” in which performance is solely the individual member’s responsibility with whom the trader has entered into a contract and not that of an exchange or its clearinghouse, if any. In the case of trading on such exchanges, a Fund will be subject to the risk of the inability of, or refusal by, a counterparty to perform with respect to contracts. Moreover, in certain jurisdictions there is generally less government supervision and regulation of worldwide stock exchanges, clearinghouses and clearing firms than, for example, in the United States. A Fund is also subject to the risk of the failure of the exchanges on which its positions trade or of their clearinghouses or clearing firms and there may be a higher risk of financial irregularities and / or lack of appropriate risk monitoring and controls.

### ***Necessity for Counterparty Trading Relationships***

Participants in the over-the-counter markets typically enter into transactions only with those counterparties which they believe to be sufficiently creditworthy, unless the counterparty provides margin, collateral, letters of credit or other credit enhancements. While it is anticipated that a Fund will be able to establish the necessary counterparty business relationships to permit the Fund to effect transactions in the over-the-counter markets, including the swaps market, there can be no assurance that it will be able to do so or, if it does, that it will be able to maintain such relationships. An inability to continue existing or establish new relationships could limit the Fund’s activities. Moreover, the counterparties with which a Fund expects to establish such relationships will not be obligated to maintain the credit lines extended to the Fund, and such counterparties could decide to reduce or terminate such credit lines at their discretion.

### ***Failure of Brokers, Counterparties and Exchanges***

A Fund will be exposed to the credit risk of the counterparties with which, or the brokers, dealers and exchanges through which, the Fund deals, whether it engages in exchange-traded or off-exchange transactions. A Fund may be subject to risk of loss of its assets on deposit with a broker in the event of the broker’s bankruptcy, the bankruptcy of any clearing broker through which the broker executes and clears transactions on behalf of the Fund, or the bankruptcy of an exchange clearing house. A Fund may also be subject to risk of loss of its funds on deposit with brokers who are not required by their own regulatory bodies to segregate customer funds. A Fund may be required to post margin for its foreign exchange transactions either with the Investment Manager or other foreign exchange dealers who are not required to segregate funds (although such funds are generally maintained in separate accounts on the foreign exchange dealer’s books and records in the name of the Fund).

In the case of a bankruptcy of the counterparties with which, or the brokers, dealers and exchanges through which, a Fund deals, or a customer loss as described in the foregoing paragraph, the Fund might not be able to recover any of its assets held, or amounts owed, by such person, even property specifically traceable to the Fund, and, to the extent such assets or amounts are recoverable, the Fund might only be able to recover a portion of such amounts. Further, even if the Fund is able to recover a portion of such assets or amounts, such recovery could take a significant period of time. Prior to receiving the recoverable amount of the Fund’s property, the Fund may be unable to trade any positions held by such person, or to transfer any positions and cash held by such person on behalf of the Fund. This could result in significant losses to the Fund.

A Fund may effect transactions on “over-the-counter” or “interdealer” markets. Participants in these markets are typically not subject to credit evaluation and regulatory oversight as are members of “exchange based” markets. To the extent the Fund invests in swaps (including total return swaps), derivatives or synthetic instruments, or other over-the-counter transactions in these markets, the Fund may take a credit risk with regard to parties with which it trades and also may bear the risk of settlement default. These risks may differ materially from those involved in exchange-traded transactions, which generally are characterized by clearing organization guarantees, daily marking-to-market and settlement, and segregation and minimum capital requirements applicable to intermediaries. Transactions entered into directly between two counterparties generally do not benefit from these protections, which, in turn, may subject the Fund to the risk that a counterparty will not settle a transaction in accordance with agreed terms and conditions due to, among other things, a dispute over the terms of the contract or a credit or liquidity problem. Such “counterparty risk” is increased for contracts with longer maturities when events may intervene to prevent settlement. The inability of the Fund to transact business with any one or any number of counterparties, the lack of any independent evaluation

of the counterparties or their financial capabilities, and the absence of a regulated market to facilitate settlement, may increase the potential for losses to the Fund.

A Fund may engage in direct or indirect trading of securities, currencies, derivatives (including swaps and forward contracts) and other instruments (as permitted by its investment policy) on a principal basis. As such, a Fund as transferee or counterparty could experience both delays in liquidating the underlying security, future or other investment and losses, including those arising from: (i) the risk of the inability or refusal to perform with respect to such transactions on the part of the principals with which the Fund trades, including without limitation, the inability or refusal to timely return collateral posted by the Fund; (ii) possible decline in the value of any collateral during the period in which the Fund seeks to enforce its rights with respect to such collateral; (iii) the need to re-margin or repost collateral in respect of transferred, assigned or replaced positions; (iv) reduced levels of income and lack of access to income during such period; (v) expenses of enforcing its rights; and (vi) legal uncertainty concerning the enforceability of certain rights under swap agreements and possible lack of priority against collateral posted under the swap agreements. Any such failure or refusal, whether due to insolvency, bankruptcy or other causes, could subject the Fund to substantial losses. A Fund will not be excused from performance on any such transactions due to the default of third parties in respect of other trades in which its trading strategies were to have substantially offset such contracts.

### ***Depositories and Sub-Custodians***

The assets of a Fund will be held by depositories and broker-dealers (in the case of broker-dealers, assets of a Fund will only be held during the settlement of a transaction). There are risks involved in dealing with the depositories or brokers who settle a Fund's trades. It is expected that all securities and other assets deposited with depositories or brokers will be identified as being assets of a Fund, and hence a Fund should not be exposed to credit risk with regard to such parties. However, with respect to both U.S. and non-U.S. depositories, it may not always be possible to achieve such segregation, and there may be practical or time problems associated with enforcing the Fund's rights to its assets in the case of an insolvency of any such party.

The Depository may appoint sub-custodians in certain non-U.S. jurisdictions to hold assets of a Fund. Subject and without prejudice to the terms of the Depository Agreement, as described in the Depository section below, the Depository may not be responsible in certain circumstances for cash or assets which are held by sub-custodians in certain non-U.S. jurisdictions, nor for any losses suffered by a Fund as a result of the bankruptcy or insolvency of any such sub-custodian. A Fund may have a potential exposure on the default of any sub-custodian. In such event, many of the protections that would normally be provided to a customer by a depository may not be available to a Fund. Custody services in certain non-U.S. jurisdictions remain undeveloped, and accordingly there are transaction and custody risks of dealing in certain non-U.S. jurisdictions. Details of the specific markets where such custody risks may arise will be disclosed in the relevant Supplement. Given the undeveloped state of regulations on custodial activities and bankruptcy in certain non-U.S. jurisdictions, the ability of a Fund to recover assets held by a sub-custodian in the event of its insolvency would be in doubt.

### ***Currency Counterparty Risk***

Contracts in the foreign exchange market are not regulated by a regulatory agency, and such contracts are not guaranteed by an exchange or its clearing house. Consequently, there are no requirements with respect to record-keeping, financial responsibility or segregation of customer funds or positions. In contrast to exchange-traded futures contracts, interbank-traded instruments rely on the dealer or counterparty being contracted with to fulfil its contract. As a result, trading in interbank foreign exchange contracts may be subject to more risks than futures or options trading on regulated exchanges, including, but not limited to, the risk of default due to the failure of a counterparty with which a Fund has a forward contract. Although the Investment Manager intends to trade with counterparties it believes to be responsible, failure by a counterparty to fulfil its contractual obligations could expose a Fund to unanticipated losses.

### ***Settlement Risks***

The equity markets in different countries will have different clearance and settlement procedures and in certain markets there have been times when settlements have been unable to keep pace with the volume of transactions, thereby making it difficult to conduct such transactions. Delays in settlement could result in temporary periods when assets of

a Fund are uninvested and no return is earned thereon. The inability of a Fund to make intended purchases due to settlement problems could cause it to miss attractive investment opportunities. Inability to dispose of portfolio securities due to settlement problems could result either in losses to a Fund due to subsequent declines in value of the portfolio security or, if it has entered into a contract to sell the security it could result in a possible liability of it to the purchaser.

### ***No Investment Guarantee Equivalent to Deposit Protection***

Investment in a Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. Furthermore, unlike a deposit in a bank account, the principal invested in a Fund is capable of fluctuation.

### ***Company's Liabilities***

The Company will be responsible for paying its fees and expenses regardless of its level of profitability. Pursuant to Irish law, the Company should not be liable as a whole to third parties and there should not be the potential for cross contamination of liabilities between Funds. However, there can be no categorical assurance that, should an action be brought against the Company in the courts of another jurisdiction, the segregated nature of a Fund will necessarily be upheld.

### ***Third Party Litigation***

A Fund's investment activities subject it to the normal risks of becoming involved in litigation by third parties. The expense of defending against any such claims and paying any amounts pursuant to settlements or judgments would generally be borne by such Fund and would reduce its net assets.

### ***Seed Investment***

As part of its launch, a Fund may receive a subscription from an investor or an affiliate (a "**Seed Investor**") as a seed investment, which may be substantial. Investors wishing any further information in respect of any such subscription should contact the Investment Manager. Investors should be aware that any such Seed Investor may hedge any of its investments in whole or part (ie reducing its exposure to the performance of the Fund) and redeem its investment in the Fund at any time, without notice to Shareholders and that the Seed Investor is not under any obligation to take the interests of other Shareholders into account when making its investment decisions. As any large redemption from the Fund will have the indirect effect of increasing the proportion of the Fund's costs (see below in relation to "Substantial Redemptions" for related disclosures) that the remaining Shareholders will have to bear, Shareholders should note that any redemption of its seed money by the Seed Investor may have a negative effect on the value of their investment. The Investment Manager may, at its sole discretion and out of its own resources, decide to rebate to a Seed Investor, part or all of its fees, without notice to other Shareholders.

### ***Substantial Subscriptions***

The Investment Manager may not be able to invest all net subscription proceeds immediately following the Dealing Day. To the extent that a Fund's assets are not invested immediately following the relevant Dealing Day, there could be a negative impact on the performance of a Fund, as the Fund will not be pursuing its investment objective in respect of the portion of its assets held in cash or other liquid assets.

### ***Substantial Redemptions***

Substantial redemption requests by Shareholders in a concentrated period of time could require a Fund to liquidate certain of its investments more rapidly than might otherwise be desirable in order to raise cash to fund the redemptions and achieve a portfolio appropriately reflecting a smaller asset base. This may limit the ability of the Investment Manager to successfully implement the investment policy of a Fund and could negatively impact the value of the Shares being redeemed and the value of Shares that remain outstanding. In addition, following receipt of a redemption request, a Fund may be required to liquidate assets in advance of the applicable Dealing Day, which may result in a Fund holding cash or highly liquid investments pending such Dealing Day. During any such period, the ability of the

Investment Manager to successfully implement the investment policy of a Fund may be impaired and the Fund's returns may be adversely affected as a result.

Moreover, regardless of the time period over which substantial redemption requests are made, the resulting reduction in the NAV of a Fund could make it more difficult for the Fund to generate profits or recover losses. Shareholders will not receive notification of substantial redemption requests in respect of any particular Dealing Day from a Fund and, therefore, may not have the opportunity to redeem their Shares or portions thereof prior to or at the same time as the redeeming Shareholders.

The risk of substantial redemption requests in a concentrated period of time may be heightened in the event that a Fund accepts investments related directly or indirectly to the offering of structured products including, without limitation, in connection with the hedging of positions under such structured products, particularly those structured products with a fixed life. A Fund may or may not accept such investments, as determined by the Fund in its sole discretion, and such investments could, at any time, make up a significant portion of the Fund's NAV.

### ***Limited Liquidity of Shares: Redemptions***

Shares are subject to the restrictions on transfer. See "Transfer of Shares" section of the Prospectus. Redemption rights may be limited or postponed under certain circumstances. See "Administration of the Company -- Temporary Suspension of Dealings" section of the Prospectus.

A distribution in respect of a redemption may be made in kind, at the discretion of the Manager in consultation with the Investment Manager; provided that where the redemption request represents less than 5% of the NAV of a Fund, the Shareholder's consent is required. The investments so distributed may not be readily marketable or saleable and may have to be held by such Shareholder for an indefinite period of time.

An investment in a Fund is therefore suitable only for certain sophisticated investors that can bear the risks associated with the limited liquidity of their Shares. There is no independent market for the purchase or sale of Shares, and none is expected to develop.

### ***Share Currency Designation Risk***

The Company may from time to time in its sole discretion, and without notice to the Shareholders, issue multiple Hedged Classes of Shares which seek to hedge the foreign currency exposure of the assets of the Fund into the relevant Class Currency. The value of any unhedged Classes of Shares expressed in the relevant Class Currency will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency.

Foreign exchange hedging involves the Company seeking to mitigate the risk of losses caused by adverse exchange rate fluctuations through the use of the efficient portfolio management techniques (including currency forwards) set out in Appendix C within the conditions and limits imposed by the Central Bank. A Hedged Class may not be leveraged as a result of the use of such techniques and instruments, the value of which may be up to but may not exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Class. Hedged positions will be kept under review to ensure that over-hedged positions do not exceed the permitted level. The Investment Manager will monitor hedging against the above limits and will reduce the level of hedging to ensure that it does not exceed 100% of the Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Class at any month-end. The Investment Manager shall also ensure that under-hedged positions do not fall short of 95% of the portion of the Net Asset Value of the Share Class which is to be hedged and keep any under-hedged positions under review to ensure that they are not carried forward from month to month. While not the intention, over hedged or under hedged positions may arise due to factors outside the control of the Company, the Manager or the Investment Manager. It may not be practical or efficient to hedge the foreign currency exposure of the relevant Class exactly to the currency or currencies in which all the assets of the relevant Fund are denominated.

There can be no assurance that foreign exchange hedging will be effective. For example, foreign exchange hedging may not take into account the changes in foreign currency exposure resulting from appreciation or depreciation of the assets of a Fund allocable to Hedged Classes in the periods between Dealing Days of the relevant Fund. In addition, foreign exchange hedging may not fully protect investors from a decline in the value of the currency in which the assets are denominated against the relevant Class Currency because, among other reasons, the valuations of the underlying

assets of the Fund used in connection with foreign exchange hedging could be materially different from the actual value of such assets at the time the foreign exchange hedging is implemented, or because a substantial portion of the assets of the Fund may lack a readily ascertainable market value. Moreover, while holding Shares of a Hedged Class should protect investors from a decline in the value of the currency in which the assets are denominated against the relevant Class Currency, investors in a Hedged Class will not generally benefit when the currency in which the assets are denominated appreciates against the relevant Class Currency. The value of Shares of any Hedged Class will be exposed to fluctuations reflecting the profits and losses on, and the costs of, the foreign exchange hedging.

While the Investment Manager will seek to limit any foreign exchange hedging if the liabilities arising from any foreign exchange hedging utilized by a Fund exceed the assets of the applicable class of interests on behalf of which such hedging activities were undertaken, it could adversely impact the NAV of other classes in a Fund. In addition, foreign exchange hedging will generally require the use of a portion of a Fund's assets for margin or settlement payments or other purposes. For example, a Fund may from time to time be required to make margin, settlement or other payments, including in between Dealing Days of the relevant Fund, in connection with the use of certain hedging instruments. Counterparties to any foreign exchange hedging may demand payments on short notice, including intra-day. As a result, a Fund may liquidate assets sooner than it otherwise would have and / or maintain a greater portion of its assets in cash and other liquid securities than it otherwise would have, which portion may be substantial, in order to have available cash to meet current or future margin calls, settlement or other payments, or for other purposes. A Fund generally expects to earn interest on any such amounts maintained in cash, however, such amounts will not be invested in accordance with the investment policy of the Fund, which may materially adversely affect the performance of the Fund (including Base Currency denominated Shares). Moreover, due to volatility in the currency markets and changing market circumstances, the Investment Manager may not be able to accurately predict future margin requirements, which may result in a Fund holding excess or insufficient cash and liquid securities for such purposes. Where a Fund does not have cash or assets available for such purposes, the Fund may be unable to comply with its contractual obligations, including without limitation, failing to meet margin calls or settlement or other payment obligations. If a Fund defaults on any of its contractual obligations, the Fund and its Shareholders (including holders of Base Currency denominated Shares) may be materially adversely affected.

There may be circumstances in which the Investment Manager may determine not to conduct any foreign exchange hedging in whole or in part for a certain period of time, including without limitation, where the Investment Manager determines, in its sole discretion, that foreign exchange hedging is not practicable or possible or may materially affect a Fund or any direct or indirect investors therein, including the holders of Base Currency denominated Shares. As a result, foreign currency exposure may go fully or partially unhedged for that period of time. Shareholders may not receive notice of certain periods for which foreign currency exposure is unhedged.

There can be no assurance that the Investment Manager will be able to hedge, or be successful in hedging, the currency exposure, in whole or in part, of Shares of any Hedged Class. In addition, a Fund is not expected to utilize foreign exchange hedging during the period when the Fund's assets are being liquidated or the Fund is being wound up, although it may do so in the Investment Manager's sole discretion. The Investment Manager may, in its sole discretion and subject to applicable law, delegate the management of all or a portion of the foreign exchange hedging to one or more of its affiliates.

In the case of a Class which is designated in the currency other than the Base Currency of the relevant Fund, a currency conversion will take place on subscriptions, redemptions, exchanges and distributions at the prevailing rate of exchange available and the cost of conversion will be deducted from the relevant Class.

### ***Adjustments***

If at any time the Company determines, in its sole discretion, that an incorrect number of Shares was issued to a Shareholder because the NAV in effect on the Dealing Day was incorrect, the Company will implement such arrangements as it determines, in its sole discretion, are required for an equitable treatment of such Shareholder, which arrangements may include redeeming a portion of such Shareholder's shareholding for no additional consideration or issuing new Shares to such Shareholder for no consideration, as appropriate, so that the number of Shares held by such Shareholder following such redemption or issuance, as the case may be, is the number of Shares as would have been issued at the correct NAV. In addition, if at any time after a redemption of Shares (including in connection with any complete redemption of Shares by a Shareholder) the Company determines, in its sole discretion,

that the amount paid to such Shareholder or former Shareholder pursuant to such redemption was materially incorrect (including because the NAV at which the Shareholder or former Shareholder purchased such Shares was incorrect), the Company will pay to such Shareholder or former Shareholder any additional amount that the Company determines such Shareholder or former Shareholder was entitled to receive, or, in the Company's sole discretion, seek payment from such Shareholder or former Shareholder of (and such Shareholder or former Shareholder will be required to pay) the amount of any excess payment that the Company determines such Shareholder or former Shareholder received, in each case without interest. In the event that the Company elects not to seek the payment of such amounts from a Shareholder or former Shareholder or is unable to collect such amounts from a Shareholder or former Shareholder, the NAV will be less than it would have been had such amounts been collected.

### ***Valuations of Assets***

The valuation of a Fund's assets obtained for the purpose of calculating NAV may not be reflected in the prices at which securities are sold. For details of the valuation of assets please see the "Administration of the Company".

### ***Limited Disclosure of Certain Information Relating to Securities***

It is not anticipated that the Company, the Manager, the Administrator, the Depositary or the Investment Manager will provide any information to any purchasers of Shares relating to any securities held by a Fund. Other than as included in the periodic reports of the Company, the Manager, the Administrator, the Depositary and the Investment Manager will not be required to provide the Shareholders with financial or other information (which may include material non-public information) they receive pursuant to the securities held by a Fund and related documents.

### ***Reliance on Investment Manager***

The success of a Fund depends in substantial part upon the skill and expertise of the personnel of the Investment Manager and the ability of the Investment Manager to develop and successfully implement the investment policy of the Fund. No assurance can be given that the Investment Manager will be able to do so. Moreover, decisions made by the Investment Manager may cause a Fund to incur losses or to miss profit opportunities on which it may otherwise have capitalized. Shareholders are not permitted to engage in the active management and affairs of a Fund. As a result, prospective investors will not be able to evaluate for themselves the merits of investments to be acquired by a Fund prior to their being required to pay for Shares of a Fund. Instead, such investors must rely on the judgment of the Investment Manager to conduct appropriate evaluations and to make investment decisions. Shareholders will be relying entirely on such persons to manage the assets of the Company. There can be no assurance that any of the key investment professionals will continue to be associated with the Investment Manager throughout the life of a Fund.

The Investment Management Agreement may be terminated by either party thereto on 6 months' notice in writing to the other party. The Investment Manager may resign at any time upon 30 days' notice if there is a change in control of the Company whereby the majority of the Directors are not persons acceptable to the Investment Manager. In that event, there can be no assurance that a Fund will be able to retain a replacement investment manager or, if a replacement investment manager is appointed by the Company, that it will be able to implement a Fund's investment program successfully.

### ***Indemnification of the Investment Manager***

The Investment Management Agreement contains broad exculpation and indemnification provisions that require the Company and a Fund, out of the assets of the Company and a Fund, to exculpate and indemnify the Investment Manager (and its directors, officers, employees and agents) against any and all claims, actions, proceedings, damages, losses, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees or expenses) suffered or incurred by the Investment Manager in connection with the performance of its duties and / or the exercise of its powers under the Investment Management Agreement, in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or fraud.

### ***No Separate Counsel***

Matheson acts as the Irish counsel to the Company and Funds. This Prospectus was prepared based on information furnished by the Directors, the Manager and the Investment Manager, and Matheson has not independently verified

such information. Matheson does not represent investors in a Fund, and no independent counsel has been retained to act on behalf of shareholders.

### ***Automatic Reporting of Shareholder Information to Other Tax Authorities***

The automatic exchange of information regime known as the “Common Reporting Standard” applies in Ireland. Under these measures, the Company is required to report information to the Irish Revenue Commissioners relating to Shareholders, including the identity, residence and tax identification number of Shareholders and details as to the amount of income and sale or redemption proceeds received by Shareholders in respect of the Shares. As a result, Shareholders may be required to provide such information to the Company. Such information will be collected for compliance reasons only and will not be disclosed to unauthorised persons.

### ***Foreign taxes***

The Company may be liable to taxes (including withholding taxes) in countries other than Ireland on income earned and capital gains arising on its investments. The Company may not be able to benefit from a reduction in the rate of such foreign tax by virtue of the double taxation treaties between Ireland and other countries. The Company may not, therefore, be able to reclaim any foreign withholding tax suffered by it in particular countries. If this position changes and the Company obtains a repayment of foreign tax, the Net Asset Value of the Company will not be restated and the benefit will be allocated to the then-existing Shareholders rateably at the time of repayment.

### ***FATCA***

The Company and each Fund will require Shareholders to certify information relating to their status for FATCA purposes and to provide other forms, documentation and information in relation to their FATCA status. The Company and each Fund may be unable to comply with their FATCA obligations if Shareholders do not provide the required certifications or information. In such circumstances, the Fund could become subject to US FATCA withholding tax in respect of its US source income if the US Internal Revenue Service specifically identified the Fund as being a ‘non-participating financial institution’ for FATCA purposes. Any such US FATCA withholding tax would negatively impact the financial performance of the Fund and all Shareholders may be adversely affected in such circumstances.

### ***Changes in UCITS Regulations***

As a UCITS the Company will be subject to any changes in the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations which may occur from time to time. In addition, ESMA and the Central Bank also regularly issue consultation papers and guidance notes in relation to the implementation of the UCITS Regulations which can result in change to the Central Bank UCITS Regulations or the interpretation of the existing Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

Any changes in the UCITS Regulations or could have negative consequences for the Company, whether intended or unintended, such as increasing the operating costs of the Company, limiting its ability to engage in certain investment strategies or to access certain markets or hold certain instruments or positions or to appoint certain service providers on terms favourable to the Company.

### ***Exemption from Registration Under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940***

The Company will not be registered as a US investment company under the Investment Company Act and, therefore, will not be required to adhere to certain operational restrictions and requirements under the Investment Company Act. Accordingly, the provisions of the Investment Company Act (which, among other things, require investment companies, in certain circumstances, to have a majority of disinterested directors, require securities to be held in custody by a bank or broker in accordance with rules requiring the segregation of securities, prohibit the investment companies from engaging in certain transactions with its affiliates and regulate the relationship between advisers and investment companies) are not applicable.

### ***MiFID II***

MiFID II imposes new regulatory obligations on the Investment Manager and any sub-investment managers regulated as investment firms in the EU who are subject to its terms.

These regulatory obligations may impact on, and constrain the implementation of, the investment strategy of a Fund and lead to increased compliance obligations upon and accrued expenses for the Investment Manager, relevant sub-investment manager and/or the Company.

#### *Extension of pre- and post-trade transparency*

MiFID II introduces wider transparency regimes in respect of trading on EU trading venues and with EU counterparties. MiFID II extends the pre- and post-trade transparency regimes from equities traded on a regulated market to cover equity-like instruments, such as depositary receipts, exchange-traded funds and certificates that are traded on regulated trading venues, as well as to cover non-equities, such as bonds, structured finance products, emission allowances and derivatives.

The increased transparency regime under MiFID II, together with the restrictions on the use of “dark pools” and other non-regulated trading venues, may lead to enhanced price discovery across a wider range of asset classes and instruments which could disadvantage the Company, particularly in the fixed income markets. Such increased transparency and price discovery may have macro effects on trading globally, which may have an adverse effect on the Net Asset Value of a Fund.

#### *Equities – mandatory on-exchange trading*

MiFID II introduces a new rule that an EU regulated firm may execute an equity trade only on an EU trading venue (or with a firm which is a systematic internaliser or an equivalent venue in a third country). The instruments in scope for this requirement are any equities admitted to trading on any EU trading venue, including those with only a secondary listing in the EU. The effect of this rule is to introduce a substantial limit on the possibility of trading off-exchange or OTC in EU listed equities with EU counterparties. The overall impact of this rule on the Investment Manager’s ability to implement a Fund’s investment objective and investment strategy is uncertain.

#### *Access to research*

MiFID II prohibits an EU authorised investment firm from receiving investment research unless it is paid for directly by the firm out of its own resources or from a separate research payment account. EU research providers that are MiFID firms will be obliged to price their research services separately from their execution services.

To assist the Investment Manager in the pursuit of the investment strategies and objectives of a Fund, the Investment Manager and the Company may agree to establish a research payment mechanism in respect of such Fund in order to provide for the payment of certain types of third party materials and services (referred to as “**Research**”) which are not funded by the Investment Manager in accordance with the terms of its appointment. In such circumstances, the Company will to pay such charges (“**Research Charges**”) into a research payment account (a “**Research Payment Account**”), which will be operated by the Investment Manager and used to purchase such research on behalf of the Company. Research will be provided by relevant third party research providers at normal commercial rates and no payments shall be made out of the Research Payment Account to the Investment Manager in respect of services it provides to the Company.

Where the Investment Manager and the Company agree to utilise a Research Payment Account in respect of a Fund, details shall be set out in the relevant Supplement, including website details of where further information in relation to such Research Payment Account may be found on the website of the Investment Manager and / or any relevant sub-investment manager.

#### *Changes to use of direct market access*

MiFID II introduces new requirements on EU banks and brokers which offer direct market access (“**DMA**”) services to allow their clients to trade on EU trading venues via their trading systems. EU DMA providers will be required to impose



trading and credit thresholds on their clients, and to have the benefit of monitoring rights. It will also be necessary for the EU DMA provider to enter into a binding written agreement with its clients, which deals with compliance with MiFID II and the trading venue rules. These changes may affect the implementation of the Company's investment strategy.

#### *Changes to conduct rules for EU brokers*

Historically, certain EU sell-side firms have used initial public offering ("IPO") and secondary allocations as a way of rewarding their most valued buy-side clients (in terms of trading volumes or commissions) for the business that they have given to the firm previously or to incentivise future business. MiFID II requirements effectively prohibit such behaviour, as MiFID II precludes a sell-side firm from allocating issuances to clients either (a) to incentivise the payment of a large amount of fees for unrelated services provided by the EU firm or (b) which is conditional on the receipt of future orders or the purchase of any other service from the EU firm by a client. As a result, the manner in which the Investment Manager is allocated IPOs and secondary issuances by its sell-side service providers is likely to change significantly, which may have an adverse effect on the Investment Manager's ability to implement the Company's investment strategy.

#### *Changes to policies and procedures and costs of compliance*

MiFID II may require significant changes to the impacted Investment Manager's and/or a sub-investment manager's policies and procedures, including with respect to best execution, payment for and access to research, algorithmic trading, high frequency trading and conflicts of interest. There is no guarantee that these changes will not adversely impact the Company's investment strategy. Compliance with these requirements is likely to have a significant cost implication and it is possible that the Company may bear, directly or indirectly, a certain proportion of the Investment Manager's costs of compliance with MiFID II.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

The Depositary, the Manager, the Investment Manager and the Administrator, their delegates and their respective affiliates may from time to time act as manager, registrar, administrator, transfer agent, trustee, depositary, investment manager or advisor or distributor in relation to, or be otherwise involved in, other funds or collective investment schemes which have similar investment objectives to those of the Company or any Fund. Therefore, it is possible that in the due course of their business, any of them may have potential conflicts of interests with the Company or any Fund. Each will at all times have regard in such event to its obligations under the Articles and / or any agreements to which it is party or by which it is bound in relation to the Company or any Fund and, in particular, but without limitation to its obligations to act in the best interests of the Shareholders when undertaking any investments where conflicts of interest may arise, and they will each respectively endeavour to ensure that such conflicts are resolved fairly and, in particular, the Investment Manager has agreed to act in a manner which it in good faith considers fair and equitable in allocating investment opportunities to the Company or the Funds as appropriate.

The Articles provide that the estimate of a competent person may be accepted when determining the probable realisation value of unlisted securities or of securities listed or traded on a Recognised Market where the market price is unrepresentative or unavailable. Thus an estimate provided by the Investment Manager for these purposes may be accepted and investors should be aware that in these circumstances a possible conflict of interest may arise as the higher the estimated probable realisation value of the security, the higher the fees payable to the Investment Manager.

There is no prohibition on dealing in the assets of a Fund by entities related to the Depositary, the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Administrator, their delegates or their respective affiliates. However, any such transactions must be carried out as if negotiated at arm's length and in the best interest of Shareholders. Transactions will be deemed to have been negotiated at arm's length if: (a) a certified valuation of the transaction by a person approved by the Depositary (or, in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary, the Manager, in consultation with the Company) as independent and competent is obtained; (b) execution of the transaction is on best terms reasonably available on organised investment exchanges in accordance with the rules of the exchange; or (c) where (a) and (b) are not practical, the transaction is executed on terms which the Depositary is satisfied (or, in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary or an affiliate of the Depositary, on terms which the Manager is satisfied) conform to the principle of execution as if negotiated at arm's length and in the best interest of Shareholders. The Depositary (or the Manager in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary or an affiliate of the Depositary) shall document how it

has complied with (a), (b) or (c) set out above. Where transactions are conducted in accordance with (c), the Depositary (or the Manager, in consultation with the Company, in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary or an affiliate of the Depositary) shall document its rationale for being satisfied that the transaction conformed to the principles outlined in this paragraph.

In placing orders with brokers and dealers to make purchases and sales for the Funds, the Investment Manager will obtain Best Execution for the Funds from brokers and dealers. In determining what constitutes Best Execution, the Investment Manager may consider factors it deems relevant, including, but not limited to, the ability to match up natural order flow; the ability to control anonymity, timing or price limits; the quality of the back office; commission rates; use of automation; and / or the ability to provide information relating to the particular transaction or security. The Investment Manager may consider the brokerage services, (as those terms are defined in Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 of the United States, as amended) provided to the Investment Manager or its affiliates. The Investment Manager may cause the Funds to pay a brokerage commission that is higher than may be charged by another member of an exchange, broker, or dealer, if it determines in good faith that such amount of commission was reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage services provided by such member, broker, or dealer, viewed in terms of either that particular transaction or its overall responsibilities with respect to the Fund and / or other accounts over which the Investment Manager or its affiliates exercise investment discretion. The Investment Manager shall not use commissions or "soft dollars" to obtain certain research and brokerage services in connection with the investment decision-making process.

A director of the Company, the Manager or the Investment Manager may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement in which the Company is interested. At the date of this Prospectus other than as disclosed under "Management and Administration – The Board of Directors" below, no director of the Company has any interest, beneficial or non-beneficial, in the Company or any material interest in any agreement or arrangement relating to the Company. The Directors shall endeavour to ensure that any conflict of interest is resolved fairly.

James Davidson is chief operating officer of the Investment Manager.

### ***Incentive Arrangements***

Incentive arrangements may involve the payment of performance fees and could create an incentive for the Investment Manager to select riskier or more speculative trades than would be the case in the absence of such an arrangement. The payment of the performance fee will be based on performance which may include net realised and net unrealised gains and losses as at the end of a calculation period. As a result, payments of performance fees may be made in respect of unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised.

### ***Performance Fee Methodology***

The methodology used by the Company in calculating performance fees in respect of a Fund may result in inequalities as between Shareholders in relation to the payment of performance fees (with some investors paying disproportionately higher performance fees in certain circumstances) and may also result in certain Shareholders having more of their capital at risk at any time than others.

### ***Cyber Security Risk***

The Company and its service providers are susceptible to operational and information security and related risks of cyber security incidents. In general, cyber incidents can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events. Cyber security attacks include, but are not limited to, gaining unauthorized access to digital systems (e.g., through "hacking" or malicious software coding) for purposes of misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting data or causing operational disruption. Cyber-attacks also may be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorized access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on websites (i.e., efforts to make services unavailable to intended users). Cyber security incidents affecting the Company, the Directors, the Manager, Investment Manager, Administrator or Depositary or other service providers such as financial intermediaries have the ability to cause disruptions and impact business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses, including by interference with a company's ability to calculate its NAV; impediments to trading; the inability of Shareholders to transact business with the Company; violations of applicable privacy, data security or other laws; regulatory fines and penalties; reputational

damage; reimbursement or other compensation or remediation costs; legal fees; or additional compliance costs. Similar adverse consequences could result from cyber security incidents affecting issuers of securities in which the Company or any Fund invests, counterparties with which the Company or any Fund engages in transactions, governmental and other regulatory authorities, exchange and other financial market operators, banks, brokers, dealers, insurance companies and other financial institutions and other parties. While information risk management systems and business continuity plans have been developed which are designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security, there are inherent limitations in any cyber security risk management systems or business continuity plans, including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified.

### ***Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements***

If the seller of a repurchase agreement fails to fulfil its commitment to repurchase the security in accordance with the terms of the agreement, the relevant Fund may incur a loss to the extent that the proceeds realised on the sale of the securities are less than the repurchase price. If the seller becomes insolvent, a bankruptcy court may determine that the securities do not belong to the Fund and order that the securities be sold to pay off the seller's debts. The relevant Fund may experience both delays in liquidating the underlying securities and losses during the period while it seeks to enforce its rights thereto, including possible sub-normal levels of income and lack of access to income during the period and expenses in enforcing its rights.

Reverse repurchase agreements involve the risk that the market value of the securities sold by the Fund may decline below the prices at which the Fund is obliged to repurchase such securities under the agreement. In the event that the buyer of securities under a reverse repurchase agreement files for bankruptcy or proves insolvent, the Fund's use of proceeds from the agreement may be restricted pending the determination by the other party or its trustee or receiver whether to enforce the obligation to repurchase the securities.

### ***Securities-Lending Arrangements***

A Fund will have a credit risk on a counterparty to any securities-lending contract. The risks associated with lending Fund securities include the possible loss of rights against the collateral for the securities should the borrower fail financially.

There is no guarantee that the temporary tax exemption with respect to RQFII and Stock Connect described above and below under the sub-section "Risks Associated with Stock Connect – Taxation Risk" will continue to apply, will not be repealed and re-imposed retrospectively, or that no new tax regulations and practice in the PRC specifically relating to RQFII and Stock Connect will not be promulgated in the future. Such uncertainties may operate to the advantage or disadvantage of Shareholders and may impact on the performance of a Fund.

### ***Potential Implications of Brexit***

The United Kingdom left the European Union at midnight on 31 January 2019, with the transitional period following such exit expiring on 31 January 2020. Brexit has led to volatility in the financial markets of the United Kingdom and more broadly across Europe and may also lead to weakening in consumer, corporate and financial confidence in such markets. This mid to long term uncertainty may have an adverse effect on the economy generally and on the ability of the Company and its investments to execute their respective strategies and to receive attractive returns.

Leaving the European Union may also result in significant changes to law and regulation in the United Kingdom. It is not currently possible to assess the effect of these changes on the Company or the position of the Shareholders. Investors should be aware that these and other similar consequences following from the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union may adversely affect the value of the Shares and the Company's performance.

### ***Potential Implications of an Epidemic and/or a Pandemic***

Events such as health pandemics or outbreaks of disease may lead to increased short-term market volatility and may have adverse long-term effects on world economies and markets generally. For example, beginning in late 2019, an outbreak of a highly contagious form of coronavirus disease, COVID-19 or 2019-nCoV spread to numerous countries,

prompting precautionary government-imposed closures and restrictions of certain travel and businesses in many countries. Epidemics and pandemics can seriously disrupt the global economy and markets. The outbreak of pandemics such as COVID-19, together with any resulting restrictions on travel or quarantines imposed, could have a negative impact on the economy and business activity in the countries in which a Fund may invest and global commercial activity and thereby adversely affect the performance of a Fund's investments. Health pandemics or outbreaks could result in a general economic decline in a given region, or globally, particularly if the outbreak persists for an extended period of time or spreads globally. This could have an adverse impact on a Fund's investments, or a Fund's ability to source new investments or to realise its investments. Pandemics and similar events could also have an acute effect on individual issuers or related groups of issuers and could adversely affect securities markets, interest rates, auctions, secondary trading, ratings, credit risk, inflation, deflation and other factors relating to a Fund's investments or the Investment Manager's operations and the operations of the Investment Manager's and the Company's service providers. Any outbreak of disease epidemics may result in the closure of the Investment Manager's and/or an investment's offices or other businesses, including office buildings, retail stores and other commercial venues and could also result in (a) the lack of availability or price volatility of raw materials or component parts necessary to an investment's business, (b) disruption of regional or global trade markets and/or the availability of capital or economic decline. Such outbreaks of disease may have an adverse impact on a Fund's value and/or a Fund's investments.

## **Investment in China A Shares**

### **China market / China A-Share market risks**

*China market / Single country investment.* By investing in securities issued in mainland China, a Fund which gains exposure to China will be subject to risks inherent in the China market. For more than 50 years, the central government of the PRC has adopted a planned economic system. Since 1978, the PRC government has implemented economic reform measures which emphasise decentralisation and utilisation of market forces in the development of the PRC economy. Such reforms have resulted in significant economic growth and social progress. However, many of the economic measures are experimental or unprecedented and may be subject to adjustment and modification, and such adjustment and modification may not always have a positive effect on foreign investment in joint stock companies in the PRC or in listed securities such as the China A Shares.

The national regulatory and legal framework for capital markets and joint stock companies in the PRC is not well developed when compared with those of developed countries.

PRC companies are required to follow PRC accounting standards and practice which, to a certain extent, follow international accounting standards. However, there may be significant differences between financial statements prepared by accountants following PRC accounting standards and practice and those prepared in accordance with international accounting standards.

Both the SZSE and the SSE are in the process of development and change. This may lead to trading volatility, difficulty in the settlement and recording of transactions and difficulty in interpreting and applying the relevant regulations.

Under the prevailing PRC tax policy, there are certain tax incentives available to foreign investment. There can be no assurance, however, that the aforesaid tax incentives will not be abolished in the future.

Investments in the PRC will be sensitive to any significant change in political, social or economic policy in the PRC. Such sensitivity may, for the reasons specified above, adversely affect the capital growth and thus the performance of these investments.

The PRC government's control of currency conversion and future movements in exchange rates may adversely affect the operations and financial results of the companies invested in by the relevant Fund. Although the PRC government has recently reiterated its intention to maintain the stability of the Renminbi while allowing moderate appreciation, there can be no assurance that the Renminbi will not be subject to appreciation at a faster pace as a result of measures that may be introduced to address the concerns of the PRC's trading partners. Further, there can be no assurance that the

Renminbi will not be subject to devaluation. Any devaluation of the Renminbi could adversely affect the value of Shareholders' investments in the relevant Fund.

*Concentration risk.* Where stated in the relevant Supplement, a Fund may invest substantially all of its assets in China A Shares. Although it is intended that the relevant Fund will be well-diversified in terms of the number of holdings and the number of issuers that the Fund may invest in as required by the UCITS Regulations, that Fund is subject to concentration risk. Investors should be aware that any such Fund is likely to be more volatile than a broad-based fund, such as a global or regional equity fund, as the Fund is more susceptible to fluctuations in value resulting from adverse conditions in the PRC.

*Risks relating to dependence upon trading on China A Share market.* The existence of a liquid trading market for China A Shares may depend on whether there is supply of, and demand for, such China A Shares. The price at which the securities may be purchased or sold by a Fund and the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund may be adversely affected if trading markets for China A Shares are limited or absent. Shareholders should note that the SZSE and the SSE on which China A Shares are traded are undergoing development and the market capitalisation of, and trading volumes on, those stock exchanges are lower than those in more developed markets. The China A Shares market may be more volatile and unstable (for example due to the risk of suspension of a particular stock or government intervention) than those in more developed markets. Market volatility and suspension of trading in China A Shares in the China A Shares markets may also result in significant fluctuations in the prices of the securities traded on such markets and thereby may affect the value of the Fund.

*Risks relating to suspension of the China A-Share market.* Securities exchanges in China typically have the right to suspend or limit trading in any security traded on the relevant exchange; a suspension will render it impossible for the Investment Manager to liquidate positions and can thereby expose a Fund to losses. If some of the China A Shares comprising a Fund's portfolio are suspended, it may be difficult for the Manager to determine the Net Asset Value of that Fund. Where a significant number of the China A Shares comprising the Fund's portfolio are suspended, the Directors, in consultation with the Manager, may determine to suspend the subscription and redemption of Shares of the Fund.

As a result of the trading band limits imposed by the stock exchanges in China on China A Shares, it may be necessary for the Company to suspend trading in Shares of a Fund as outlined in the section of the Prospectus entitled "Temporary Suspension of Dealings". This may expose the Fund to losses.

## **Taxation in the PRC**

Tax regulations in the PRC are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. Changes in PRC tax regulations could have a significant adverse effect on a Fund and its investments, including reducing returns, reducing the value of the Fund's investments and possibly impairing capital invested by the Fund.

Although the Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT") Law in the PRC aims to clarify the application of certain rules under the EIT Law, significant uncertainties remain. Such uncertainties may prevent a Fund from achieving certain tax results sought when structuring its investments in the PRC. Under a circular of Caishui 2014 no.79 jointly issued by the PRC Ministry of Finance ("MOF"), State Administration of Tax ("SAT") and the CRSC on 14 November 2014 ("Circular No. 79"), with effect from 17 November 2014, RQFIs shall be temporarily exempted from the EIT on capital gains derived from trading China A Shares and other PRC equity interest investments; however, RQFIs shall be subject to EIT on capital gains obtained before 17 November 2014 pursuant to the laws. Accordingly, while the PRC tax authorities have retained the right to tax capital gains realised by RQFIs before 17 November 2014, it remains unclear in practice when the tax authorities will start to collect such tax and how the tax shall be calculated. Therefore, capital gains realised by a Fund on and after 17 November 2014 from disposing of PRC equities securities (including China A Shares) through RQFIs shall be temporarily exempted from capital gains (withholding) tax. However, it is uncertain how long the temporary exemption will last.

## **Renminbi related risks**

*Renminbi currency risk.* Starting from 2005, the exchange rate of the Renminbi is no longer pegged to USD. The Renminbi has now moved to a managed floating exchange rate based on market supply and demand with reference to a basket of foreign currencies. The daily trading price of the Renminbi against other major currencies in the inter-bank foreign exchange market would be allowed to float within a narrow band around the central parity published by the PBOC. As the exchange rates are based primarily on market forces, the exchange rates for Renminbi against other currencies, including USD, are susceptible to movements based on external factors.

RMB is currently not a freely convertible currency as it is subject to foreign exchange control and fiscal policies of and repatriation restrictions imposed by the Chinese government. There are currently no repatriation limits that affect a Fund. If such policies change in future, that Fund's or the Shareholders' position may be adversely affected.

Since the relevant Fund will be denominated in USD, Shareholders are exposed to fluctuations in the RMB exchange rate against the Base Currency of the Fund and may incur substantial capital loss due to foreign exchange risk. There is no assurance that RMB will not be subject to devaluation, in which case the value of their investments will be adversely affected.

*Offshore RMB Market risk.* The onshore RMB ("**CNY**") is the only official currency of the PRC and is used in all financial transactions between individuals, state and corporations in the PRC ("**Onshore RMB Market**"). Hong Kong is the first jurisdiction to allow accumulation of RMB deposits outside the PRC ("**Offshore RMB Market**"). Since June 2010, the offshore RMB ("**CNH**") is traded officially, regulated jointly by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority ("**HKMA**") and the PBOC. As a result of the controls on cross-border transfers of Renminbi between Hong Kong and China, the Onshore RMB Market and the Offshore RMB Market are, to an extent, segregated, and each market may be subject to different regulatory requirements that are applicable to the Renminbi. The CNY may therefore trade at a different foreign exchange rate compared to the CNH. Due to the strong demand for CNH, CNH used to be traded at a premium to CNY, although occasional discount may also be observed. A Fund's investments may potentially be exposed to both the CNY and the CNH, and a Fund may consequently be exposed to greater foreign exchange risks and/or higher costs of investment (for example, when converting other currencies to the Renminbi at the CNH rate of exchange).

However, the current size of RMB-denominated financial assets outside the PRC is limited. In addition, participating authorised institutions are required by the HKMA to maintain a total amount of RMB assets (in the form of, inter alia, holding of RMB sovereign bonds issued in Hong Kong by the PRC Ministry of Finance, holdings of bonds bought in PRC interbank bond market, RMB cash, and the settlement account balance held by the institution with the RMB clearing bank) of no less than 25% of their RMB deposits, which further limits the availability of RMB that participating authorised institutions can utilise for conversion services for their customers. RMB business participating banks do not have direct RMB liquidity support from PBOC. The Renminbi clearing bank only has access to onshore liquidity support from PBOC (subject to annual and quarterly quotas imposed by PBOC) to square open positions of participating banks for limited types of transactions, including open positions resulting from conversion services for corporations relating to cross-border trade settlement. The Renminbi clearing bank is not obliged to square for participating banks any open positions resulting from other foreign exchange transactions or conversion services and the participating banks will need to source RMB from the Offshore RMB Market to square such open positions.

Although it is expected that the Offshore RMB Market will continue to grow in depth and size, its growth is subject to many constraints as a result of PRC laws and regulations on foreign exchange. There is no assurance that new PRC laws and regulations will not be promulgated, terminated or amended in the future which will have the effect of restricting availability of RMB offshore. The limited availability of RMB outside the PRC may affect the liquidity of the Fund. To the extent that an Investment Manager is required to source RMB in the Offshore RMB Market, there is no assurance that it will be able to source such RMB on satisfactory terms, if at all.

*Offshore RMB ("**CNH**") Remittance Risk.* RMB is not freely convertible at present. The PRC government continues to regulate conversion between RMB and foreign currencies despite the significant reduction over the years by the PRC government of control over routine foreign exchange transactions under current accounts. Participating banks in Hong Kong have been permitted to engage in the settlement of RMB trade transactions under a pilot scheme introduced in July 2009. This represents a current account activity. The pilot scheme was extended in June 2010 to cover 20 provinces and municipalities in the PRC and to make RMB trade and other current account item settlement available in all countries worldwide. On 25 February 2011, the Ministry of Commerce ("**MOFCOM**") promulgated the Circular on Issues concerning Foreign Investment Management (the "**MOFCOM Circular**"). The MOFCOM Circular states that if

a foreign investor intends to make investments in the PRC (whether by way of establishing a new enterprise, increasing the registered capital of an existing enterprise, acquiring an onshore enterprise or providing loan facilities) with RMB that it has generated from cross-border trade settlement or that is lawfully obtained by it outside the PRC, MOFCOM's prior written consent is required. While the MOFCOM Circular expressly sets out the requirement of obtaining MOFCOM's prior written consent for remittance of RMB back in the PRC by a foreign investor, the foreign investor may also be required to obtain approvals from other PRC regulatory authorities, such as the PBOC and SAFE, for transactions under capital account items. As the PBOC and SAFE have not promulgated any specific PRC regulation on the remittance of RMB into the PRC for settlement of capital account items, foreign investors may only remit CNH into the PRC for capital account purposes such as shareholders' loan or capital contribution upon obtaining specific approvals from the relevant authorities on a case- by-case basis. There is no assurance that the PRC government will continue to gradually liberalise the control over cross-border RMB remittances in the future, that the pilot scheme introduced in July 2009 (as extended in June 2010) will not be discontinued or that new PRC regulations will not be promulgated in the future which have the effect of restricting or eliminating the remittance of RMB into or outside the PRC. Such an event could have a severe adverse effect on the operations of a Fund, including limiting the ability of that Fund to redeem and pay the redemption proceeds in RMB and the ability of the Company to create or redeem in cash and so to settle in RMB to their underlying clients.

Currently the Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited is the only clearing bank for CNH in Hong Kong. A clearing bank is an offshore bank that can obtain RMB funding from the PBOC to square the net RMB positions of other participating banks. In February 2004, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited launched its RMB clearing services following its appointment by the PBOC.

Remittance of RMB funds into China may be dependent on the operational systems developed by the Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited for such purposes, and there is no assurance that there will not be delays in remittance.

Recently there have been significant moves in the UK with the aim of improving RMB liquidity, including an agreement between China and the UK in October 2013 on the direct conversion between RMB and GBP, and the consideration by the UK to set up a London-based clearing bank for offshore RMB in November 2013.

### **Risks relating to the RQFII regime**

*RQFII risk.* A Fund is not a RQFII but may obtain access to China A Shares, or other permissible investments directly using RQFII quotas of a RQFII. Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Fund may invest directly in RQFII eligible investments subject to Pacific Capital Partners Limited as the Investment Manager obtaining the necessary RQFII licence.

Investors should note that RQFII status could be suspended or revoked in the case of the Investment Manager's insolvency or breach of the RQFII Measures (as defined below), which may have an adverse effect on the relevant Fund's performance as that Fund may be required to dispose of its securities holdings.

In addition, restrictions may be imposed by the Chinese government on RQFIIs that may have an adverse effect on a Fund's liquidity and performance. SAFE regulates and monitors the repatriation of funds out of the PRC by the RQFII pursuant to its "Circular on Issues Related to the Pilot Scheme for Domestic Securities Investment through Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors" (the "RQFII Measures"). No lock-up period is imposed on the capital remitted by an open-ended RQFII fund (such as the Funds within the Company). Repatriations by RQFIIs in respect of an open-ended RQFII fund conducted in RMB are currently permitted daily and are not subject to repatriation restrictions or prior approval from the SAFE, although authenticity and compliance reviews will be conducted by the PRC Custodian, and monthly reports on remittances and repatriations will be submitted to SAFE by the PRC Custodian. There is no assurance, however, that PRC rules and regulations will not change or that repatriation restrictions will not be imposed in the future. Further, such changes to the PRC rules and regulations may take effect retrospectively. Any restrictions on repatriation of the invested capital and net profits may impact on a Fund's ability to meet redemption requests from the Shareholders. Furthermore, as the PRC Custodian's review on authenticity and compliance is conducted on each repatriation, the repatriation may be delayed or even rejected by the PRC Custodian in case of non-compliance with the RQFII Regulations. In such case, it is expected that redemption proceeds will be paid to the redeeming Shareholder as soon as practicable and after the completion of the repatriation of funds concerned.

The rules and restrictions under RQFII Regulations generally apply to the RQFII as a whole and not simply to the investments made by the relevant Fund. It is provided in the RQFII Measures that the size of the quota may be reduced or cancelled by the SAFE if the RQFII is unable to use its RQFII quota effectively within one year since the quota is granted. If SAFE reduces the RQFII's quota, it may affect the Investment Manager's ability to effectively pursue the investment strategy of the relevant Fund. On the other hand, SAFE is vested with the power to impose regulatory sanctions if the RQFII or the PRC Custodian violates any provision of the RQFII Measures. Any violations could result in the revocation of the RQFII's quota or other regulatory sanctions and may adversely impact on the portion of the RQFII's quota made available for investment by that Fund.

*Risk relating to RQFII Quota.* Investors should note that there can be no assurance that once obtained, the Investment Manager will continue to maintain its RQFII status or be able to acquire additional RQFII quota. Therefore a Fund may not have sufficient portion of RQFII quotas to meet all subscription to that Fund and as a result it may be necessary to reject such a subscription. Furthermore, where specified in the relevant Supplement, each relevant Fund intends to invest in the PRC via the Investment Manager's RQFII quota, part of which is made available by the Investment Manager (as RQFII holder) to the relevant Fund. Accordingly a Fund's investments in the PRC may be limited by the allocated RQFII quota amount. It is possible that the Fund may not be able to accept additional subscriptions due to any inability of the Investment Manager to acquire an additional RQFII quota and as such that Fund may not be able to achieve further economies of scale or otherwise take advantage of an increased capital base.

*Application of RQFII rules.* The RQFII Regulations described under the section entitled "Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (RQFII)" above is in the early stages of its operation and there may be uncertainties as to its operation and development. The application of the rules may depend on the interpretation given by the relevant Chinese authorities. The Chinese authorities and regulators have been given wide discretion in such investment regulations and there is no precedent or certainty as to how such discretion may be exercised now or in the future.

Any changes to the relevant rules may have an adverse impact on Shareholders' investment in a Fund. In the worst scenario, the Directors may determine that the relevant Fund shall be terminated if it is not legal or viable to operate that Fund because of changes to the application of the relevant rules.

*Custodial risk.* The PRC Custodian shall take into its custody or under its control property of the relevant Fund and hold it on trust for Shareholders. The assets held/credited in the securities account(s) are segregated and independent from the proprietary assets of the PRC Custodian. However, investors should note that, under PRC law, cash deposited in the cash account(s) of a Fund with the PRC Custodian (which is/are maintained in the joint names of the Investment Manager (as the RQFII holder) and the relevant Fund (as a sub-fund of the Company)) will not be segregated but will be a debt owing from the PRC Custodian to the Fund as a depositor. Such cash will be co-mingled with cash that belongs to other clients or creditors of the PRC Custodian. In the event of bankruptcy or liquidation of the PRC Custodian, a Fund will not have any proprietary rights to the cash deposited in such cash account(s), and the Fund will become an unsecured creditor, ranking *pari passu* with all other unsecured creditors, of the PRC Custodian.

A Fund may face difficulty and/or encounter delays in recovering such debt, or may not be able to recover it in full or at all, in which case that Fund will suffer.

In addition, in the event of any default of the PRC Custodian in the settlement of any transaction or in the transfer of any funds or securities in the PRC, a Fund may encounter delays in recovering its assets which may in turn impact the Net Asset Value of that Fund.

*PRC brokerage risk.* The execution of transactions may be conducted by PRC Broker(s) appointed by the RQFII. As a matter of practice, only one PRC Broker can be appointed in respect of each stock exchange in the PRC. Thus, a Fund will rely on only one PRC Broker for each stock exchange in the PRC, which may be the same PRC Broker. If the Investment Manager is unable to use its designated PRC Broker in the PRC, the operation of the relevant Fund will be adversely affected. Further, the operation of a Fund may be adversely affected in case of any acts or omissions of the PRC Broker.

If a single PRC Broker is appointed, a Fund may not necessarily pay the lowest commission available in the market. The RQFII Holder however, in the selection of PRC Brokers will have regard to factors such as the competitiveness of commission rates, size of the relevant orders and execution standards.



There is a risk that a Fund may suffer losses from the default, bankruptcy or disqualification of the PRC Brokers. In such event, the Fund may be adversely affected in the execution of any transaction. As a result, the Net Asset Value of that Fund may also be adversely affected. Subject to the applicable laws and regulations, the Investment Manager will make arrangements to satisfy itself that the PRC Brokers have appropriate procedures to properly segregate the Fund's securities from those of the relevant PRC Brokers.

Risks relating to premium arising from insufficient RQFII quota. There can be no assurance that additional RQFII quota can be obtained to fully satisfy subscription requests, which will lead to such requests being rejected by the Manager. This may result in a need for the Directors to close a Fund to further subscriptions.

### **Risks relating to the RMB dealing, trading and settlement**

*Non-RMB or Late Settlement Redemption Risk.* Currently, RMB cannot be freely remitted into the PRC and such remittance is subject to certain restrictions. In the event that the remittance of RMB from Hong Kong to the PRC is disrupted, this may impact on the ability of a Fund to acquire the China A Shares. As a result, a Fund may not be able to fully adhere to its objectives.

On the other hand, where, in extraordinary circumstances, the remittance or payment of RMB funds on the redemption of Shares cannot, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, be carried out normally due to legal or regulatory circumstances beyond the control of the Investment Manager, redemption proceeds may be delayed or, if necessary in exceptional circumstances, be paid in US dollars instead of in RMB (at an exchange rate determined by the Investment Manager). As such, there is a risk that Shareholders receive settlement in RMB on a delayed basis or may not be able to receive redemption proceeds in RMB (i.e. such proceeds may be paid in US dollars).

### **Risks relating to Stock Connect**

#### *Quota limitation*

Trading under Stock Connect is subject to the Daily Quota. Once the Northbound Daily Quota is exceeded during the opening call session, new buy orders will be rejected (although investors will be allowed to sell their cross-boundary securities regardless of the quota balance). Therefore, quota limitations may restrict a Fund's ability to invest in China A Shares through the Stock Connect on a timely basis, and a Fund may not be able to effectively pursue its investment strategies.

#### *Taxation risk*

According to a circular of Caishui 2014 no. 81 jointly issued by MOF, SAT and CSRC on 14 November 2014, the capital gains realised by the Fund from trading of eligible China A Shares on the SSE under the Shanghai Stock Connect currently enjoy a temporary exemption from PRC income tax and PRC business tax. However, it is uncertain when such exemption will expire and whether other PRC taxes will be applicable to trading of SSE Securities under the Shanghai Stock Connect in the future. The dividends derived from SSE Securities and certain eligible stocks listed on the SZSE ("**SZSE Securities**") are subject to a 10% PRC withholding tax, except that investors who are tax residents of other countries which have entered into tax treaties with China where under the applicable tax rate for dividends is lower than 10% may apply to the competent tax authority for applying the lower tax rate under the treaty. PRC stamp duty is also payable for transactions in SSE Securities under Stock Connect. Given that the relevant tax guidance concerning Stock Connect was issued on 14 November 2014 and is yet to be established in the administrative practice of the PRC tax authorities, there are un-certainties as to how the guidance would be implemented in practice. In addition, the PRC tax authorities may issue further guidance on the tax consequences relating to SSE Securities and SZSE Securities at any time and, as a result, the PRC tax positions of a Fund may change accordingly.

Accordingly to the above, a Fund will not make any PRC income tax or business tax provision for realised and unrealised gains derived from trading SSE Securities under the Shanghai Stock Connect until and unless a tax provision is required by any further guidance issued by PRC tax authorities.

#### *Legal / Beneficial Ownership*

As in other emerging and less developed markets (please refer below to section entitled “Emerging Market Risk”), the legislative framework is only beginning to develop the concept of legal/formal ownership and of beneficial ownership or interest in securities. In the case of Stock Connect, legal ownership is further complicated by the fact that both local Central Securities Depositories – HKSCC and China Clear – need to be part of the chain of title. This means that multiple legal frameworks are relevant to establishing title and that operating risk is increased by the need to engage both HKSCC and China Clear in the processing of dividend payment and other asset servicing activity and, potentially, some trades which require movements of securities in HKSCC’s account at China Clear.

In the event ChinaClear defaults, HKSCC will act in accordance with its participating members’ instructions to take action against issuers of securities held through Stock Connect. However, as would be the case when investing in China A shares through arrangements with banks in China, recourse in the event of China Clear’s default may be limited. Accordingly, in the event of a default by China Clear the Funds may not fully recover their losses or their Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect securities and the process of recovery could also be delayed.

#### *Suspension risk*

It is contemplated that SEHK, SZSE and SSE would reserve the right to suspend Northbound and/or Southbound trading if necessary for ensuring an orderly and fair market and that risks are managed prudently. Consent from the relevant regulator would be sought before a suspension is triggered. Where a suspension in the Northbound trading through the Stock Connect is effected, a Fund’s ability to access the PRC market will be adversely affected.

#### *Differences in trading*

Stock Connect will only operate on days when both the PRC and Hong Kong markets are open for trading and when banks in both markets are open on the corresponding settlement days. So it is possible that there are occasions when it is a normal trading day for the PRC market but a Fund cannot carry out any China A Shares trading via Stock Connect. A Fund may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in China A Shares during the time when Stock Connect is not trading as a result.

#### *Operational risk*

The Stock Connect is premised on the functioning of the operational systems of the relevant market participants. Market participants are able to participate in this program subject to meeting certain information technology capability, risk management and other requirements as may be specified by the relevant exchange and/or clearing house.

The securities regimes and legal systems of the two markets differ significantly and market participants may need to address issues arising from the differences on an on-going basis.

There is no assurance that the systems of the SEHK and market participants will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in both markets. In the event that the relevant systems fail to function properly, trading in both markets through the program could be disrupted. A Fund’s ability to access the China A Share market (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) may be adversely affected.

#### *Clearing and settlement risk*

The HKSCC and ChinaClear have established the clearing links and each has become a participant of each other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-boundary trades. For cross-boundary trades initiated in a market, the clearing house of that market will on one hand clear and settle with its own clearing participants, and on the other hand undertake to fulfil the clearing and settlement obligations of its clearing participants with the counterparty clearing house.

As the national central counterparty of the PRC’s securities market, ChinaClear operates a comprehensive network of clearing, settlement and stock holding infrastructure. ChinaClear has established a risk management framework and measures that are approved and supervised by the CSRC. The chances of ChinaClear default are considered to be remote.

In the event of ChinaClear default and ChinaClear being declared as a defaulter, HKSCC's liabilities in Northbound trades under its market contracts with clearing participants will be limited to assisting clearing participants in pursuing their claims against ChinaClear. HKSCC should in good faith, seek recovery of the outstanding stocks and monies from ChinaClear through available legal channels or through ChinaClear's liquidation. In that event, a Fund may suffer delay in the recovery process or may not be able to fully recover its losses from ChinaClear.

#### *Restrictions on selling imposed on front-end monitoring*

PRC regulations require that before an investor sells any share, there should be sufficient shares in the account; otherwise the SSE and SZSE will reject the sell order concerned. SEHK will carry out pre-trade checking on China A share sell orders of its participants (i.e. the stock brokers) to ensure there is no over-selling.

If a Fund intends to sell certain China A Shares it holds, it must transfer those China A Shares to the respective accounts of its broker(s) before the market opens on the day of selling ("trading day"). If it fails to meet this deadline, it will not be able to sell those shares on the trading day. Because of this requirement, the Fund may not be able to dispose of its holdings of China A shares in a timely manner.

#### *Regulatory risk*

The Stock Connect is novel in nature, and will be subject to regulations promulgated by regulatory authorities and implementation rules made by the stock exchanges in the PRC and Hong Kong. Further, new regulations may be promulgated from time to time by the regulators in connection with operations and cross-border legal enforcement in connection with cross-border trades under the Stock Connect.

It should be noted that the regulations are relatively untested and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied. Moreover, the current regulations are subject to change. There can be no assurance that the Stock Connect will not be abolished. A Fund, which may invest in the PRC markets through the Stock Connect, may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

#### *Recalling of eligible stocks*

When a stock is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks for trading via the Stock Connect, the stock can only be sold but is restricted from being bought. This may affect the investment portfolio or strategies of a Fund, for example, if the investment adviser wishes to purchase a stock which is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks.

#### *No Protection by Investor Compensation Fund*

As disclosed in the "Investment in China A Shares" section above, a Fund's investments through Northbound trading under Stock Connect will not be covered by Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund. Therefore, the Fund is exposed to the risks of default of the broker(s) it engages in its trading in China A Shares through the program.

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## BORROWING POLICY

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Under the Articles, the Directors, the Manager or its duly appointed delegate may exercise all of the borrowing powers of the Company, subject to any limitations under the UCITS Regulations, and to charge the assets of the Company as security for any such borrowings.

Under the UCITS Regulations, a Fund may not grant loans or act as guarantor on behalf of third parties, borrow money except for temporary borrowings in an amount not exceeding 10% of its net assets and except as otherwise permitted under the UCITS Regulations. A Fund may acquire foreign currency by means of a back-to-back loan agreement. Foreign currency obtained in this manner is not classed as borrowings for the purposes of the borrowing restrictions under the UCITS Regulations provided that the offsetting deposit (i) is denominated in the Base Currency of a Fund and (ii) equals or exceeds the value of the foreign currency loan outstanding. Currency risks may arise where the offsetting balance is not maintained in the Base Currency of a Fund. Please refer to the *Currency Risks* section above in this regard.

Subject to the provisions of the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, the Company, the Manager or its duly appointed delegate may, from time to time, where collateral is required to be provided by a Fund to a relevant counterparty in respect of derivatives transactions, pledge investments of the relevant Fund equal in value to the relevant amount of required collateral, to the relevant derivative counterparty.

As of the date of this Prospectus, the Company does not have any loan capital (including long term loans) outstanding or created but unissued, or any outstanding mortgages, charges, debentures or other borrowings, including bank overdrafts, liabilities under acceptances or acceptance credit, hire purchase or finance lease, guarantee or other contingent liabilities.

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## FEES AND EXPENSES

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Fees and expenses applicable to a Fund are set out in the relevant Supplement.

### ***Management Company Fees***

The Manager shall be entitled to an annual management fee of up to 0.02% of the Net Asset Value (the “**Management Company Fee**”) of the relevant Fund. The Management Company Fee is based on a sliding scale applied to the aggregate assets across all Funds, subject to an annual minimum fee of €50,000 based on a single Fund and an annual minimum fee of €10,000 for each of five additional Funds and €7,500 per annum for each additional Fund thereafter.

The Management Company Fee shall be subject to the imposition of VAT, if required. The Management Company Fee will be calculated and accrued daily and is payable monthly in arrears.

The Manager shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the Company out of the assets of the relevant Fund for reasonable out of pocket expenses properly incurred and any VAT on all fees and expenses payable to or by it.

### ***Investment Management Fees***

The Investment Manager and, where applicable, the Sub-Investment Manager, will be entitled to receive an investment management fee (the “**Investment Management Fee**”) in respect of a Fund or Class pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement. Details of the Investment Management Fee will be contained in the relevant Supplements.

Unless stated to the contrary in the relevant Supplements, the Investment Manager will be responsible for discharging, from its fee, the fees of any advisor or other delegate appointed by it in respect of a Fund.

The Investment Management Fee will accrue at each relevant Valuation Point based on the NAV of the relevant Fund as of the relevant Dealing Day and will be paid monthly in arrears.

### ***Performance Fee***

A performance fee may be charged in respect of the performance of the relevant Fund. Details of any such fee will be set out in the relevant Supplement.

### ***Administration and Depositary Fees***

The Administrator and Depositary will be entitled to receive fees calculated as a percentage of the Net Asset Value of each Fund for the provision, respectively, of administration, accounting, trustee and custodial services to the Company as set out in the relevant Supplement. It is expected that such fees will be reduced as the Net Asset Value of a Fund increases. Each Fund may be subject to a combined monthly minimum fee in respect of administration, accounting and trustee services.

The Administrator will also be entitled to receive certain other fees, including for financial reporting services in respect of the Company and for each Fund in respect of transfer agency services in respect of the relevant class of Shares.

The Administrator and Depositary will also be reimbursed by the Company out of the assets of the relevant Fund for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them. The Depositary will also be paid by the Company out of the assets of the relevant Fund for transaction fees (which will not exceed normal commercial rates) and fees and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses of any sub-custodian appointed by the Depositary. The Administrator and

Depository may also charge each Fund certain other additional fees for services that may be required from time to time.

The fees and expenses of the Administrator and Depository will accrue at each relevant Valuation Point and are payable monthly in arrears.

### ***Establishment and Operating Expenses***

The Company's establishment and organisational expenses (including expenses relating to the drafting of this Prospectus and any Supplement, the negotiation and preparation of the material contracts, the printing of this Prospectus and the related marketing material and the fees and expenses of its professional advisers) did not exceed US\$150,000. These expenses were amortised over the first five annual accounting periods of the Company's operation and were borne out of the assets of the Funds over such period.

Each Fund will also pay its own establishment and operational expenses as set forth in its Supplement.

The Company will pay certain other costs and expenses incurred in its operation, including without limitation, withholding taxes that may arise on investments, clearing and registration fees and other expenses due to regulatory, supervisory or fiscal authorities in various jurisdictions, insurance, interest, brokerage costs, promotional and marketing expenses, research fees, proxy voting and investment stewardship advisory services, the establishment and maintenance of portfolio and risk management systems and other fees and expenses in connection therewith, the publication and maintenance of updated Prospectus, Supplement and any Key Information Documents as required by law, the preparation of required industry reporting templates (such as the European MiFID template, European EST Template or equivalent documents) for investors and all professional the cost of publication of the NAV of the Shares. Such charges will be at normal commercial rates and will be collected at the time of settlement.

The Investment Manager may, at its discretion, contribute directly towards the expenses attributable to the establishment and / or operation of the Company and / or the marketing, distribution and / or sale of Shares and may from time to time at its sole discretion waive part of the Investment Management Fee in respect of any particular payment period. The Investment Manager will be entitled to be reimbursed by the Company in respect of any such expenses borne by it.

To assist the Investment Manager in the pursuit of the investment strategies and objectives of a Fund, the Investment Manager and the Company may agree to establish a research payment mechanism in respect of such Fund in order to provide for the payment of certain types of third party materials and services which are not funded by the Investment Manager in accordance with the terms of its appointment (see the section titled "Risk Consideration, MiFID II, Access to Research" for additional information). Research will be provided by relevant third party research providers at normal commercial rates and no payments shall be made out of the Research Payment Account to the Investment Manager in respect of services it provides to the Company. Where the Investment Manager and the Company agree to utilise a Research Payment Account in respect of a Fund, details shall be set out in the relevant Supplement, including website details of where further information in relation to such Research Payment Account may be found on the website of the Investment Manager and / or any relevant sub-investment manager.

The independent Directors are entitled to receive remuneration for their services as the Company may determine, provided that the aggregate fees of the Directors shall not exceed €100,000 in any year, plus expenses (or such other sum as the Directors may from time to time determine and notify to Shareholders in advance). Although some of the Directors may not receive a fee in remuneration for their services to the Company, all of the Directors will be paid for all travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in attending and returning from meetings of the Directors or any other meetings in connection with the business of the Company.

The Investment Manager may from time to time and at its sole discretion and out of its own resources decide to rebate to some or all Shareholders, or to intermediaries, part or all of its fees, without notice to other Shareholders.

Charges and expenses that are not specifically attributable to a particular Fund may be allocated among the Funds based on their respective net assets or any other reasonable basis given the nature of the charges.

### ***Subscription Charge***

An initial charge on the subscription of Shares may be payable and will not exceed 5%.

### ***Redemption Charge***

Unless disclosed otherwise in the relevant Supplement, no redemption charge will be applied to redemptions in a Fund.

### ***Anti-Dilution Levy***

An anti-dilution levy may be required in circumstance more specifically set out under the heading “Determination of Net Asset Value”.

### ***Conversion Charge***

No conversion charge will be applied to conversion of Shares in one Fund of the Company for Shares in another Fund of the Company or of Shares of any Class in a Fund for Shares of any other Class or different Shares within the same Fund of the Company.

### ***Amortisation of Organisational Costs***

Each Fund's financial statements will be prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). A Fund's organisational and offering expenses, to the extent the Directors deem appropriate, are being, for accounting purposes, amortised by such Fund for up to 60 months. Amortisation of expenses over such a period is a divergence from IFRS, which may, in certain circumstances, result in a qualification of the Fund's annual audited financial statements. In such instances, the Directors (acting on behalf of the Fund) may decide to (i) avoid the qualification by recognising the unamortised expenses or (ii) make IFRS conforming changes for financial reporting purposes, but amortise expenses for purposes of calculating the Fund's NAV. There will be a divergence in the Fund's fiscal year-end NAV and in the NAV reported in the Fund's financial statements in any year where, pursuant to clause (ii), IFRS conforming changes are made only to the Fund's financial statements for financial reporting purposes. If the Fund is terminated within 60 months of its commencement, any unamortised expenses will be recognised. If a Shareholder redeems Shares prior to the end of the third accounting period during which the Fund is amortising expenses, the Fund may, but is not required to, accelerate a proportionate share of the unamortised expenses based upon the number of Shares being redeemed and reduce redemption proceeds by the amount of such accelerated expenses.

### ***Paying Agents, Information Agents and / or Correspondent Banks***

In connection with the registration of the Company or the Shares for sale in certain jurisdictions, the Company will pay the fees and expenses of paying agents, information agents and / or correspondent banks, such payments to be made at normal commercial rates.

### ***Umbrella Cash Collection Account***

Subscriptions monies received in respect of a Fund in advance of the issue of Shares will be held in the Umbrella Cash Collection Account (see the section headed “Subscription For Shares” herein for further detail in this regard) in the name of the Company and will be an asset of the relevant Fund. Investors will be unsecured creditors of such Fund with respect to the amount subscribed until such Shares are issued, and will not benefit from any appreciation in the NAV of the Fund or any other shareholder rights (including dividend entitlement) until such time as Shares are issued. In the event of an insolvency of the Fund or the Company, there is no guarantee that the Fund or the Company will have sufficient funds to pay unsecured creditors in full.

Payment by the Fund of redemption proceeds and dividends is subject to receipt by the Administrator of original subscription documents and compliance with all anti-money laundering procedures. Notwithstanding this, redeeming Shareholders will cease to be Shareholders, with regard to the redeemed Shares, from the relevant redemption date.

Redeeming Shareholders and Shareholders entitled to distributions will, from the redemption or distribution date, as appropriate, be unsecured creditors of the Fund, and will not benefit from any appreciation in the NAV of the Fund or any other Shareholder rights (including further dividend entitlement), with respect to the redemption or distribution amount. In the event of an insolvency of the Fund or the Company during this period, there is no guarantee that the Fund or the Company will have sufficient funds to pay unsecured creditors in full. Redeeming Shareholders and Shareholders entitled to distributions should therefore ensure that any outstanding documentation and information is provided to the Administrator promptly. Failure to do so is at such Shareholder's own risk.

In the event of the insolvency of another sub-fund of the Company, recovery of any amounts to which a Fund is entitled, but which may have transferred to such other sub-fund as a result of the operation of the Umbrella Cash Collection Account, will be subject to the principles of Irish trust law and the terms of the operational procedures for the Umbrella Cash Collection Account. There may be delays in effecting and / or disputes as to the recovery of such amounts, and the insolvent sub-fund may have insufficient funds to repay amounts due to the relevant Fund. Accordingly, there is no guarantee that such Fund or the Company will recover such amounts. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that in such circumstances such Fund or the Company would have sufficient funds to repay any unsecured creditors



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## DISTRIBUTION POLICY

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### *Distributing Classes*

The Directors intend to declare distributions in respect of any Share Classes identified in the relevant Supplement as Distributing Share Classes (ie, any Share Classes with the term “Distributing” in their name).

The Articles provide that the aggregate amount available for distribution in a given accounting period shall be a sum equal to the aggregate of the Company’s capital, realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses and the net income received by the Company (whether in the form of dividends, interest or otherwise) during the relevant period. It is intended that each Supplement shall set out details of any Distributing Share Class(es) available in the relevant Fund, including the amounts available for distribution in respect of such Share Classes.

Each Supplement shall also set out, where relevant, the distribution frequency of each Share Class, the dates on which distributions are declared (ie, the date on which the relevant Share Classes become ‘ex-dividend’) and the date by which any distributions will be paid to the holders of the relevant Share Classes.

Distributions will be paid by wire transfer in accordance with the bank account details nominated by the Shareholder on the application form unless the Shareholder shall have elected that distributions otherwise payable in cash be automatically re-invested in further Shares in the relevant Fund. The distribution in respect of such Share Classes may be reduced by the Directors at their absolute discretion and upon prior notice to holders of Shares in the relevant Classes.

At the discretion of the Directors, dividends in respect of Shares in any Fund may be paid in a currency other than the currency of denomination of the relevant Class at the exchange rate applicable on the relevant distribution date. Any dividend unclaimed after a period of six (6) years from the date of declaration of such dividend shall be forfeited and shall revert to the relevant Fund. Pending payment to the relevant Shareholder, dividend payments will be held in the Umbrella Cash Collection Account and Shareholders should note the section of the Prospectus entitled “Umbrella Cash Collection Account” below.

An equalisation account will be maintained by each Fund so that the amount distributed will be the same for all Distributing Shares of the same class notwithstanding different dates of issue. A sum equal to that part of the issued price per Share which reflects net income (if any) accrued but undistributed up to the date of issue of the Shares will be deemed to be an equalisation payment and treated as repaid to the relevant Shareholder on (i) the redemption of such Shares prior to the payment of the first dividend thereon or (ii) the payment of the first dividend to which the Shareholder was entitled in the same accounting period as that in which the Shares are issued. The payment of any dividends subsequent to the payment of the first dividend thereon or the redemption of such Shares subsequent to the payment of the first dividend will be deemed to include net income (if any) accrued but unpaid up to the date of the relevant redemption or declaration of dividend.

### *Accumulating Classes*

Any Share Classes which do not have the term “Distributing” in their name shall be Accumulating Share Classes. The Directors do not currently intend to declare any dividends in respect of Accumulating Share Classes. Accordingly, net investment income on the Fund’s investments attributable to these Shares is expected to be retained by the Fund, which will result in an increase in the Net Asset Value per Share of the Shares.

The Directors nevertheless retain the right to declare dividends in respect of such net investment income on the Fund’s investments attributable to the Shares in their sole discretion. In the event that the Directors determine to declare dividends in respect of a Class of Shares in the Fund, Shareholders will be notified in advance of any such change in the dividend policy (including the date by which dividends will be paid and the method by which dividends will be paid) and full details will be disclosed in an updated Supplement.

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## ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPANY

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Unless otherwise specified in a Supplement applicable to a particular Fund, the provisions in relation to the calculation of the Net Asset Value will apply to all Funds as set out below.

### *Determination of Net Asset Value*

The Administrator will determine the Net Asset Value of the Company, the Net Asset Value of a Fund and the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class of Shares, as appropriate, to the nearest three decimal places (or to such other number of decimal places as the Company, in consultation with the Manager, may determine from time to time in relation to a Fund), at each Valuation Point and in accordance with the Articles and this Prospectus. All approvals given or decisions made by the Administrator in relation to the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Company, the Net Asset Value of a Fund or the Net Asset Value per Class of Shares will be given or made, as the case may be, following consultation with the Manager.

Where there is no more than one Class of Shares of a Fund, the NAV per Share of a Fund will be calculated by dividing the assets of the relevant Fund less its liabilities by the number of Shares in issue in a Fund. Shares of different Funds are expected to perform differently and each Fund will bear its own fees and expenses to the extent specifically attributable to that Fund. Any liabilities of the Company that are not attributable to any Fund may be allocated amongst the Funds based on their respective NAV or on any other reasonable basis approved by the Directors, following consultation with the Manager and the Depositary having taken into account the nature of the liabilities.

Where a Fund buys or sells underlying investments in response to a request for the issue or redemption of Shares, it will generally incur a cost, made up of dealing costs and any spread between the bid and offer prices of the investments concerned, which is not reflected in the issue or redemption price paid by or to the Shareholder. With a view to reducing this cost (which, if it is material, disadvantages existing Shareholders of the Fund) and in order to preserve the value of the underlying assets of the relevant Fund, where disclosed in the relevant Supplement, the Manager is entitled to require payment of a dilution levy, to be added to or deducted from the Net Asset Value per Share as appropriate. The Manager will normally charge a dilution levy of up to 1 (one)% of the Net Asset Value per Share in the event of receipt for processing of net subscription or net redemption requests (including subscriptions and/or redemptions which would be effected as a result of conversions from one Fund into another Fund). The need to charge a dilution levy will depend on the volume of purchases, conversions or redemptions of Shares on any given Dealing Day, and this will be evaluated by the Manager without prior notification to the relevant Shareholder.

### *Net Asset Value per Share of a Class*

Where a Fund issues multiple Classes of Shares, the NAV of each Class of Shares will be determined by calculating the amount of the NAV of a Fund attributable to each Class. The amount of the NAV of a Fund attributable to a Class will be determined by establishing the number of Shares in issue in the Class, by allocating relevant Class Expenses and management fees and performance fees to the Class and making appropriate adjustments to take account of distributions paid out of a Fund, if applicable, and apportioning the NAV of a Fund accordingly. Currency related transactions may be utilised for the benefit of a particular Class of Shares, a Hedged Class, and, in such circumstances, their cost and related liabilities and / or benefits will be for the account of that Class only. Accordingly, such costs and related liabilities and / or benefits will be reflected in the NAV per Share for Shares of any such Class. Where there is more than one Class in a Fund denominated in the same currency (which is a currency other than the Base Currency), the Investment Manager may aggregate any currency related transactions entered into on behalf of such Classes and apportion the gains / losses on and the costs of the relevant financial instruments pro rata to each such Class in the Fund. The currency exposures of the assets of a Fund will not be allocated to separate Classes. Share class hedging transactions will be attributed to a specific class (therefore currency exposures of different currency classes will not be combined or offset and currency exposures of assets of the Fund may not be allocated to separate share classes).

The NAV per Share of a Class will be calculated by dividing the NAV of the Class by the number of shares in issue in that Class. Class Expenses or management fees or charges not attributable to a particular Class may be allocated

amongst the Classes based on their respective NAV or any other reasonable basis approved by the Directors following consultation with the Manager and the Depositary and having taken into account the nature of the fees and charges. Where Classes of Shares are issued which are priced in a currency other than the Base Currency, currency conversion costs will be borne by that Class.

In determining the value of the assets, securities, including debt and equity securities, which are quoted, listed or traded on or under the rules of any Recognised Market will be valued at the last traded price of the asset's principal exchange. If the security is normally quoted, listed or traded on or under the rules of more than one Recognised Market, the relevant Recognised Market will be that which the Manager, or the Administrator as its delegate, determines provides the fairest criterion of value for the security. Securities listed or traded on a Recognised Market but acquired at a premium or at a discount outside or off the Recognised Market will be valued taking into account the level of premium or discount at the date of valuation provided the Depositary ensures that the adoption of such a procedure is justifiable in the context of establishing the probable realisation value of the security. If prices for a security quoted, listed or traded on the relevant Recognised Market are not available at the relevant time or are unrepresentative in the opinion of the Manager, or its delegate, such security will be valued at such value as will be estimated with care and good faith as the probable realisation value of such security by the Manager, or its delegate or a competent person (appointed by the Manager and each approved for the purpose by the Depositary) or valued at the probable realisation value estimated with care and in good faith by any other means provided that the value is approved by the Depositary. Neither the Directors nor the Manager, Administrator, the Investment Manager, or the Depositary will be under any liability if a price reasonably believed by them to be the latest available price may be found not to be such.

The value of any security, including debt and equity securities, which is not normally quoted, listed or traded on or under the rules of a Recognised Market or in respect of which the Manager or their delegate (in consultation with the Investment Manager) determine that the last traded price as set out above is not representative of its fair market value, will be valued at its probable realisation value as determined with care and in good faith by the Investment Manager or its delegates appointed for such purpose by the Manager with the approval of the Depositary or by a competent person appointed by the Directors and each approved for such purpose by the Depositary.

The value of leveraged loans and sub-participation in leveraged loans will be determined in accordance with the provisions above and will be obtained from an independent pricing source.

Shares in collective investment schemes will be valued on the basis of the latest published net asset value of such shares. If such prices are unavailable, the shares will be valued at their probable realisation value estimated with care and good faith by the Manager, or by a competent person appointed for such purpose by the Manager and approved for such purpose by the Depositary.

Cash deposits and similar assets will be valued at their face value together with accrued interest unless in the opinion of the Manager and the Investment Manager or its delegate (in consultation with the Manager, the Administrator and the Depositary) or its delegate any adjustment should be made to reflect the fair value thereof.

Derivative instruments, including swaps, which are traded on a Recognised Market shall be valued based on the settlement price as determined by the relevant Recognised Market at the close of business on that market on the Valuation Day, provided that where it is not the practice of the relevant Recognised Market to quote a settlement price, or if a settlement price is not available for any reason, such instruments may be valued at their probable realisation value estimated with care and in good faith by the Manager, or its delegate (being a competent person appointed by the Manager and approved for such purpose by the Depositary or any other means provided the value is approved by the Depositary) in consultation with the Administrator.

Derivative instruments which are not dealt on a Recognised Market will be valued on each Valuation Day at the settlement price by reference to freely available market quotations supplied by an independent pricing agent or at the price obtained from the counterparty or a competent person appointed by the Manager and approved by the Depositary for such purpose, or by any other means provided the value is approved by the Depositary. If a derivative instrument is valued at a price obtained from the counterparty, such price will be verified at least weekly by a party independent of the counterparty, being a competent person appointed by the Manager and approved for such purpose by the Depositary. If a derivative instrument is valued in any other way, such valuation will follow international best practice

and adhere to the principles on valuation of OTC instruments established by bodies such as International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) and Alternative Investment Management Association (AIMA) and will be reconciled on at least a monthly basis to a valuation provided by the counterparty and any significant difference will be promptly investigated and explained. Notwithstanding the above provisions, forward foreign exchange contracts and interest rate swap contracts may be valued by reference to freely available market quotations.

For purposes of determining the NAV of a Fund, the liabilities of the Fund to be deducted from the Fund's assets on the applicable Valuation Day will include accrued debts, liabilities and obligations of the Fund (including fees to service providers which have been earned but not yet paid) and any contingencies for which reserves or accruals are made.

Notwithstanding the above provisions the Manager or its delegate may, with the prior approval of the Depositary, (a) adjust the valuation of any listed investment or (b) permit some other method of valuation to be used if, having regard to currency, applicable rate of interest, maturity, marketability and / or such other considerations as they deem relevant, they consider that such adjustment or alternative method of valuation is required to reflect more fairly the value thereof.

In determining the Company's NAV, all assets and liabilities initially expressed in foreign currencies will be converted into the Base Currency of the relevant Fund using the appropriate exchange rates on each Valuation Day. If quotations are not available, the rate of exchange will be determined in accordance with policies established in good faith by the Directors or their delegate.

The Manager and / or the Investment Manager may, and may be required under certain circumstances to, engage one or more third parties to value assets of the Company. Any such third party engaged by the Manager and / or the Investment Manager will value such assets in the manner otherwise described above in this "Determination of Net Asset Value" section.

#### **Availability of the Net Asset Value per Share**

Except where the determination of the NAV per Share of a Fund has been suspended, in the circumstances described below, the NAV per Share of each Class of Shares will be notified immediately upon calculation to [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) and the up-to-date NAV per Share will be available at that website, as well as at the registered office of the Company. Such information will relate to the NAV per Share for the previous Dealing Day and is made available for information purposes only. It is not an invitation to subscribe for or redeem Shares at that NAV per Share.

#### **Temporary Suspension of Dealings**

The Directors may at any time, in consultation with the Depositary and the Manager, temporarily suspend the issue, valuation, sale, purchase and / or redemption of Shares in any Fund during:

- (a) any period when any organised exchange on which a substantial portion of the investments for the time being comprised in the relevant Fund are quoted, listed, traded or dealt in is closed otherwise than for ordinary holidays, or during which dealings in any such organised exchange are restricted or suspended;
- (b) any period where, as a result of political, military, economic or monetary events or other circumstances beyond the control, responsibility and power of the Directors, the disposal or valuation of investments for the time being comprised in the relevant Fund cannot, in the opinion of the Directors, be effected or completed normally or without prejudicing the interest of Shareholders;
- (c) any breakdown in the means of communication normally employed in determining the value of any investments for the time being comprised in the relevant Fund or during any period when for any other reason the value of investments for the time being comprised in the relevant Fund cannot, in the opinion of the Directors, be promptly or accurately ascertained;
- (d) any period when the relevant Fund is unable to repatriate funds for the purposes of making redemption payments or during which the realisation of investments for the time being comprised in the relevant Fund,

or the transfer or payment of the funds involved in connection therewith cannot, in the opinion of the Directors, be effected at normal prices;

- (e) any period when, as a result of adverse market conditions, the payment of redemption proceeds may, in the opinion of the Directors, have an adverse impact on the relevant Fund or the remaining Shareholders in the relevant Fund;
- (f) any period (other than ordinary holiday or customary weekend closings) when any market or exchange which is the main market or exchange for a significant part of the instruments or positions is closed, or in which trading thereon is restricted or suspended;
- (g) any period when proceeds of any sale or redemption of the Shares cannot be transmitted to or from the account of the relevant Fund;
- (h) any period in which the redemption of the Shares would, in the opinion of the Directors, result in a violation of applicable laws;
- (i) any period in which notice has been given to Shareholders of a resolution to wind up the Company;
- (j) any period when the Directors determine that it is in the best interests of the Shareholders to do so; or
- (k) any period during which dealings in a collective investment scheme in which a Fund has invested a significant portion of its assets are suspended.

The Central Bank and any relevant Shareholders will be notified immediately of any such suspension or postponement. Shareholders who have requested an issue or redemption of Shares will have their subscription or redemption request dealt with on the first Dealing Day after the suspension has been lifted unless applications or redemption requests have been withdrawn prior to the lifting of the suspension, but will not have priority over other Shareholders who requested an issue or redemption of Shares. Shares will be held by the Shareholder during the period of suspension as if no redemption request had been made. The Company will take reasonable steps to bring any period of suspension or postponement to an end as soon as possible. For the avoidance of doubt, no dividends will be paid at times when the redemption of Shares or the calculation of NAV per Share is suspended for any reason specified above.

The Company, in consultation with the Manager, may terminate, in part or in whole, the temporary suspension of the issue, valuation, sale, purchase and / or redemption of Shares in any Fund. The Company will notify all affected Shareholders of any termination of a temporary suspension.

The Company shall notify the Central Bank immediately upon the lifting of any such temporary suspension and in circumstances where the temporary suspension has not been lifted within 21 working days of application, the Company shall provide the Central Bank with an update on the temporary suspension at the expiration of the 21 working day period and each subsequent period of 21 working days where the temporary suspension continues to apply.

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## SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

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Unless otherwise specified in a Supplement applicable to a particular Fund, the procedure for determining the subscription price and applying for Shares in a Fund is as set out below.

Shares in a Fund may be purchased on any Dealing Day at the Net Asset Value per Share on the relevant Dealing Day on the terms and in accordance with the procedures described below and in the relevant Supplement.

Subscription orders are effected at the Net Asset Value per Share applicable on the relevant Dealing Day. Details of the deadline by which subscription monies must be received by the Company will be set out in the relevant Supplement. No Subscription order will be accepted after the relevant Valuation Point for a Fund.

If a subscription order is received prior to the Subscription Cut-Off Time, Shares will be issued at the NAV per Share applicable on the relevant Dealing Day (including any dilution levy, if applicable). Subscription orders received after the relevant Subscription Cut-Off Time will be held over without interest on any related subscription monies and, in the absolute discretion of the Manager, in consultation with the Company, either (i) such subscription monies will be returned (without interest) to the person from whom the subscription order and subscription funds were received, or (ii) the relevant Shares will be issued on the next applicable Dealing Day at the relevant NAV per Share, unless the Manager determines, in consultation with the Company, to accept such subscriptions in exceptional circumstances (with the Manager ensuring that such exceptional circumstances are fully documented) and provided that such subscriptions for Shares are received before the Valuation Point on the relevant Dealing Day. Subscription orders will not be processed at times when the calculation of the NAV per Share is suspended in accordance with the terms of the Prospectus and the Articles.

The Manager may also, in consultation with the Company, issue Shares in any Class on terms providing for settlement to be made by the vesting in the Company of any investments provided that: (a) the assets to be transferred in to the Fund must qualify as investments of the Fund in accordance with the investment objectives, policies and restrictions which are set out in the relevant Supplement and this Prospectus; (b) the Manager, in consultation with the Company, will be satisfied that the terms of any such exchange will not be such as are likely to result in any material prejudice to the Shareholders; (c) the number of Shares to be issued will be not more than the number which would have been issued for settlement in cash as hereinbefore provided on the basis that the amount of such cash was an amount equal to the value of the investments to be so vested in the Company as determined by the Manager, in consultation with the Company, on the relevant Dealing Day; (d) no Shares will be issued until the investments will have been vested in the Depositary to the Depositary's satisfaction or arrangements are made to vest the assets with the Depositary; (e) any Duties and Charges arising in connection with the vesting of such investments in the Company will be paid by the person to whom the Shares are to be issued, or by the relevant Fund; and (f) the Depositary will be satisfied that the terms on which the shares are issued will not be such as are likely to result in any prejudice to the existing Shareholders.

An applicant wishing to make an initial subscription for Shares in a Fund must complete and send the Subscription Agreement to the Administrator. Subscription Agreements may be sent by facsimile or by electronic request via Approved Electronic Request. Subsequent purchases of Shares, following an initial subscription pursuant to a properly completed Subscription Agreement, may be made by completing and submitting an Additional Subscription Agreement to the Administrator. Additional Subscription Agreements may be sent by facsimile or Approved Electronic Request. Subsequent purchases of Shares in a Fund are not subject to a minimum subscription amount.

The Manager or its delegates are under no obligation to consider the allotment and issue of Shares in a Fund to an applicant unless and until the Administrator has received a completed Subscription Agreement and always have discretion as to whether or not to accept a subscription. Following the Initial Offer Period (as specified in the relevant Supplement), Shares to be issued will be issued at the relevant NAV per Share prevailing as of the relevant Dealing Day on the terms and in accordance with the procedures described above.

Subscription Agreements and Additional Subscription Agreements can be obtained by contacting the Administrator.

Except at the discretion of the Company, subscription orders will be irrevocable. Each prospective investor will be required to agree in the Subscription Agreement to, under certain circumstances, indemnify the Company or a Fund, the Manager, the Administrator, the Investment Manager and any of their respective affiliates for any and all claims, losses, liabilities or damages (including attorneys' fees and other related out-of-pocket expenses) suffered or incurred by any such person as a result of the investor not remitting the amount of its subscription by the due date for such subscription or otherwise failing to comply with the terms of such Subscription Agreement. In addition, upon the failure of a Shareholder to pay subscription monies by the date due, the Manager may, in consultation with the Company, redeem any Shares held by the Shareholder in the Company and apply the redemption proceeds in satisfaction of the Shareholder's liabilities arising as a result of such failure to pay subscription proceeds to the Company or a Fund, the Manager, the Administrator, the Investment Manager or any of their respective affiliates pursuant to the indemnity described above. Please see "Redemption of Shares - Mandatory Redemption of Shares, Forfeiture of Dividend and Deduction of Tax".

The Subscription Agreement contains, among other provisions, certain representations, warranties, agreements, undertakings and acknowledgements relating to a prospective Shareholder's suitability to purchase Shares, the terms of the Shares and other matters. Subscribers should understand that the Shares are offered and sold in reliance upon the representations, warranties, agreements, undertakings and acknowledgements made by the subscriber and contained in the Subscription Agreement, and that such provisions may be asserted as a defence by the Company, the Manager, and the Investment Manager in any action or proceeding relating to the offer and sale of Shares.

The Company, the Manager, the Investment Manager or its affiliates and / or service providers or agents of the Company, the Manager, or the Investment Manager may from time to time be required or may, in their sole discretion, determine that it is advisable to disclose certain information about a Fund and the Shareholders, including, but not limited to, investments held by a Fund and the names and level of beneficial ownership of Shareholders, to (i) regulatory authorities of certain jurisdictions, which have or assert jurisdiction over the disclosing party or in which the Fund directly or indirectly invests, or (ii) any counterparty of or service provider to the Investment Manager or the Company. By virtue of the entering into a Subscription Agreement, each Shareholder consents to any such disclosure relating to such Shareholder.

The Company, the Manager, or the Administrator may, in their sole discretion, reject any subscription order for Shares for any reason, including in particular, where the Company, the Manager or Administrator, as appropriate, reasonably believes the subscription order may represent a pattern of excessive trading or market timing activity in respect of the Company.

The Administrator is regulated by the Central Bank and must comply with the measures provided for in the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) Acts 2010 and 2018, as amended (together, the "**Acts**"), which are aimed towards the prevention of money laundering. In order to comply with these anti-money laundering regulations, the Administrator will require from any subscriber or Shareholder a detailed verification of the identity of such subscriber or Shareholder, the identity of the beneficial owners of such subscriber or Shareholder, the source of funds used to subscribe for Shares, or other additional information which may be requested from any subscriber or Shareholder for such purposes from time to time. The Manager and the Administrator reserve the right to request such information as is necessary to verify the identity of an applicant and where applicable, the beneficial owner. The subscriber recognizes that the Manager and the Administrator, in accordance with their anti-money laundering ("**AML**") procedures reserve the right to prohibit the movement of any monies if all due diligence requirements have not been met, or, if it for any reason feels that the origin of the funds or the parties involved are suspicious. In the event that the movement of monies is withheld in accordance with the Manager or the Administrator's AML procedures, the Manager and / or Administrator, as relevant, will strictly adhere to all applicable laws, and shall notify the Company as soon as professional discretion allows or as otherwise permitted by law.

In the event of delay or failure by the applicant to produce any information required for verification purposes, the Administrator, the Manager or the Company may reject the application and the subscription monies relating thereto, in which case the subscription monies may be returned (subject to applicable law) without interest to the account from which the monies were originally debited, subject to any advice or request from the relevant authorities that the subscription monies should be retained pending any further directions from them or the Administrator, the Manager or the Company may refuse to withhold payment of a redemption request until full information has been provided, in each case without any liability whatsoever on the part of the Company, the Manager, the Administrator or any service

provider to the Company. No interest will be paid either on subscription proceeds pending settlement to the account of the Company or on redemption proceeds pending settlement to the account of the Shareholder. Amendments to an investor's registration details and payment instructions must be provided to the Administrator in original form. Redemption orders may be made by completing and submitting a faxed request to the Administrator or by Approved Electronic Request and will only be processed where the payment is to be made to the account of record. The Company may issue fractional Shares up to three decimal places.

#### *Written Confirmations of Ownership*

The Administrator will be responsible for maintaining the Company's register of Shareholders in which all issues, redemptions and transfers of Shares will be recorded. All Shares issued will be in registered form and no Share certificates will be issued. Ownership will be evidenced by entry in the Share register. Following each transfer, purchase, redemption and conversion of Shares written confirmations of ownership will be advised to each Shareholder. A Share may be registered in a single name or in up to four joint names. The register of Shareholders will be available for inspection at the registered office of the Company during normal business hours.

#### *Umbrella Cash Collection Account*

The Company has established a collection account at umbrella level in the name of the Company (the "**Umbrella Cash Collection Account**"), and has not established such accounts at sub-fund level. All subscriptions into and redemptions and distributions due from the Funds will be paid into the Umbrella Cash Collection Account.

Monies in the Umbrella Cash Collection Account, including early subscription monies received in respect of a Fund, will not qualify for the protections afforded by Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Investment Firms) Regulations 2017 ("**IMR**") for Fund Service Providers (as defined in IMR).

Pending issue of the Shares and / or payment of subscription proceeds to an account in the name of the relevant Fund, and pending payment of redemption proceeds, dividends or distributions, monies in the Umbrella Cash Collection Account are assets of the relevant Funds to which they are attributable, and the relevant investor will be an unsecured creditor of the relevant Fund in respect of amounts paid by or due to it.

All subscriptions (including subscriptions received in advance of the issue of Shares) attributable to, and all redemptions, dividends or cash distributions payable from, a Fund will be channelled and managed through the Umbrella Cash Collection Account. Subscriptions amounts paid into the Umbrella Cash Collection Account will be paid into the account in the name of the relevant Fund on the contractual settlement date. Redemptions and distributions, including blocked redemptions or distributions, will be held in the Umbrella Cash Collection Account until payment due date (or such later date as blocked payments are permitted to be paid), and will then be paid to the relevant or redeeming Shareholder.

The Umbrella Cash Collection Account has been opened by the Depositary with Citibank N.A. in the name of the Company. The Depositary will be responsible for safe-keeping and oversight of the monies in the Umbrella Cash Collection Account, and for ensuring that relevant amounts in the Umbrella Cash Collection Account are attributable to the appropriate Funds. Monies in the Umbrella Cash Collection Account will be taken into account in the calculation of the NAV of, and assessing compliance with investment restrictions by, the relevant Fund to which they are attributable.

The Company and the Depositary have agreed an operating procedure in respect of the Umbrella Cash Collection Account, which identifies the participating sub-funds of the Company, the procedures and protocols to be followed in order to transfer monies from the Umbrella Cash Collection Account, the daily reconciliation processes, and the procedures to be followed where there are shortfalls in respect of a Fund due to late payment of subscriptions, and / or transfers to a Fund of moneys attributable to another Fund due to timing differences.

Where subscription monies are received in the Umbrella Cash Collection Account without sufficient documentation to identify the investor or the relevant Fund, such monies shall be returned to the relevant investor within the timescales and as specified in the operating procedure in respect of the Umbrella Cash Collection Account. Failure to provide the necessary complete and accurate documentation is at the investor's risk.



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## REDEMPTION OF SHARES

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Shareholders may request that Shares of a Fund be redeemed on any Dealing Day by completing and submitting a Redemption Application to the Administrator to arrive no later than the Redemption Cut-Off Time, in order to be effective on a Dealing Day. Redemption Applications received after the relevant Redemption Cut-Off Time will be held over until the next applicable Dealing Day, unless the Manager determines, in consultation with the Company, in exceptional circumstances (which the Manager ensures that such exceptional circumstances are full documented) and where such Redemption Applications are received before the relevant Valuation Point, to accept such Redemption Applications on the relevant Dealing Day. Redemption Applications may be sent by facsimile or by Approved Electronic Request. Any minimum holding period in relation to a Fund may be set out in the relevant Supplement. Redemption Applications received after the relevant Redemption Cut-Off Time will be effective on the next succeeding Dealing Day. Redemption Applications will not be processed at times when the redemption of Shares or the calculation of the NAV per Share is suspended in accordance with the terms of this Prospectus and the Articles. Shares which have been subject to a Redemption Application will be entitled to dividends, if any, up to the Dealing Day upon which the redemption is effective.

The applicable Supplement may provide that if Redemption Applications on any Dealing Day exceed 10% of the NAV of a Fund, or such higher percentage as the Manager may determine in consultation with the Company, in respect of any Dealing Day (the "Gate Amount"), the Company may (i) reduce all such Redemption Applications pro rata (in accordance with the size of the Redemption Applications so that Shares redeemed on such Dealing Day, in aggregate, represent only the Gate Amount) and (ii) defer Redemption Applications in excess of the Gate Amount to subsequent Dealing Days, subject to any Gate Amount applicable on any such Dealing Day. Except at the sole discretion of the Company, any such deferred Redemption Application may not be revoked.

A distribution in respect of a redemption may be made in kind, at the discretion of the Manager, after consultation with the Company and Investment Manager, provided that where the redemption request represents less than 5% of the NAV of a Fund, the redemption in kind will only be made with the consent of the redeeming Shareholder. The assets to be transferred will be selected at the discretion of the Manager, in consultation with the Company, with the approval of the Depositary and taken at their value used in determining the redemption price of the Shares being so redeemed. As a result, such distributions will only be made if the Manager and the Depositary consider that they will not materially prejudice the interests of the Shareholders of the relevant Fund as a whole and the Depositary is satisfied that the assets distributed are equivalent to the amount of the distribution declared. Shareholders will bear any risks of the distributed securities and may be required to pay a brokerage commission or other costs in order to dispose of such securities. If a Shareholder so requests, the Investment Manager will sell the assets to be distributed to that Shareholder and distribute the cash proceeds to the Shareholder.

The minimum holding amount in respect of each Fund will be set out in the relevant Supplement.

### *Redemption Price*

Shares will be redeemed at the applicable Net Asset Value per Share (including any dilution levy, if applicable), obtained on the Dealing Day on which redemption is effected, subject to any applicable fees associated with such redemption.

All payments of redemption monies will be made, except in the exceptional circumstances specified above, on the day specified in the relevant Supplement, following the Dealing Day on which the Redemption Application is effective and will be made by telegraphic transfer to the Shareholder's account, details of which will be notified by the Shareholder to the Administrator in the Subscription Agreement or subsequently in a format agreeable to the Administrator. For the avoidance of doubt, no redemption payment will be made until the Subscription Agreement has been received from the investor and all documentation required by the Company (including any documents in connection with anti-money laundering procedures) and the necessary anti-money laundering procedures have been completed.

### *Mandatory Redemption of Shares, Forfeiture of Dividend and Deduction of Tax*

If a redemption causes a Shareholder's holding in a Fund to fall below the minimum holding amount set out in the relevant Supplement, the Company may redeem the whole of that Shareholder's holding. Before doing so, the Company will notify the Shareholder in writing and allow the Shareholder thirty days to purchase additional Shares to meet the minimum requirement.

Shareholders are required to notify the Manager and the Administrator immediately in writing in the event that they become Irish Residents or U.S. Persons. Shareholders who become U.S. Persons may be required to dispose of their Shares on the next Dealing Day thereafter to persons who are not U.S. Persons. Shareholders who become Irish Residents will cause the Company to become subject to Irish tax on a subsequent disposal of Shares held by such Shareholders whether by way of a redemption or transfer and on any distributions made in respect of such Shares. The Company will be obliged to account for and remit such tax to the Irish Revenue Commissioners. However, the Company will be entitled to deduct from the payment arising on such a chargeable event an amount equal to the appropriate tax and / or where applicable, to redeem and / or cancel such number of Shares held by the Shareholder or such beneficial owner as are required to discharge the tax liability. The Company may also be obliged under the taxation laws of any other jurisdiction to deduct and account for tax in respect of chargeable events in any other such jurisdiction. The relevant Shareholder will indemnify and keep the Company indemnified against loss arising to the Company by reason of the Company becoming liable to account for tax in the relevant jurisdiction of the Shareholder on the happening of a chargeable event if no such deduction, redemption or cancellation has been made.

The Company may also compulsorily repurchase or require the transfer of any shares which are, or become, owned directly or indirectly by any shareholder that is a Benefit Plan Investor so as to ensure that restrictions on Benefit Plan Investors as described in this Prospectus are not breached.

The Company may, in its sole discretion, require any Shareholder to redeem some or all of its Shares at any time where, in the opinion of the Directors, in consultation with the Manager, the holding of such Shares may result in regulatory, pecuniary, legal, taxation or material administrative disadvantage to the Company, the Manager, a Fund or its Shareholders as a whole or where the Directors resolve to redeem such Shares. The Company may also, in its sole discretion, redeem some or all of the Shares of a Shareholder where the Shareholder has failed to pay subscription monies by the due date and may apply the redemption proceeds in satisfaction of the Shareholder's liabilities to the Company or the Investment Manager or any of its respective affiliates pursuant to the indemnity described under "Subscription for Shares".

In addition, the Company may redeem all of its Shares of a Fund or Class in issue if the redemption of the Shares or Class is approved by a resolution of the Shareholders or where the Depositary has served notice of its intention to retire and an alternative Depositary has not been approved within 90 days from the date of such notice.

The Articles of the Company permit the Company to redeem Shares where during a period of six years any dividend on the Shares remains unpaid and no acknowledgement has been received in respect of any confirmation of ownership of the Shares sent to the Shareholder and require the Company to hold the redemption monies as a permanent debt of the Company. The Articles also provide that any unclaimed dividends may be forfeited after six years and on forfeiture will form part of the assets of the relevant Fund.

No redemption payment may be made to a Shareholder until the Subscription Agreement and all documentation required by the Administrator, including any document in connection with the Acts or other requirements and / or any anti-money laundering procedures have been completed, sent to and received by the Administrator.

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## TRANSFER OF SHARES

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All transfers of Shares will be effected by a transfer in writing in any usual or common form or any other form approved by the Manager and / or the Administrator and every form of transfer will state the full name and address of the transferor and the transferee. The instrument of transfer of a Share will be signed by or on behalf of the transferor and the transferee and delivered in original form to the Administrator. The transferor will be deemed to remain the holder of the Share until the name of the transferee is entered on the Share register in respect thereof. The Manager, in consultation with the Company, may decline to register any transfer of Shares if, in consequence of such transfer, the value of the holding of the transferor or transferee does not meet the minimum subscription or holding levels of the relevant Share Class and / or Fund as set out in the relevant Supplement. The registration of transfers may be suspended at such times and for such periods as the Manager, in consultation with the Company, may from time to time determine, provided, however, that such registration will not be suspended for more than 30 days in any calendar year. The Directors and/or the Manager may decline to register any transfer of Shares unless the instrument of transfer, and such other documents as the Directors and / or the Administrator may require, including without limitation a Subscription Agreement, are deposited at the office of the Administrator or at such other place as the Directors may reasonably require, together with such other evidence as the Directors and / or the Administrator may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer and to verify the identity of the transferee. Such evidence may include a declaration that the proposed transferee is not a U.S. Person or acting for or on behalf of a U.S. Person.

The Directors and/or the Manager will decline to register a transfer of Shares if, in the opinion of the Directors, following consultation with the Manager, the transfer will be unlawful or result or be likely to result in any adverse regulatory, pecuniary, legal or taxation consequences or material administrative disadvantage to the Company, a Fund or its Shareholders as a whole.

The Manager and/or the Directors will decline to register a transfer of Shares if the transferee is a U.S. Person or acting for or on behalf of a U.S. Person.

No transfer of Shares can be completed until the Subscription Agreement and all documentation required by the Administrator, including any document in connection with the Acts or other requirements and / or any anti-money laundering procedures have been completed, sent to and received by the Administrator in respect of the transferor.

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## CONVERSION OF SHARES

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Shareholders may be entitled, at the discretion of the Company, to exchange any or all of their Shares of any Class in a Fund (“**Original Class**”) for Shares of any other Class in the Fund or a Class in any other Fund available for issue at that time (“**New Class**”).

Any request to convert Shares of an Original Class denominated in one currency into Shares of a New Class denominated in a different currency should comply with any procedures described in the relevant Supplement and should be sent to the Administrator. No conversion fees will be charged in respect of any such conversion. The costs of any foreign exchange trade necessitated by the conversion will be borne by the converting Shareholder. Shareholders should contact the Administrator for further information.

Shareholders should ensure that the NAV of the Shares converted is equal to or exceeds the minimum holding (if any) for the relevant New Class. In the case of a conversion of a partial holding only, the value of the remaining holding must also be at least equal to any minimum holding for the relevant Original Class. If the number of Shares of the New Class to be issued on conversion is not an integral number of Shares, the Company may at its discretion issue fractional new Shares or retain the surplus arising for the benefit of the Fund in which the New Class Shares are being issued.

Shareholders should be aware that the Company reserves the right to accept or reject a conversion of Shares in its discretion.

A Shareholder should obtain and read the Prospectus and the Supplement relating to any Fund or any Class of Shares of a Fund and consider its investment objective, policies and applicable fees before requesting any exchange into that Fund or any Class of Shares of a Fund.

The general provisions and procedures relating to redemptions of Shares of the Original Class and subscriptions for Shares of the New Class will apply to any conversion of Shares. Shares may be exchanged on any Dealing Day, upon notice given not later than the earlier of the Redemption Cut-Off Time for the Original Class or the Subscription Cut-Off Time for the New Class, as set out in the relevant Supplement. Such notice must be given in writing, on a form available from the Administrator and may be sent by facsimile or electronic means as agreed with the Administrator at the number set out on the Subscription Agreement. In the event that an exchange request is received after the relevant cut-off time such request will be effected on the following Dealing Day, unless the Manager otherwise determine, in exceptional circumstances and where such exchange request is received before the relevant Valuation Point(s), to accept such exchange request on the relevant Dealing Day. The Manager will ensure that the relevant cut-off time for requests for exchange are strictly complied with and will therefore take all adequate measures to prevent practices known as “late trading”.

The exchange of Shares of a Fund may be temporarily suspended by the Fund upon the occurrence of certain events described above under “Administration of the Company - Temporary Suspension of Dealings”.

An exchange of Shares may have tax consequences for a Shareholder. Shareholders should consult with their normal tax adviser if they are in any doubt as to such tax consequences.

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## TERMINATION OF THE COMPANY, FUND OR SHARE CLASS

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The Company and each Fund is established for an unlimited period and may have unlimited assets. However, the Company, in consultation with the Manager, may redeem all of its Shares or the Shares of any tranche (representing a Fund) or Class in issue if:

- (a) the redemption of the Shares in a Class or tranche (representing a Fund) is approved by a resolution in writing signed by all of the holders of the Shares in that Class or tranche (representing a Fund), as appropriate;
- (b) the NAV of the Fund, or of a Class of Shares in a Fund, does not exceed or falls below \$30 million or its foreign currency equivalent (or such other amount as may be determined from time to time by the Directors, in consultation with the Manager);
- (c) the Directors, in consultation with the Manager, deems it appropriate because of an adverse political, economic, fiscal environment affecting the Company or relevant class or tranche (representing a Fund) of Shares; or
- (d) where the Depositary has served notice of its intention to retire and an alternative depositary has not been appointed within 90 days from the date of such notice. See the section headed "Depositary" below.

In the event of termination or merger, the Shares of the Company or relevant tranche or Class will be redeemed after giving such prior written notice as may be required by law to all holders of such Shares. Such notice periods will be at least two weeks and may be up to three months. The Shares will be redeemed at the NAV per Share of such class on the relevant Dealing Day less their pro rata share of such sums as the Company in its discretion may from time to time determine as an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges in relation to the estimated realisation costs of the assets of the Fund and in relation to the redemption and cancellation of the Shares to be redeemed.

If the Company will be wound up or dissolved (whether the liquidation is voluntary, under supervision or by the Court) the liquidator may with the authority of an Ordinary Resolution, divide among the Shareholders pro-rata to the value of their shareholdings in the Company (as determined in accordance with the Articles) in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company, and whether or not the assets will consist of property of a single kind and may for such purposes value any class or classes of property in accordance with the valuation provisions in the Articles. The liquidator may, with the authority of an Ordinary Resolution, vest any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of Shareholders as the liquidator will think fit, and the liquidation of the Company may be closed and the Company dissolved, but not so that any Shareholder will be compelled to accept any asset in respect of which there is a liability. If a Shareholder so requests, the Investment Manager will sell the assets to be distributed to that Shareholder and distribute the cash proceeds to the Shareholder. Shareholders will bear any risks of the distributed securities and may be required to pay a brokerage commission or other costs in order to dispose of such securities.

Unamortised establishment and organisational expenses at the time of any such termination will be borne by the relevant Fund and will reduce the Net Asset Value per Share of Shares then outstanding pro rata in accordance with the NAV of each such Share.

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## MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

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### ***The Board of Directors***

The Directors have overall responsibility for the management of the Company (and any wholly owned subsidiaries) including making general policy decisions and reviewing the actions of the Manager, the Depositary and any other service providers appointed by the Company from time to time.

The Directors are responsible for managing the business affairs of the Company in accordance with the Articles. The Directors may delegate certain functions to the Manager, which, in turn, has delegated certain duties to the Administrator, the Investment Manager and other parties, subject to the supervision and direction by the Directors and subject to compliance with the requirements of the Central Bank. It is intended that the Company will be centrally managed and controlled in Ireland.

The Directors are listed below with their principal occupations. All of the Directors serve in a non-executive capacity.

Notwithstanding the Manager assuming the regulatory role of responsible person under the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, the Directors continue to hold a statutory role pursuant to the provisions of the Act.

The Directors as of the date of this Prospectus are as follows:

**Raymond O'Neill (Irish Resident)** – Mr O'Neill acts as an independent non-executive director to the funds industry. From 2005 to 2013, Mr O'Neill was the Founding Member and Chief Executive Officer of Kinetic Partners, a firm established in 2005 to provide professional services to the asset management sector globally. Until 2005, Mr O'Neill was Partner in Charge of Financial Services Group at RSM Robson Rhodes, focussing on the provision of a broad range of professional services to the financial services sector as part of a global network. From 1994 until 2000, he was the Managing Director of the Irish operations of Investors Bank & Trust, a fund administrator and global custodian. From 1991 until 1994, Mr O'Neill was Vice-President and Treasurer at Atlantic Corporate Management, a Bermuda-based firm providing services, including investment management services, to offshore entities. In 1987, Mr O'Neill joined the Bank of Bermuda, where he held the role of Manager, Fund Administration, which involved the provision of fund administration services to offshore investment funds, including alternative funds. Mr O'Neill holds a Diploma in Company Direction from the Institute of Directors, is a Member of the Chartered Financial Analyst Association and a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants.

**Victoria Parry (Chair/Irish Resident)** – Ms Parry was Global Head of Product Legal for Man Group plc until April 2013 and now acts as an independent non-executive director and consultant to the funds industry. Prior to the merger of Man Group plc with GLG Partners in 2010, she was Senior Legal Counsel for GLG Partners LP. Ms Parry joined Lehman Brothers International (Europe) in April 1996 where she was Legal Counsel with responsibility for inter alia the activities of the GLG Partners division and left Lehman Brothers in September 2000 upon the establishment of GLG Partners LP. Prior to joining Lehman Brothers in 1996 Ms Parry practised as a solicitor with a leading London based firm of solicitors. Ms Parry graduated from University College Cardiff, with a LLB (Hons) in 1986. Ms Parry is a solicitor and a member of the Law Society of England and Wales. Ms Parry is a director of a number of other companies. In addition, Ms Parry acted as a consultant to the Company in relation to the establishment and authorisation of the Company in advance of its authorisation by the Central Bank under the UCITS Regulations. Subsequent to the Company's authorisation, Ms Parry no longer acts as a consultant to the Company.

**James Davidson (UK Resident)** – Mr Davidson was appointed chief operating officer of the Investment Manager in August 2019. Prior to joining the Investment Manager, James was Head of Investment Operations at GAM for whom he worked from 1997 to 2019 in various locations. Prior to this James held positions with Standard Bank of South Africa and Barclays at their offshore locations. James is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. James has over 20 years of multi-regional financial services experience covering multi-asset, fixed income, equities, and liquid alternatives.

The address of the Directors is the registered office of the Company.

None of the Directors has:

- (i) had any unspent convictions in relation to indictable offences; or
- (ii) been a director of any company or partnership which, while he was a director with an executive function or partner at the time of or within the 12 months preceding such events, been declared bankrupt, went into receivership, liquidation, administration or voluntary arrangements; or
- (iii) been subject to any official public incrimination and / or sanctions by statutory or regulatory authorities (including designated professional bodies) or been disqualified by a court from acting as a director of a company or from acting in the management or conduct of the affairs of any company.

The Company Secretary is Matsack Trust Limited.

### ***The Manager***

The Company has appointed KBA Consulting Management Limited as its management company pursuant to the Management Agreement.

The Manager is a limited company incorporated under Irish law on 4 December 2006, having its registered office at 35 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin, D04 A4EO and is a member of the Waystone group of companies ("Waystone"). The company secretary of the Manager is KB Associates of 35 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin, D04 A4EO. The Manager is authorised by the Central Bank to act as a UCITS management company. The ultimate parent of the Manager is Sigma Irish TopCo Limited.

Under the terms of the Management Agreement, the Manager is appointed to carry out the management, distribution and administration services in respect of the Company.

The Manager must perform its duties under the Management Agreement in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner using a degree of skill, care and attention reasonably expected of a professional manager and in the best interests of the Shareholders. The Manager has the discretion to delegate all the powers, duties and discretions exercisable in respect of its obligations under the Management Agreement as the Manager and any delegate may from time to time agree. Any such appointment will be in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

The Manager has delegated the administration of the Company's affairs, including responsibility for the preparation and maintenance of the Company's records and accounts and related fund accounting matters, the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share and the provision of registration services in respect of the Funds to the Administrator.

The Manager has further delegated the investment management responsibilities in respect of the Funds to the Investment Manager.

The Management Agreement provides that the appointment of the Manager will continue in force unless and until terminated by either party on ninety days' prior written notice or otherwise in accordance with the terms of the Management Agreement. The Management Agreement contains provisions regarding the Manager's legal responsibilities. The Manager is not liable for actions, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs and expenses (including legal and professional fees and expenses arising therefrom or incidental thereto) caused to the Company unless resulting from its negligence, fraud or wilful default.

The Manager has established, implemented and maintains a remuneration policy which meets the requirements of, and complies with the principles set out in UCITS V and the ESMA Remuneration Guidelines relating to same (together, the "Remuneration Guidelines") and ensures that the Investment Manager has an appropriate remuneration policy in place which is in compliance with the Remuneration Guidelines.

The Manager's remuneration policy applies to staff whose professional activities might have a material impact on the Company's risk profile and so covers senior management, risk takers, control functions and any employees receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and risk takers and whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the Company. The Manager's remuneration policy is accordingly consistent with, and promotes, sound and effective risk management and does not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profile of the Company.

The remuneration policy of the Manager can be found at [www.kbassociates.ie](http://www.kbassociates.ie). A copy can be requested free of charge from the Manager.

The Manager's main business is the provision of fund management services to collective investment schemes such as the Company. The Manager is legally and operationally independent of the Administrator, the Depositary and the Investment Manager.

The Directors of the Manager are:

**Tim Madigan (Irish resident)** Mr Madigan is independent non-executive chairperson for the Manager. He serves as an independent non-executive director for a number of investment funds, both Irish-domiciled (UCITS and AIFs) and Luxembourg-domiciled (AIFs), as well as for an Irish cross-border life insurance company (where he also acts as chair of the Audit Committee). He was previously an independent non-executive director of a UK life insurance company (where he also acted as chair of the Risk & Compliance Committee). From 2010 to 2011, Mr Madigan was finance director of Aviva Investment Management Europe, where he led the set-up of the finance function for Aviva Europe's Dublin based centre of excellence, established to manage treasury assets and investment management mandates. Prior to this, Mr Madigan was managing director of cross-border life insurance company Aviva Life International from 2006 to 2010 (previously he was finance director for that company). In this role he chaired the Investment Committee as well as leading a strategic review of business in 2009 following the onset of the global financial crisis. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Studies (Finance) from the University of Limerick, is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and is a Certified Investment Fund Director. He served as an elected Council member of the Irish Fund Directors Association from 2016 to 2020.

**Peadar De Barra (Irish resident)** Mr. De Barra is Waystone Ireland's Chief Client Officer and is an executive director of KBA Consulting Management Limited with responsibility for relationship management and client service at its Irish management company businesses. Prior to his appointment to KBA Consulting Management Limited he was a senior consultant within KB Associates' consulting business where he was responsible for advising investment funds on a range of risk and compliance matters. In this role he was responsible for developing risk management programmes for funds operating across a range of investment strategies. Mr. De Barra joined KB Associates in 2008. Prior to this Mr. De Barra was Vice-President at Citi Fund Services (Ireland) Ltd (formerly BISYS), where he was responsible for the Financial Administration team (2003 to 2007). Prior to this Mr. De Barra was an accountant and auditor with PricewaterhouseCoopers Dublin (1998 to 2002) and was an assistant manager at AIB/BNY Fund Management (Ireland) Ltd (2002 to 2003) with responsibilities for statutory reporting. In addition, Mr. De Barra also acts as a director to a number of investment funds, investment managers and management companies. Mr. De Barra holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) Degree from National University of Ireland Galway and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

**Andrew Kehoe (Irish resident)** Mr. Kehoe has been a practicing lawyer since 2002. He has a broad range of experience in the legal and financial services industry in Ireland and internationally. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Waystone Group Ireland, which includes KB Associates' AIFMD and UCITS authorised management company. Previously Mr. Kehoe was responsible for both the legal and business development teams at KB Associates and was the Chief Executive Officer of the KB Associates' MiFID distribution firm in Malta. Prior to joining KB Associates, Mr. Kehoe was a managing partner at a New York City law firm and worked as an investment funds solicitor at a Dublin law firm. Mr. Kehoe holds a Bachelor of Science in Business from Fairfield University, a Juris Doctor law degree from New York Law School and a Diploma in International Investment Funds from the Law Society of Ireland. He is admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in Ireland, England and Wales, and is a member of the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Bars.



**Barry Harrington (Irish resident)** Mr Harrington is Waystone Ireland's Chief Operating Officer and is an executive director of KB Associates' AIFMD and UCITS authorised management company, KBA Consulting Management Limited. Prior to joining KB Associates, from 1998 to 2008, Mr Harrington worked for BISYS Hedge Fund Services (now Citi Fund Services (Ireland), Limited) in a variety of management roles supporting a number of leading hedge fund managers. His final role was as Vice President of fund accounting operations. Previously, Mr. Harrington worked at Chase Manhattan Bank (Ireland) Limited in fund accounting operations. Mr Harrington holds an M.A. in Economics and Finance from the National University of Ireland, Maynooth and is a CFA charterholder.

**John Oppermann (Irish resident)** Mr Oppermann is resident in Ireland and has been involved in the Investment Funds, Asset Management and Fund Services industry for over 30 years in London and Dublin. He has extensive experience with investment funds domiciled in various locations and across a variety of asset classes and investment strategies. Mr. Oppermann is an independent, non-executive director (INED) of KBA Consulting Management Limited and is the Chair of its Independent Risk Committee. Mr. Oppermann co-founded The Fund Governance Boardroom Panel, a firm which specialises in Collective Investment Governance. He established JPO Corporate Services in 2009 to provide corporate services to entities establishing operations in Ireland and has acted as a consultant within the hedge fund industry since 2008. From 2004 to 2008 Mr. Oppermann held the position of General Manager of Olympia Capital Ireland, and senior positions at RMB International (part of the First Rand Group) and International Fund Services (IFS) from 2001 to 2004. Mr. Oppermann established Capita's Registrar operation in Ireland after they purchased the share registration business of PwC and was Country Manager from 1998 to 2001. From 1995 to 1998 Mr. Oppermann was a member of the senior management team at Mellon Fund Administration (Ireland). Prior to that Mr. Oppermann held a number of senior financial and operational positions in the investment management, pensions and financial services divisions with The Prudential Corporation in London from 1987 to 1995. Mr. Oppermann is a non-executive director for a number of Companies and Funds. He is one of the founding members of the Irish Fund Directors Association and has served on council from 2015 – 2018. Mr. Oppermann is a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, holds an MBA from the Michael Smurfit Graduate School of Business and has received the accreditation of Certified Investment Fund Director from the Institute of Banking School of Professional Finance.

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## INVESTMENT MANAGER

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Pacific Capital Partners Limited, (UK Company number: 02849777) is a private limited company established on 1 September 1993, with registered offices at 124 Sloane Street, London, SW1X 9BW, United Kingdom to provide investment management services. The ultimate holding company of Pacific Capital Partners Limited is Pacific Investments Limited.

Pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, the Investment Manager has been appointed by the Manager to provide discretionary investment management services and distribution services to the Company.

Under the Investment Management Agreement, the Investment Manager is entitled to delegate or sub-contract all or any of its functions, powers, discretions, duties and obligations to any person approved by the Manager, in consultation with the Company, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, provided that such delegation or sub-contract will terminate automatically on the termination of the Investment Management Agreement and provided further that the Investment Manager will remain responsible and liable for any acts or omissions of any such delegates as if such acts or omissions were those of the Investment Manager. All sub-investment managers appointed will be disclosed in the Company's periodic reports. Details of any sub-investment managers appointed will be disclosed to Shareholders on request. Unless disclosed otherwise in the relevant Supplement, management and performance fees due to any such sub-investment managers shall not be paid directly by the Company or the Manager but instead shall be paid by the Investment Manager.

The Investment Management Agreement provides that the Investment Manager (and its directors, officers, employees and agents) shall not be liable for any loss or damage arising directly or indirectly out of any act or omission done or suffered by the Investment Manager in the performance of its duties unless such loss or damage arose out of or in connection with the negligence, wilful default, bad faith or fraud of or by the Investment Manager (or any of its directors, officers, employees and agents) in the performance of its duties hereunder. The Company and the Manager further acknowledge and agree that, in the absence of willful default, fraud or dishonesty on the part of any individual set out above, any claim in respect of a contractual breach of any term of the Investment Management Agreement, including any claim for negligence on the part of the Investment Manager or individuals involved in the performance of the Investment Management Agreement, shall be brought only against the Investment Manager.

For the avoidance of doubt any claims as set out in the paragraph above shall not be brought personally against any other persons involved in the performance of this Agreement (including without limitation against any of its directors, officers, employees and agents), whether actual or deemed servants or agents of the Investment Manager or not.

The Company is obligated under the Investment Management Agreement to indemnify and keep indemnified and hold harmless the Investment Manager (and each of its directors, officers, employees and agents) against any and all claims, actions, proceedings, damages, losses, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees or expenses) suffered or incurred by the Investment Manager in connection with the performance of its duties and / or the exercise of its powers under the Investment Management Agreement, in the absence of any such gross negligence, wilful default, bad faith or fraud.

The Investment Management Agreement shall continue in force until terminated pursuant to the Agreement. Either party may terminate the Agreement on giving not less than six months' prior written notice (or such other period as may be agreed between the parties). Where the Company or the Manager terminates the Investment Management Agreement in the circumstances set out above, it shall not appoint a replacement investment manager, save where the Company is to be liquidated. The Investment Management Agreement may be terminated at any time in the circumstances set out in the Investment Management Agreement.

Distributors appointed in respect of the Company must consider such information in relation to the Company, its Fund and Share Classes as is made available by the Investment Manager for the purposes of the EU's product governance regime including, without limitation, target market information and negative target market information. Distributors and

intermediaries may obtain such information by registering and accessing the distributor-only zone of the Investment Manager's website at [www.pacificam.co.uk](http://www.pacificam.co.uk).

Telephone and/or electronic conversations with the Investment Manager and/or its associated persons may be recorded and retained.

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## DEPOSITARY

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Citi Depositary Services Ireland Designated Activity Company is a designated activity company registered in Ireland with number 193453 and with its registered office at 1 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1. The Depositary is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland under the Investment Intermediaries Act 1995. The principal activity of the Depositary is to provide depositary services to collective investment schemes and other portfolios, such as the Company.

Under the terms of the Depositary Agreement, the Depositary has been appointed as depositary of the Company's assets and the assets of the Company have been entrusted to the Depositary for safekeeping.

The key duties of the Depositary are to perform the depositary duties referred to in Regulation 34 of the UCITS Regulations, essentially consisting of:

- (a) monitoring and verifying the Company and each Fund's cash flows;
- (b) safekeeping of the Company's assets, including, inter alia, verification of ownership;
- (c) ensuring that the issue, redemption, cancellation and valuation of Shares are carried out in accordance with the Articles of Association and applicable law, rules and regulations;
- (d) ensuring that in transactions involving the Company's assets any consideration is remitted to the Company within the usual time limits;
- (e) ensuring that the Company and each Fund's income is applied in accordance with the Articles of Association, applicable law, rules and regulations; and
- (f) carrying out instructions of the Company and/or the Manager as relevant unless they conflict with the Articles of Association or applicable law, rules and regulations.

### *Depositary Liability*

The Depositary is liable to the Company for the loss by the Depositary or a third party to whom the custody of financial instruments that can be held in custody has been delegated. In the case of such a loss of a financial instrument held in custody, the Depositary shall return a financial instrument of identical type or the corresponding amount to the Company without undue delay. The Depositary is not liable if it can prove that the loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond its reasonable control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary. The Depositary will also be liable to the Company and the Shareholders for all other losses suffered by them as arising from the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations pursuant to the UCITS Directive. In case of a loss of financial instruments held in custody, the Shareholders may invoke the liability of the Depositary directly or indirectly through the Company provided that this does not lead to a duplication of redress or to unequal treatment of the Shareholders.

Save where prohibited by applicable law or regulation including without limitation as may be prohibited by the UCITS Directive, the Depositary shall not be liable for consequential or indirect or special damages or losses, arising out of or in connection with the performance or non-performance by the Depositary of its duties and obligations.

### *Delegation of Safekeeping Function and Conflicts of Interest*

Under the terms of the Depositary Agreement the Depositary has the power to delegate certain of its depositary functions.

In general, whenever the Depositary delegates any of its custody functions to a delegate, the Depositary will remain liable for any losses suffered as a result of an act or omission of the delegate as if such loss had arisen as a result of an act or omission of the Depositary. The use of securities settlement systems does not constitute a delegation by the Depositary of its functions.

As at the date of this Prospectus, the Depositary has entered into written agreements delegating the performance of its safekeeping function in respect of certain of the Company's assets to Citibank, N.A. London Branch. As at the date of the Prospectus, the sub-delegates listed in Appendix E have been appointed.

The liability of the Depositary will not be affected by the fact that it has delegated to a third party certain of its safekeeping functions in respect of the Company's assets. In order to discharge its responsibility in regard to the appointment of safekeeping delegates, delegates, the Depositary must exercise due skill, care and diligence in the selection, continued appointment and ongoing monitoring of a third party as a safekeeping agent so as to ensure that the third party has and maintains the expertise, competence and standing appropriate to discharge the responsibilities concerned; maintain an appropriate level of supervision over the safekeeping agent; and make appropriate inquiries from time to time to confirm that the obligations of the agent continue to be competently discharged.

From time to time conflicts may arise between the Depositary and the delegates or sub-delegates, for example where an appointed delegate or sub-delegate is an affiliated group company of the Depositary which receives remuneration for another custodial service it provides to the Company. In the event of any potential conflict of interest which may arise during the normal course of business, the Depositary will have regard to the applicable laws.

#### *Other Provisions of the Depositary Agreement*

The Depositary Agreement provides that it will continue in force unless and until terminated by either party giving not less than 90 days' prior written notice to the other, although termination may be immediate in certain circumstances, such as the insolvency of the Depositary. Upon an (envisaged) removal or resignation of the Depositary, the Company shall with due observance of the applicable requirements of the Central Bank, appoint a successor Depositary. The Depositary may not be replaced without the approval of the Central Bank.

The Depositary Agreement is governed by the laws of Ireland and the courts of Ireland shall have non-exclusive jurisdiction to hear any disputes or claims arising out of or in connection with the Depositary Agreement.

#### *Up-to-date information*

Up-to-date information on the Depositary, its duties, any conflicts that may arise, the safe-keeping functions delegated by the depositary, the list of delegates and sub-delegates and any conflicts of interest that may arise from such a delegation may be requested from the Fund by the Shareholders.

Up-to-date information on the Depositary, its duties, any conflicts that may arise, the safe-keeping functions delegated by the depositary, the list of delegates and sub-delegates and any conflicts of interest that may arise from such a delegation will be made available to Shareholders on request.

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## ADMINISTRATOR

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Pursuant to the Administration Agreement the Manager has appointed Citibank Europe plc to act as the administrator, registrar and transfer agent of the Company with responsibility for performing the day-to-day administration of the Company including the calculation of the Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Share.

The Administrator is a licensed bank, authorised and regulated by the Central Bank. The Administrator was incorporated in Ireland on 9 June 1988 under registered number 132781. The Administrator is a member of the Citigroup group of companies, having its ultimate parent Citigroup Inc., a US publicly quoted company.

The duties and functions of the Administrator, will include, inter alia, the calculation of the Net Asset Value and Net Asset Value per Share of each Fund, the provision of facilities for the certification and registration of Shares, the keeping of all relevant records and accounts of the Company as may be required with respect to the obligations assumed by it pursuant to the Administration Agreement, assisting the Auditors in relation to the audit of the financial statements of the Company and preparing such other reports, accounts and documents as may from time to time be required in relation to the Company and the Funds of the Company .

The Administration Agreement provides that the appointment of the Administrator shall continue unless and until terminated by any party giving to the other not less than 90 days written notice although in certain circumstances the Administration Agreement may be terminated forthwith by notice in writing by any party to the other parties.

The Administration Agreement contains certain indemnities in favour of the Administrator which are restricted to exclude matters arising by reason of the negligence, bad faith, wilful default or fraud of the Administrator or any of its directors, officers or employees in the performance of its functions and services under the Administration Agreement.

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## MEETINGS OF AND REPORTS TO SHAREHOLDERS

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All general meetings of the Company will be held in Ireland. In each year the Company will hold an annual general meeting. 21 days' notice (excluding the day of posting and the day of the meeting) will be given in respect of each general meeting of the Company. The notice will specify the venue and time of the meeting and the business to be transacted at the meeting. A proxy may attend on behalf of any Shareholder. The requirements for quorum and majorities at all general meetings are set out in the Articles. Two members present in person or by proxy will constitute a quorum, save in the case of a meeting of any one Fund or Class where the quorum will be at least two Shareholders who hold at least one third of the Shares of the relevant Fund or Class and in either case if a quorum is not present and the meeting is adjourned one member may constitute the quorum. Under Irish law an Ordinary Resolution is a resolution passed by a simple majority of votes cast and a special resolution is a resolution passed by a majority of 75% or more of the votes cast. Under Irish law, the Articles can be amended only with the agreement of the Shareholders by special resolution.

### ***Reports to Shareholders***

Shareholders will receive an annual report containing audited financial statements of the Company for the period ending December 31 in each year. These annual reports will be made available to Shareholders at least 21 days before the annual general meeting of the Company. The annual report will be made available to prospective investors on request. In addition to the annual reports, each Shareholder will be provided with monthly statements showing their holdings in a Fund and any transactions effected by such Shareholder during the relevant month.

In addition, the Company will prepare and make available to Shareholders a half-yearly report for the period ending June 30 in each year which will include unaudited semi-annual accounts for the Company and each Fund.

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## TAXATION

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### Ireland

*The following is primarily a summary of certain Irish tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposal of Shares by Shareholders who are not resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland for tax purposes. It does not address in detail the position of Shareholders who are resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland (because it is not intended to promote the Shares to such Shareholders). The summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the Irish tax considerations that may be relevant. The summary is based on Irish tax laws and the practice of the Irish Revenue Commissioners in effect on the date of this Prospectus (and is subject to any prospective or retroactive change). Potential investors in Shares should consult their own advisors as to the Irish or other tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposal of Shares.*

### Taxation of the Company

The Company intends to conduct its affairs so that it is Irish tax resident. On the basis that the Company is Irish tax resident, the Company qualifies as an 'investment undertaking' for Irish tax purposes and, consequently, is exempt from Irish corporation tax on its income and gains.

The Company may be obliged to account for Irish tax to the Irish Revenue Commissioners in certain circumstances, as described below. Explanations of the terms '*resident*' and '*ordinarily resident*' are set out at the end of this summary.

### Taxation of non-Irish shareholders

No Irish tax will be deducted by the Company from payments made to Shareholders who are not resident (or ordinarily resident) in Ireland for Irish tax purposes, once the information described below is provided to the Company.

When an application is made to subscribe for Shares, the Company must receive details of an address and a bank account into which payments are to be made for the prospective Shareholder. However, if an Irish address or Irish bank account is submitted to the Company by (or on behalf of) a Shareholder, the Company must also receive a declaration confirming that the Shareholder is not resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland for Irish tax purposes (or, where the Shareholder is an intermediary, that the person who is beneficially entitled to the Shares is not resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland for Irish tax purposes).

If a declaration is not submitted when required, the Company will deduct Irish tax (at a rate of 25% or 41%, depending on the circumstances) in respect of distributions, redemptions, transfers and deemed disposal events relating to that Shareholder. The Company will also deduct Irish tax if the Company is in possession of any information that would reasonably suggest that the information contained in a submitted declaration is not (or is no longer) materially correct. A Shareholder will generally have no entitlement to recover such Irish tax, unless the Shareholder is a company and holds the Shares through an Irish branch and in certain other limited circumstances.

Shareholders are obliged to inform the Company if they become resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland for Irish tax purposes (or, where the Shareholders are intermediaries, if the Shareholders become aware that the person who is beneficially entitled to the Shares may be resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland for Irish tax purposes).

Generally, Shareholders who are not Irish tax resident will have no other Irish tax liability with respect to their Shares. However, if a Shareholder is a company which holds its Shares through an Irish branch or agency, the Shareholder may be liable to Irish corporation tax in respect of profits and gains arising in respect of the Shares (on a self-assessment basis).



## **Taxation of Irish shareholders**

The Company has put appropriate measures in place to ensure that Shareholders are not resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland. The Company does not actively promote its Shares to Irish investors (or in Ireland) and the Company does not distribute any offering material in Ireland in connection with its Shares.

However, if a person who is resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland for Irish tax purposes acquires Shares in the Company, the person is obliged to notify the Company and the Company may be required to deduct Irish tax (at a rate of 25% or 41%, depending on the circumstances) in respect of distributions, redemptions, transfers and deemed disposal events relating to those Shares. Persons who are resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland should seek tax advice before acquiring Shares in the Company.

## **Stamp duty**

No Irish stamp duty (or other Irish transfer tax) will apply to the issue, transfer or redemption of Shares. If a Shareholder receives a distribution *in specie* of assets from the Company, a charge to Irish stamp duty could potentially arise.

## **Gift and inheritance tax**

Irish capital acquisitions tax (at a rate of 33%) could apply to gifts or inheritances of the Shares (irrespective of the residence or domicile of the donor or donee) because the Shares could be treated as Irish situate assets. However, any gift or inheritance of Shares will be exempt from Irish capital acquisitions tax once:

1. the Shares are comprised in the gift or inheritance both at the date of the gift or inheritance and at the 'valuation date' (as defined for Irish capital acquisitions tax purposes);
2. the person from whom the gift or inheritance is taken is neither domiciled nor ordinarily resident in Ireland at the date of the disposition; and
3. the person taking the gift or inheritance is neither domiciled nor ordinarily resident in Ireland at the date of the gift or inheritance.

## **Meaning of terms**

### *Meaning of 'residence' for companies*

A company which has its central management and control in Ireland is tax resident in Ireland irrespective of where it is incorporated. A company which does not have its central management and control in Ireland but which was incorporated in Ireland on or after 1 January 2015 is tax resident in Ireland except where the company is regarded as not resident in Ireland under a double taxation treaty between Ireland and another country.

A company which does not have its central management and control in Ireland but which was incorporated before 1 January 2015 in Ireland is resident in Ireland except where:

1. the company (or a related company) carries on a trade in Ireland and either the company is ultimately controlled by persons resident in EU Member States or in countries with which Ireland has a double tax treaty, or the company (or a related company) are quoted companies on a recognised stock exchange in the EU or in a tax treaty country; or
2. the company is regarded as not resident in Ireland under a double tax treaty between Ireland and another country.

Finally, a company that was incorporated in Ireland before 1 January 2015 will also be regarded as resident in Ireland if the company is (i) managed and controlled in a territory with which a double taxation agreement with Ireland is in force (a 'relevant territory'), and such management and control would have been sufficient, if exercised in Ireland, to make the company Irish tax resident; and (ii) the company would have been tax resident in that relevant territory under its laws had it been incorporated there; and (iii) the company would not otherwise be regarded by virtue of the law of any territory as resident in that territory for the purposes of tax.

### *Meaning of 'residence' for individuals*

An individual will be regarded as being tax resident in Ireland for a calendar year if the individual:

1. spends 183 days or more in Ireland in that calendar year; or
2. has a combined presence of 280 days in Ireland, taking into account the number of days spent in Ireland in that calendar year together with the number of days spent in Ireland in the preceding year. Presence in Ireland by an individual of not more than 30 days in a calendar year will not be reckoned for the purposes of applying this 'two year' test.

An individual is treated as present in Ireland for a day if that individual is personally present in Ireland at any time during that day.

### *Meaning of 'ordinary residence' for individuals*

The term 'ordinary residence' (as distinct from 'residence') relates to a person's normal pattern of life and denotes residence in a place with some degree of continuity. An individual who has been resident in Ireland for three consecutive tax years becomes ordinarily resident with effect from the commencement of the fourth tax year. An individual who has been ordinarily resident in Ireland ceases to be ordinarily resident at the end of the third consecutive tax year in which the individual is not resident. For example, an individual who is resident and ordinarily resident in Ireland in 2007 and departs Ireland in that year will remain ordinarily resident in Ireland up to the end of the tax year in 2010.

### **United States**

**CIRCULAR 230 NOTICE. THE FOLLOWING NOTICE IS BASED ON US TREASURY REGULATIONS GOVERNING PRACTICE BEFORE THE US INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE: (1) ANY US FEDERAL TAX ADVICE CONTAINED HEREIN, INCLUDING ANY OPINION OF COUNSEL REFERRED TO HEREIN, IS NOT INTENDED OR WRITTEN TO BE USED, AND CANNOT BE USED BY ANY TAXPAYER FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING US FEDERAL TAX PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE TAXPAYER; (2) ANY SUCH ADVICE IS WRITTEN TO SUPPORT THE PROMOTION OR MARKETING OF THE TRANSACTIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN (OR IN ANY SUCH OPINION OF COUNSEL); AND (3) EACH TAXPAYER SHOULD SEEK ADVICE BASED ON THE TAXPAYER'S PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM AN INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISOR.**

THE DISCUSSION HEREIN IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS A DISCUSSION PRIMARILY OF THE US TAX CONSEQUENCES TO PROSPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS. EACH PROSPECTIVE SHAREHOLDER SHOULD CONSULT ITS INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISOR WITH RESPECT TO THE TAX ASPECTS OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE COMPANY. TAX CONSEQUENCES MAY VARY DEPENDING UPON THE PARTICULAR STATUS OF A PROSPECTIVE SHAREHOLDER. IN ADDITION, SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS (NOT DISCUSSED HEREIN) MAY APPLY TO PERSONS WHO ARE NOT DIRECT SHAREHOLDERS IN THE COMPANY BUT WHO ARE DEEMED TO OWN SHARES AS A RESULT OF THE APPLICATION OF CERTAIN ATTRIBUTION RULES.

Neither the Company nor any Fund has sought a ruling from the IRS (or any other US federal, state or local agency with respect to any of the tax issues affecting the Company or such Fund, nor has the Company or any Fund obtained an opinion of counsel with respect to any tax issues.

The following is a summary of certain potential US federal tax consequences which may be relevant to prospective Shareholders. The discussion contained herein is not a full description of the complex tax rules involved, does not take into account the application of any income tax treaty and is based upon existing laws, judicial decisions and administrative regulations, rulings and practices, all of which are subject to change, retroactively as well as prospectively. A decision to invest in a Fund should be based upon an evaluation of the merits of the trading program, and not upon any anticipated US tax benefits.

### **US Tax Status**

The Company has been incorporated as an Irish public limited company organized as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between Funds. Generally, the assets of each Fund will be applied solely in respect of the Shares of such

Fund, will belong exclusively to such Fund, and will not be used or available to discharge the liabilities of or claims against any other Fund. Each Fund will be charged with the liabilities, expenses, costs, charges or reserves of the Company in respect of, or attributable to, that Fund. However, the Funds are not separate legal entities for the purposes of incorporation.

Each Fund intends to operate as a separate corporation for US federal tax purposes, separate and apart from the Company and other sub-funds of the Company, and that investors are shareholders of a particular Fund rather than of the Company. Such characterization is uncertain under US tax law as currently interpreted. There is no precedential authority (whether statutory, regulatory, judicial or otherwise) affirming this position and the Company does not intend to seek an opinion of counsel on this point. The IRS has issued a number of non-precedential rulings holding that sub-funds or series of certain unincorporated business entities are separate entities for US federal income tax purposes. Generally, in those rulings, the jurisdiction under which the entities were formed recognized the sub-funds or series as separate legal entities. The Company and Funds, however, differ from the entities addressed by those rulings, because the Company is a "per se" corporation rather than an unincorporated business entity for US federal income tax purposes and the Funds are not separate legal entities for the purposes of incorporation.

Therefore, no assurances can be provided that each Fund will be treated as a separate entity for US federal income tax purposes. If each Fund is not treated as a separate entity for US federal income tax purposes, investors would be treated as shareholders of the Company, rather than of each Fund, and the taxable items of income, gain, loss and deduction of each Fund would be treated as income, gain, loss and deduction of the Company and certain aspects of the analysis below would be different.

The remainder of the US tax discussion herein assumes that the Fund will be treated as a separate corporation for US federal tax purposes.

## **US Trade or Business**

Section 864(b)(2) of the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**"), provides a safe harbor (the "**Safe Harbor**") applicable to a non-US corporation such as a Fund (other than a dealer in securities) that engages in the US in trading securities (including contracts or options to buy or sell securities) for its own account pursuant to which such non-US corporation will not be deemed to be engaged in a US trade or business. Pursuant to proposed regulations, a non-US taxpayer (other than a dealer in stocks, securities or derivatives) that effects transactions in the United States in derivatives (including (i) derivatives based upon stocks, securities, and certain commodities and currencies, and (ii) certain notional principal contracts based upon an interest rate, equity, or certain commodities and currencies) for its own account is not deemed to be engaged in a United States trade or business. Although the proposed regulations are not final, the IRS has indicated in the preamble to the proposed regulations that for periods prior to the effective date of the proposed regulations, taxpayers may take any reasonable position with respect to the application of Section 864(b)(2) of the Code to derivatives, and that a position consistent with the proposed regulations will be considered a reasonable position.

Each Fund intends to conduct its business in a manner so as to meet the requirements of the Safe Harbor. Thus, based on the foregoing, each Fund's securities trading activities are not expected to constitute a US trade or business and, except in the limited circumstances discussed below, each Fund does not expect to be subject to the regular US income tax on any of its trading profits. However, if certain of a Fund's activities were determined not to be of the type described in the Safe Harbor, such Fund's activities may constitute a US trade or business, in which case such Fund would be subject to US income and branch profits tax on the income and gain from those activities.

Even if a Fund's securities trading activity does not constitute a US trade or business, gains realized from the sale or disposition of stock or securities (other than debt instruments with no equity component) of US Real Property Holding Corporations (as defined in Section 897 of the Code) ("**USRPHCs**"), including stock or securities of certain Real Estate Investment Trusts ("**REITs**"), will be generally subject to US income tax on a net basis. However, a principal exception to this rule of taxation may apply if such USRPHC has a class of stock which is regularly traded on an established securities market and a Fund generally did not hold (and was not deemed to hold under certain attribution rules) more than 5% of the value of a regularly traded class of stock or securities of such USRPHC at any time during the five year

period ending on the date of disposition.<sup>1</sup> Moreover, if a Fund were deemed to be engaged in a US trade or business as a result of owning a limited partnership interest in a US business partnership or a similar ownership interest, income and gain realized from that investment would be subject to US income and branch profits tax. Each Fund intends to conduct its activities so as to avoid any direct US taxation under the rules discussed in this paragraph.

### ***Identity of Beneficial Ownership and Withholding on Certain Payments***

In order to avoid a US withholding tax of 30% on certain payments (including payments of gross proceeds) made with respect to certain actual and deemed US investments, the Company and each Fund will be required to comply with the terms of an intergovernmental agreement IGA entered into between Ireland and the US with respect to the US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA). Under the IGA, the Company and each Fund will be required to identify certain direct and indirect US account holders and equity holders. An investor in a Fund will generally be required to provide to such Fund information which identifies its status for FATCA purposes, as well as its direct and indirect US ownership. Any such information provided to a Fund may be shared with the government of Ireland, which may, in turn, share such information with the US government. An investor who fails to provide such information to a Fund will also be reported to the government of Ireland, which will then share such information with the US. Penalties may be applicable to investors that choose not to comply with the terms of FATCA and / or the IGA. Shareholders should consult their own tax advisers regarding the possible implications of this legislation on their investments in a Fund.

### **US Withholding Tax**

In general, under Section 881 of the Code, a non-US corporation which does not conduct a US trade or business is nonetheless subject to tax at a flat rate of 30% on the gross amount of certain US source income which is not effectively connected with a US trade or business, generally payable through withholding. Income subject to such a flat tax rate is of a fixed or determinable annual or periodic nature, including dividends, certain "dividend equivalent payments" and certain interest income.

Certain types of income are specifically exempted from the 30% tax and thus withholding is not required on payments of such income to a non-US corporation. The 30% tax does not apply to capital gains (whether long or short-term) or to interest paid to a non-US corporation on its deposits with US banks. The 30% tax also does not apply to interest which qualifies as portfolio interest. The term "portfolio interest" generally includes interest (including original issue discount) on an obligation in registered form which has been issued after July 18, 1984 and with respect to which the person who would otherwise be required to deduct and withhold the 30% tax receives the required statement that the beneficial owner of the obligation is not a US person within the meaning of the Code. In addition, if any credit default swap is characterized as a contract of insurance or a guarantee, payments received under such credit default swap may be subject to an excise tax or a withholding tax.

### **Redemption of Shares**

Gain realized by Shareholders who are not US persons within the meaning of the Code ("**non-US shareholders**") upon the sale, exchange or redemption of Shares held as a capital asset should generally not be subject to US federal income tax provided that the gain is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the US. However, in the case of non-resident alien individuals, such gain will be subject to the 30% (or lower tax treaty rate) US tax if (i) such person is present in the US for 183 days or more during the taxable year (on a calendar year basis unless the non-resident alien individual has previously established a different taxable year) and (ii) such gain is derived from US sources.

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1. The Fund will also be exempt from tax on dispositions of REIT shares, whether or not those shares are regularly traded, if less than 50% of the value of such shares is held, directly or indirectly, by non-US persons at all times during the five-year period ending on the date of disposition. However, even if the disposition of REIT shares would be exempt from tax on a net basis, distributions from a REIT (whether or not such REIT is a USRPHC), to the extent attributable to the REIT's disposition of interests in US real property, are subject to tax on a net basis when received by the Fund and may be subject to the branch profits tax. Distributions from certain publicly traded REITs to non-US shareholders owning 5% or less of the shares are subject to a 30% gross withholding tax on those distributions and are not subject to tax on a net basis.

Generally, the source of gain upon the sale, exchange or redemption of Shares is determined by the place of residence of the Shareholder. For purposes of determining the source of gain, the Code defines residency in a manner that may result in an individual who is otherwise a non-resident alien with respect to the US being treated as a US resident only for purposes of determining the source of income. Each potential individual shareholder who anticipates being present in the US for 183 days or more (in any taxable year) should consult his tax advisor with respect to the possible application of this rule.

Gain realized by a non-US shareholder engaged in the conduct of a US trade or business will be subject to US federal income tax upon the sale, exchange or redemption of Shares if such gain is effectively connected with its US trade or business.

### **Estate and Gift Taxes**

Individual holders of Shares who are neither present nor former US citizens or US residents (as determined for US estate and gift tax purposes) are not subject to US estate and gift taxes with respect to their ownership of such Shares.

### **U.K. Taxation**

Brief details of the taxation treatment in the U.K. are set out below. The summary is relevant only to persons holding Shares in the Company as an investment, and who are resident for tax purposes in the U.K. (except in so far as express reference is made to the treatment of non- U.K. residents). The summary does not apply to special classes of Shareholder, such as financial traders, pension funds or insurance companies, to whom separate rules may apply. The summary is based on current U.K. law and published practice as at the date of this document, which law or practice is, in principle, subject to any subsequent changes. Investors should consult their own professional advisers if in any doubt as to their tax position. In particular, residents or citizens of a country other than the U.K. may be subject to the tax laws and requirements of those jurisdictions and should seek your own professional advice in respect of your taxation position in those jurisdictions.

### ***The Company***

The Directors intend to conduct the affairs of the Company so that it does not become resident in the U.K. for U.K. tax purposes. In these circumstances, the Company should not be subject to U.K. tax on its income and gains (other than potential U.K. withholding tax on interest or certain other kinds of income received by the Company that have a U.K. source), provided that the Company is not regarded for U.K. tax purposes as carrying on a trade in the U.K. through a fixed place of business or an agent situated therein that constitutes the Company's U.K. "permanent establishment".

The Company may, under U.K. tax legislation, be regarded as carrying on a trade in the United Kingdom through the agency of the Investment Manager. It is, however, intended that affairs of the Company and the Investment Manager should be managed and conducted such that neither the Investment Manager nor any of the persons or entities that are partners in the Investment Manager constitutes a U.K. "permanent establishment" of the Company, by reason of an exemption contained in sections 1142 and 1146 to 1150 (inclusive) of the U.K. Corporation Tax Act 2010. This exemption is often referred to as the Investment Manager Exemption ("**IME**").

In organising its affairs such that it is able to meet the IME conditions, the Company and the Investment Manager will take account of a revised statement of practice published by the U.K. tax authorities that sets out their interpretation of the law. However, it cannot be assured that the conditions of the IME will be met at all times in respect of the Company. Failure to qualify for the IME in respect of the Company could subject the Company to U.K. tax liability which could be substantial.

### **The Shareholders**

(A) Income

The Directors do not generally anticipate paying any dividends in respect of the Shares. In the event that the Company determines to launch Share Classes which are eligible for dividend payments, they shall be identified as “Distributing” Share Classes in the relevant Supplement. See under the heading “Gains” below for a discussion of the tax treatment of any income reported by a Class of Shares in the event that it seeks and obtains reporting fund status.

## (B) Gains

Shareholders who are resident in the UK for UK tax purposes should be aware that their Shares will constitute interests in an “offshore fund” (as defined in section 355 Taxation (International and Other Provisions) Act 2010 for the purpose of the Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations 2009 (as amended), which took effect on 1 December 2009.

Each Class of Shares in each Fund is an “offshore fund” and is subject to the new offshore funds regime which came into effect for accounting periods commencing on or after 1 December 2009. Under this regime, gains realised on the disposal of Shares are subject to tax as income in the hands of UK taxpaying investors unless the relevant Class is a “reporting fund” throughout the period during which the Shares have been held by the relevant investor.

Please refer to [www.pacificam.co.uk](http://www.pacificam.co.uk) for a list of the Classes of the Funds which have elected to be “Reporting Funds” for UK Offshore Fund purposes. The reportable income for each of the reporting Classes can also be found at [www.pacificam.co.uk](http://www.pacificam.co.uk). Reporting Funds must report their income within six (6) months of their accounting period end.

If a Class is not a reporting fund for an accounting period, then the UK tax position of any UK-taxpaying investors who hold Shares in the relevant Class for any part of that period will be affected. Any gain arising on the sale, redemption or other disposal of such Shares (including on death) held by persons who are resident or ordinarily resident in the UK for UK tax purposes will be taxed at the time of that sale, redemption or disposal as income and not as a capital gain. Accordingly, individual investors will be liable to income tax on the gain, not capital gains tax, and corporate investors will be liable to corporation tax on the gain as if the gain were income, without any allowances or relief applicable to capital gains.

If a Class is a reporting fund for every accounting period during any part of which a relevant Shareholder has held its Shares of the Class, UK taxpaying individuals will be liable to capital gains tax on gains realised on disposals of holdings in the Class according to their personal circumstances, and UK corporation tax paying companies will similarly be subject to corporation tax on such gains as chargeable gains.

In order for a Class to be a “reporting fund”, very broadly, the Class must either distribute and / or report all its income to investors each year. Shareholders should be aware that they will be taxable on any amounts reported, regardless of the fact that they may not receive a physical distribution of such income.

Special rules apply in certain circumstances for determining the income of a Class if it is a reporting fund. Where a Class invests in other funds which are themselves reporting funds, any income received from or reported by such funds must be included in the reportable income of the Class for the period. However, where a Class invests in a non-reporting fund, there are two possible outcomes. Broadly, where the Class has sufficient information to allow it to compute the income of the underlying fund, then generally the Class can use the appropriate proportion of this for the purposes of computing its own income and treat the Class’s holding in the underlying Fund as if such underlying fund is a reporting fund. If this is not possible, then the Class must bring the fair value increase of its holding in the underlying fund over the Class’s accounting period (i.e. it computes the fair value at the beginning of the period and deducts that amount from the fair value at the end of the period) into account as its income. This would result in the Class distributing/reporting this amount to its Shareholders, which would generally be unfavourable for tax paying UK Shareholders. There is provision for carry forward of fair value losses, so that they can be offset against future fair value gains.

It is intended that where reasonably possible and considered to be beneficial for the Shareholders in a Class as a whole, the Directors, at their sole discretion, may conduct the affairs of the Company so as to enable the Class to make an election to become a “reporting fund” from the date of its launch and, in such circumstances, application for approval of the Class as a reporting fund will be made to HMRC. If considered appropriate, the Directors will endeavour to ensure that reporting fund status is obtained and maintained, however, this cannot be guaranteed. Shareholders should contact the Administrator or Investment Manager to determine whether such certification has been obtained (and continues to be maintained) in relation to a particular Class.

If a Class is a reporting fund, then Shareholders resident in the UK for taxation purposes will generally be liable to UK income tax or corporation tax in respect of any reported income in accordance with their own tax circumstances.

For the purposes of the above, reported income includes distributed income and any excess of reportable income over distributions, which is deemed to be distributed for UK tax purposes upon the final day of the relevant accounting period.

Excess reportable income will generally be taxed as a dividend. If so, U.K. resident individuals should generally be entitled to a non-payable dividend tax credit equal to 1/9<sup>th</sup> of the dividend paid or deemed to be paid. Individuals liable to U.K. income tax at the higher rate will have to pay income tax, after taking into account the tax credit, equivalent to twenty five (25) per cent of their net receipt or deemed receipt. (However, taxpayers subject to the additional rate of income tax will have to pay income tax, after taking into account the tax credit, approximately equivalent to thirty one (31) per cent of their net receipt or deemed receipt.) Individuals who are exempt from U.K. tax will not be liable to tax on the dividends, but will not be able to reclaim the dividend tax credit. A shareholder within the charge to U.K. corporation tax, which is not a "small company", should generally be exempt from U.K. corporation tax on dividends and deemed dividends unless certain anti-avoidance provisions apply.

Dividends and other income distributions paid to individuals by a Fund will be taxed as interest where a Fund fails to satisfy the "qualifying investments test". If so, no tax credit would be available in respect of the dividend and the applicable rates of tax would be twenty (20) per cent for basic rate tax payers and forty (40) per cent for higher rate taxpayers (increasing to forty five (45) per cent for taxpayers subject to the additional rate of income tax). Individuals who are exempt from U.K. tax will not be liable to tax on the deemed interest. Also, persons within the charge to U.K. corporation tax should note that under the loan relationships regime, if at any time in an accounting period such a person holds an interest in a Fund, and there is a time in that period when the Fund fails to satisfy the "qualifying investments test", the interest held by such a person will be treated for that period as if it were rights under a creditor relationship for the purposes of the regime. A Fund will fail to satisfy the "qualifying investments test" at any time when more than sixty (60) per cent of its assets (broadly, other than cash awaiting investment) by market value comprise government and corporate debt, securities or cash on deposit or certain derivative contracts or holdings in other funds which at any time in the relevant accounting period do not themselves satisfy the "qualifying investments test".

#### *Anti-Avoidance Provisions*

*The U.K. tax rules contain a number of anti-avoidance codes that can apply to U.K. investors in offshore funds in particular circumstances. It is not anticipated that they will normally apply to Shareholders. Any U.K. taxpaying investor who (together with connected persons) holds over twenty five (25) per cent of the Company should take specific advice.*

#### **FATCA**

Ireland has an intergovernmental agreement with the United States of America (the "IGA") in relation to the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"), of a type commonly known as a 'model 1' agreement. Ireland has also enacted regulations to introduce the provisions of the IGA into Irish law. The Company intends to carry on its business in such a way as to ensure that it is treated as complying with FATCA, pursuant to the terms of the IGA. The Company has registered with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a 'reporting financial institution' for FATCA purposes and intends to report information to the Irish Revenue Commissioners relating to Shareholders who, for FATCA purposes, are specified US persons, non-participating financial institutions (to the extent required) or passive non-financial foreign entities that are controlled by specified US persons. Any information reported by the Company to the Irish Revenue Commissioners will be communicated to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the IGA. It is possible that the Irish Revenue Commissioners may also communicate this information to other tax authorities pursuant to the terms of any applicable double tax treaty, intergovernmental agreement or exchange of information regime.

The Company should generally not be subject to FATCA withholding tax in respect of its U.S. source income for so long as it complies with its FATCA obligations. FATCA withholding tax of 30% would only be envisaged to arise on U.S. source payments to the Company (and, beginning no earlier than 2019, on, potentially, gross proceeds that can produce U.S.-source interest or dividends and on foreign pass-through payments, a term which is not yet defined) if

the Company did not comply with its FATCA registration and reporting obligations and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service specifically identified the Company as being a 'non-participating financial institution' for FATCA purposes.

Under FATCA, the Company may also be required to withhold 30% on certain payments made to certain investors if the payments are treated as "foreign passthru payments". As mentioned above, however, the term "foreign passthru payment", is not yet defined, and it is not clear whether or to what extent payments on the Shares might be considered foreign passthru payments and if the Company would be required to withhold. Under the U.S. Treasury Regulations, withholding will not be required with respect to foreign passthru payments before January 1, 2019.

Each Shareholder acknowledges that the Company may take such action as it considers necessary in accordance with applicable law in relation to each Shareholder's holding to ensure that any withholding tax borne by the Company under FATCA, and any costs, interests, penalties and other losses and liabilities suffered by the Company, any Fund, the Investment Manager, the Administrator, the Depositary, or any other investor, or any agent, delegate, employee, director, officer or affiliate of any of the foregoing persons, arising from such Shareholder's failure to provide any documentation or information upon request for the purposes of FATCA or any similar reporting regime is economically borne by such Shareholder.

### **OECD Common Reporting Standard**

The automatic exchange of information regime known as the "Common Reporting Standard" proposed by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development applies in Ireland. Under these measures, the Company is required to report information to the Irish Revenue Commissioners relating to Shareholders, including the identity, residence and tax identification number of Shareholders and details as to the amount of income and sale or redemption proceeds received by Shareholders in respect of the Shares. This information may then be shared by the Irish Revenue Commissioners with tax authorities in other EU member states and other jurisdictions which implement the OECD Common Reporting Standard.

The OECD Common Reporting Standard regime was adopted by the EU Union in Directive 2014/107/EU. In Ireland, regulations implementing the OECD Common Reporting Standard came into effect on 31 December 2015.

The foregoing description of income tax consequences of an investment in and the operations of a Fund is based on laws and regulations which are subject to change through legislative, judicial or administrative action. Other legislation could be enacted that would subject a Fund to income taxes or subject shareholders to increased income taxes.

Prospective shareholders should also review any related tax disclosure in the applicable Fund Supplement.

THE TAX AND OTHER MATTERS DESCRIBED IN THIS MEMORANDUM DO NOT CONSTITUTE, AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS, LEGAL OR TAX ADVICE TO PROSPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS.

### **Summary**

The foregoing is not a complete summary of all of the tax consequences of investment in the Company. Each prospective investor is advised to consult with its own tax adviser with respect to the US federal, state and local and non-US tax consequences of, and the reporting requirements attributable to, the purchase, ownership and disposition of Shares.



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## GENERAL

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### *The Share Capital*

The share capital of the Company will at all times equal the NAV. The authorised share capital of the Company is €300,002 (three hundred thousand and two Euro) represented by 300,002 (three hundred thousand and two) Subscriber Shares of no par value issued at €1.00 each and 500,000,000,000 (five hundred billion) Shares of no par value. The Directors are empowered to issue up to 500 billion Shares of no par value in the Company at the NAV per Share (or the relevant initial subscription price in the case of new Funds) on such terms as they may think fit.

Each of the Shares entitles the Shareholder to participate equally on a pro rata basis in the dividends (in the case of Funds and Classes which declare dividends) and net assets of the Fund in respect of which they are issued, save in the case of dividends declared prior to becoming a Shareholder. The Subscriber Shares entitle the Shareholders holding them to attend and vote at all meetings of the Company, but do not entitle the holders to participate in the dividends or net assets of any Fund.

The Directors, in consultation with the Manager, also reserve the right to redesignate any Class of Shares from time to time, provided that Shareholders in that Class will first have been notified by the Company that the Shares will be redesignated and will have been given the opportunity to have their Shares redeemed by the Company.

Each of the Shares entitles the holder to attend and vote at meetings of the Company and of the Fund represented by those Shares. The Articles provide that matters may be determined at meetings of the Shareholders on a show of hands unless a poll is requested by Shareholders holding 10% or more of the Shares or unless the Chairman of the meeting requests a poll. Each Shareholder will have one vote on a show of hands. Each Shareholder will be entitled to such number of votes as will be produced by dividing the aggregate NAV of that Shareholder's shareholding (expressed or converted into the Base Currency and calculated as of the relevant record date) by one. The "relevant record date" for these purposes will be a date being not more than 30 days prior to the date of the relevant general meeting or written resolution as determined by the Directors. Where a separate written resolution or general meeting of a particular Class or tranche of Shares is held, in such circumstances, the Shareholders' votes will be calculated by reference only to the NAV of each Shareholder's shareholding in that particular Class or tranche, as appropriate. The Subscriber Shareholders will have one vote for each Subscriber Share held. In relation to a resolution which in the opinion of the Directors affects more than one Class of Shares or gives or may give rise to a conflict of interest between the Shareholders of the respective Classes, such resolution will be deemed to have been duly passed, only if, in lieu of being passed through a single meeting of the Shareholders of those Classes, such resolution will have been passed at a separate meeting of the Shareholders of each such Class.

### *Miscellaneous*

- (i) The Directors confirm and report that the Company was incorporated in Ireland on 24 November 2014.
- (ii) The Company is not engaged in any legal or arbitration proceedings and no legal or arbitration proceedings are known to the Directors to be pending or threatened by or against the Company.
- (iii) Each Director has entered into an engagement letter with the Company.
- (iv) As at the date of this prospectus, no Director or any connected person of any director has any interest, beneficial or non-beneficial, in the share capital of the Fund or any options in respect of the share capital of the Fund.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contracts, each as may be amended or updated from time to time, have been entered into and are, or may be, material:

- The Management Agreement;

- The Investment Management Agreement;
- The Depositary Agreement;
- The Administration Agreement;
- A Sub-Investment Management Agreement dated 11 September 2017 with North of South Capital LLP in relation to Pacific North of South EM All Cap Equity;
- A Sub-Investment Management Agreement dated 5 December 2018 with Guinness Asset Management Limited in relation to dVAM Global Equity Income PCP;
- A Sub-Investment Management Agreement dated 5 July 2019 between Pacific Capital Partners Limited and Fulcrum Asset Management LLP;
- A Sub-Investment Management Agreement dated 7 December 2020 between Pacific Capital Partners Limited and Threadneedle Asset Management Limited; and
- A Product Advisory Agreement dated 5 December 2018 with DVAM Limited.

### **Supply and Inspection of Documents**

Copies of the following documents are available for inspection free of charge during normal business hours on weekdays (Saturdays and public holidays excepted) at the registered office of the Company:

- (a) Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company;
- (b) the certificate of incorporation;
- (c) the material contracts referred to above; and
- (d) the UCITS Regulations.

Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company (each as amended from time to time) and the latest financial reports of the Company, as appropriate, may be obtained, free of charge, upon request at the registered office of the Company.

### **Data Privacy**

The Company will control and protect personal data in accordance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the General Data Protection Regulation (“**GDPR**”), as described in greater detail in the Company’s data privacy statement. A copy of this data privacy statement will be available at [www.pacificam.co.uk](http://www.pacificam.co.uk) and appended to the application form.

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## APPENDIX A – DEFINITIONS OF US PERSON AND NON-US PERSON

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### A. Regulation S Definition of US Person

- (1) **“US Person”** means:
- (a) any natural person resident in the United States;
  - (b) any partnership or corporation organized or incorporated under the laws of the United States;
  - (c) any estate of which any executor or administrator is a US Person;
  - (d) any trust of which any trustee is a US Person;
  - (e) any agency or branch of a foreign entity located in the United States;
  - (f) any non-discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary for the benefit or account of a US Person;
  - (g) any discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary organized, incorporated, or (if an individual) resident in the United States; and
  - (h) any partnership or corporation if:
    - (i) organized or incorporated under the laws of any foreign jurisdiction; and
    - (ii) formed by a US Person principally for the purpose of investing in securities not registered under the Securities Act, unless it is organized or incorporated, and owned, by accredited investors (as defined in Rule 501(a) under the Securities Act) who are not natural persons, estates or trusts.
- (2) Notwithstanding (1) above, any discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held for the benefit or account of a non-US Person by a dealer or other professional fiduciary organized, incorporated, or (if an individual) resident in the United States will not be deemed a “US Person.”
- (3) Notwithstanding (1) above, any estate of which any professional fiduciary acting as executor or administrator is a US Person will not be deemed a “US Person” if:
- (a) an executor or administrator of the estate who is not a US Person has sole or shared investment discretion with respect to the assets of the estate; and
  - (b) the estate is governed by foreign law.
- (4) Notwithstanding (1) above, any trust of which any professional fiduciary acting as trustee is a US Person will not be deemed a US Person if a trustee who is not a US Person has sole or shared investment discretion with respect to the trust assets, and no beneficiary of the trust (and no settlor if the trust is revocable) is a “US Person.”
- (5) Notwithstanding (1) above, an employee benefit plan established and administered in accordance with the law of a country other than the United States and customary practices and documentation of such country will not be deemed a “US Person.”
- (6) Notwithstanding (1) above, any agency or branch of a US Person located outside the United States will not be deemed a “US Person” if:

- (a) the agency or branch operates for valid business reasons; and
  - (b) the agency or branch is engaged in the business of insurance or banking and is subject to substantive insurance or banking regulation, respectively, in the jurisdiction where located.
- (7) The International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the United Nations, and their agencies, affiliates and pension plans, and any other similar international organizations, their agencies, affiliates and pension plans will not be deemed “US Persons.”

B. Under the Commodity Exchange Act, a “Non-United States Person” is defined as:

- (1) a natural person who is not a resident of the United States;
- (2) a partnership, corporation or other entity, other than an entity organized principally for passive investment, organized under the laws of a foreign jurisdiction and which has its principal place of business in a foreign jurisdiction;
- (3) an estate or trust, the income of which is not subject to United States income tax regardless of source;
- (4) an entity organized principally for passive investment such as a pool, investment company or other similar entity; provided, that units of participation in the entity held by persons who do not qualify as Non-United States Persons or otherwise as qualified eligible persons represent in the aggregate less than 10% of the beneficial interest in the entity, and that such entity was not formed principally for the purpose of facilitating investment by persons who do not qualify as Non-United States Persons in a pool with respect to which the operator is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the CFTC’s regulations by virtue of its participants being Non-United States Persons; and
- (5) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of an entity organized and with its principal place of business outside the United States.

C. Under the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, a “US Person” is defined as:

- (1) an individual who is a US citizen or a US “resident alien.” Currently, the term “resident alien” is defined to generally include an individual who (i) holds an Alien Registration Card (a “green card”) issued by the US Immigration and Naturalization Service or (ii) meets a “substantial presence” test. The “substantial presence” test is generally met with respect to any current calendar year if (i) an individual is present in the US on at least 31 days during such year and (ii) the sum of (A) the number of days on which such individual is present in the US during the current year, (B) 1/3 of the number of such days during the first preceding year, and (C) 1/6 of the number of such days during the second preceding year, equals or exceeds 183 days;
- (2) a corporation or partnership created or organized in the United States or under the law of the United States or any state;
- (3) a trust where (i) a US court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and (ii) one or more US Persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; and
- (4) an estate that is subject to US tax on its worldwide income from all sources.

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## APPENDIX B – RECOGNISED MARKETS

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The following exchanges and markets constitute Recognised Markets for the purposes of this Prospectus:

Any stock exchange in an EU Member State or in any of the following member countries of the OECD:

Australia, Canada, Iceland, Japan, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Any of the following stock exchanges:

- Bahrain Bahrain Bourse
- Bangladesh Dhaka Stock Exchange  
Chittagong Stock Exchange
- Botswana Botswana Stock Exchange
- Bermuda Bermuda Stock Exchange
- Bosnia Sarajevo Stock Exchange (SASE)
- Brazil BM&F BOVESPA S.A.  
Bolsa de Comercio de Santiago  
Bolsa Electronica de Chile  
Bolsa de Valparaiso
- Bulgaria The Stock Exchange of Bulgaria – Sofia
- Chile Santiago Stock Exchange  
Valparaiso Stock Exchange  
Bolsa Electronica de Chile
- China Shanghai Securities Exchange  
Shenzhen Stock Exchange
- Colombia Bolsa de Valores de Colombia
- Costa Rica Bolsa Nacional de Valores
- Egypt Egyptian Exchange
- Ghana Ghana Stock Exchange
- Georgia Georgian Stock Exchange
- Hong Kong The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited  
Hong Kong Futures Exchange
- Iceland NASDAQ OMX Iceland hf.
- India The National Stock Exchange of India  
Bombay Stock Exchange  
Bombay Stock Exchange Ltd  
National Stock Exchange
- Indonesia Indonesia Stock Exchange
- Israel Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Limited
- Italy Borsa Italiana
- Jamaica Jamaica Stock Exchange
- Japan Osaka Securities Exchange Derivatives
- Jordan Amman Stock Exchange
- Kazakhstan Kazakhstan Stock Exchange
- Kenya Nairobi Stock Exchange
- Korea (South) Korea Exchange
- Kuwait Kuwait Stock Exchange
- Macedonia Macedonian Stock Exchange
- Malaysia Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad  
Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Berhad
- Mauritius Stock Exchange of Mauritius
- Mexico Bolsa Mexicana de Valores  
Mercado Mexicana de Derivados
- Morocco Bourse de Casablanca
- Nigeria Nigerian Stock Exchange
- Oman Muscat Securities Market

-	Panama	Bolsa de Valores de Panama
-	Pakistan	Karachi Stock Exchange Lahore Stock Exchange Islamabad Stock Exchange
-	Peru	Borsa de Valores de Lima
-	Philippines	Philippines Stock Exchange
-	Qatar	Qatar Exchange
-	Saudi Arabia	Tadawul Stock Exchange Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency
-	Serbia	Belgrade Stock Exchange
-	Singapore	Singapore Exchange Limited CATALIST Singapore Derivatives Exchange (XSIM)
-	South Africa	JSE Limited South African Futures Exchange
-	Sri Lanka	Colombo Stock Exchange
-	Sweden	OMX Nordic Exchange
-	Taiwan (Republic of China)	Taiwan Stock Exchange GreTai Securities Market (GTSM) Taiwan Futures Exchange (TAIFEX)
-	Tanzania	Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange
-	Thailand	Stock Exchange of Thailand Market for Alternative Investments (MAI) Bond Electronic Exchange Thailand Futures Exchange
-	Tunisia	Bourse des Valeurs Mobilieres de Tunis Turkish Derivatives Exchange
-	Turkey	Istanbul Stock Exchange
-	United States	Chicago Mercantile Exchange (XCME) Chicago Board of Trade ICE Futures U.S. Exchange NYSE LIFFE
-	United Arab Emirates (UAE)	Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (A.D.X.; formerly Abu Dhabi Securities Market (ADSM) Dubai: Financial Market (DFM) NASDAQ Dubai Limited
-	Uruguay	Bolsa de Valores de Montevideo Bolsa Electronica de Valores del Uruguay S.A.
-	Vietnam	Ho Chi Min Stock Exchange (HOSE) Hanoi Stock Exchange Unlisted Public Companies Market (UPCOM)

The following markets:

- the market organised by the International Capital Market Association;
- the market conducted by “listed money market institutions” as described in the Financial Services Authority Publication “The Regulation of the Wholesale cash and Derivatives Markets under Section 43 of the Financial Services Act 1986 (The Grey Paper)” dated June 1999 (as amended from time to time);
- (a) NASDAQ in the United States, (b) the market in the U.S. government securities conducted by the primary dealers regulated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; and (c) the over-the-counter market in the United States conducted by primary dealers and secondary dealers regulated by the

Securities and Exchange Commission and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and by banking institutions regulated by the U.S. Comptroller of Currency, the Federal Reserve System or Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;

- the over-the-counter market in Japan regulated by the Securities Dealers Association of Japan;
- AIM - the alternative investment market in the U.K. regulated and operated by the London Stock Exchange;
- the French market for “Titres de Creance Negotiable” (over-the-counter market in negotiable instruments); and
- the over-the-counter market in Canadian Government Bonds, regulated by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada.
- Multilateral Trading Facilities which meet with applicable regulatory criteria, as same may be amended from time to time.

## **DERIVATIVES MARKETS**

In the case of an investment in listed or traded FDI in any derivative market approved in any EEA state member or cooperating country or in any of the member countries of the OECD including their territories covered by the OECD Convention.

These exchanges and markets are listed above in accordance with the regulatory criteria as defined in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. The Central Bank does not issue a list of approved markets.

With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities the Company will only invest in securities traded on a stock exchange or market which meets with the regulatory criteria (regulated, operated regularly, recognised and open to the public) and which is listed in this Prospectus.

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## APPENDIX C – EFFICIENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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**This section of the Prospectus clarifies the instruments and / or strategies which the Company and/or the Manager and/or its duly appointed delegate may use for efficient portfolio management purposes. Where derivative instruments are used for hedging purposes, details of the derivative instruments to be used will be specifically disclosed in the relevant Supplement. The Investment Manager will, on request provide supplementary information to Shareholders relating to the risk management methods employed including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of investments.**

The Investment Manager may, on behalf of each Fund and subject to the conditions and limits set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities for hedging purposes (to protect an asset of a Fund against, or minimise liability from, fluctuations in market value or foreign currency exposures) or for efficient portfolio management purposes (with a view to achieving a reduction in risk, a reduction in costs or an increase in capital or income returns to the Fund provided such transactions are not speculative in nature). Investment in FDI which give exposure to foreign exchange will only be used for hedging purposes. Such techniques and instruments may include investments in exchange-traded or over-the-counter (“**OTC**”) FDI, such as currency forwards (which may be used to manage currency risk) and interest rate swaps (which may be used to manage interest rate risk). A Fund may also invest in the FDI as part of its investment strategy where such intention is disclosed in the Fund’s investment policy and provided that the counterparties to such transactions are institutions, with legal personality, typically located in OECD jurisdictions subject to prudential supervision and, in relation to OTC transactions, belong to categories approved by the Central Bank.

The Investment Manager employs a risk management process in respect of a Fund in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank to enable it to accurately monitor, measure and manage, the global exposure from FDIs (“**global exposure**”) which each Fund gains. The method used to calculate a Fund’s global exposure will be as disclosed in the relevant Supplement. The Company will, on request, provide supplemental information to Shareholders relating to the risk management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of investment.

The conditions and limits for the use of such techniques and instruments in relation to each Fund are as follows:

1. In no circumstances will the global exposure of a Fund relating to FDI exceed 100% of its Net Asset Value.
2. Position exposure to the underlying assets of FDIs, including embedded FDIs in transferable securities or money market instruments, when combined where relevant with positions resulting from direct investments, may not exceed the investment limits set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. (This provision does not apply in the case of index based FDIs provided the underlying index is one which meets with the criteria set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations).
3. A Fund may invest in FDIs dealt in OTC provided that the counterparties to OTCs are institutions subject to prudential supervision and belonging to categories approved by the Central Bank.
4. Investment in FDIs are subject to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank.

### **Efficient Portfolio Management - Other Techniques and Instruments**

1. In addition to the investments in FDIs noted above, the Company may employ other techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and money market instruments, which will be specifically disclosed in the relevant Supplement, subject to the conditions and limits set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations such as securities lending, only for efficient portfolio management. Techniques and instruments which relate to transferable securities or money market instruments and which are used for the purpose of efficient portfolio management, including FDIs which are not used for direct investment purposes, will be understood as a reference to techniques and instruments which fulfil the following criteria:



- (a) they are economically appropriate in that they are realised in a cost-effective way;
- (b) they are entered into for one or more of the following specific aims:
  - reduction of risk;
  - reduction of cost;
  - generation of additional capital or income for the Fund with a level of risk which is consistent with the risk profile of the Fund and the risk diversification rules set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations;
- (c) their risks are adequately captured by the risk management process of the Manager (in the case of FDIs only); and
- (d) they cannot result in a change to the Fund's declared investment objective or add substantial supplementary risks in comparison to the general risk policy as described in the sales documents.

Techniques and instruments (other than FDIs) which may be used for efficient portfolio management purposes are set out below and are subject to the conditions set out below.

2. A Fund may, without limit, enter into repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending arrangements only for the purposes of efficient portfolio management subject to the conditions set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. Under a repurchase agreement, a Fund acquires securities from a seller (for example, a bank or securities dealer) who agrees, at the time of sale, to repurchase the securities at a mutually agreed-upon date (usually not more than seven days from the date of purchase) and price, thereby determining the yield to the Fund during the term of the repurchase agreement. The resale price reflects the purchase price plus an agreed upon market rate of interest which is unrelated to the coupon rate or maturity of the purchased security. A Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements under which it sells a security and agrees to repurchase it at a mutually agreed upon date and price. A Fund may lend its securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions.

The following applies to repurchase agreement, reverse repurchase agreements ("repo contracts") and securities lending arrangements entered into in respect of a Fund and reflects the requirements of the Central Bank and is subject to changes thereto:

- (a) Repo contracts and securities lending may only be effected in accordance with normal market practice.
- (b) The Company must have the right to terminate any securities lending arrangement which it has entered into at any time or demand the return of any or all of the securities loaned.
- (c) Repo contracts, securities borrowing or securities lending does not constitute borrowing or lending for the purposes of the UCITS Regulations.
- (d) The Company may only enter into securities lending arrangements with counterparties subject to the conditions and limits set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations where a credit assessment has been undertaken. Where the counterparty is subject to a credit rating by any agency registered and supervised by ESMA, that rating shall be taken into account in the credit assessment. Where a counterparty is downgraded to A2 or below (or comparable rating) by such a credit rating agency, a new credit assessment in respect of the counterparty will be undertaken without delay.
- (e) Where the Company enters into reverse repurchase agreements in respect of a Fund, the Company must be able at any time to recall the full amount of cash or to terminate the reverse repurchase agreement on either an accrued basis or a mark-to-market basis. When the cash is recallable at any time on a mark-to-market basis, the mark-to-market value of the reverse repurchase agreement should be used for the calculation of the Net Asset Value. Fixed-term reverse repurchase agreements that do not exceed seven

days should be considered as arrangements on terms that allow the assets to be recalled at any time by the Company.

- (f) Any interest or dividends paid on securities which are the subject of such securities lending arrangements shall accrue to the benefit of the Fund.

3. The Manager shall ensure that all revenues arising from efficient portfolio management techniques and instruments, not received directly by the Company, net of direct and indirect operational costs and fees (which do not include hidden revenue), are returned to the Company. To the extent the Company engages in securities lending it may appoint a securities lending agent, which may or may not be an affiliate of the Investment Manager, the Company or the Depositary and which may receive a fee in relation to its securities lending activities. Any operational costs arising from such securities lending activities will be borne by the securities lending agent out of its fee. The names of any securities lending agents appointed will be disclosed in the periodic reports of the Company.

#### 4. When Issued, Delayed Delivery and Forward Commitment Securities

The Company may invest in securities on a when-issued, delayed delivery and forward commitment basis and such securities will be taken into consideration in calculating a Fund's investment restriction limits. The details of any such securities will be disclosed in the relevant supplement.

### **Risks and potential conflicts of interest involved in efficient portfolio management techniques.**

There are certain risks involved in efficient portfolio management activities and the management of collateral in relation to such activities (see further below). Please refer to the section of this Prospectus entitled "Conflicts of Interest" and "Risk Considerations" and, in particular but without limitation, the risk factors relating to FDI risks, counterparty risk, and counterparty risk to the Depositary and other depositaries. These risks may expose investors to an increased risk of loss.

### **Management of collateral for OTC financial derivative transactions and efficient portfolio management techniques**

*For the purposes of this section, "Relevant Institutions" refers to those institutions which are credit institutions authorised in the EEA or credit institutions authorised within a signatory state (other than an EEA Member State) to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1998 or credit institutions in a third country deemed equivalent pursuant to Article 107(4) of the Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012.*

- (a) Collateral obtained in respect of OTC financial derivative transactions and efficient portfolio management techniques ("**Collateral**"), such as securities lending arrangements, must comply with the following criteria:
  - (i) liquidity: Collateral (other than cash) should be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multi-lateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to its pre-sale valuation. Collateral should also comply with the provisions of Regulation 74 of the UCITS Regulations;
  - (ii) valuation: Collateral should be capable of being valued on a daily basis and assets that exhibit high price volatility should not be accepted as Collateral unless suitably conservative haircuts are in place. Collateral may be marked to market daily by the counterparty using its procedures, subject to any agreed haircuts, reflecting market values and liquidity risk and may be subject to variation margin requirements;

- (iii) issuer credit quality: Collateral should be of high quality, in making such a determination (a) where the issuer is subject to a credit rating by an agency registered and supervised by ESMA that rating shall be taken into account in the credit assessment process; and (b) where an issuer is downgraded below the two highest short-term credit ratings by the credit rating agency referred to in (a) this shall result in a new credit assessment of the issuer being conducted without delay;
  - (iv) correlation: Collateral should be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is expected not to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty;
  - (v) diversification: Subject to the below, collateral should be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of a Fund's Net Asset Value. When a Fund is exposed to different counterparties the different baskets of collateral should be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer. A Fund may be fully collateralised in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a third country, or a public international body to which one or more Member States belong. Such a Fund should receive securities from at least six different issues, but securities from any single issue should not account for more than 30% of the Fund's Net Asset Value. Where it is intended that a Fund be fully collateralised in securities issued or guaranteed by a Member State, this shall be set out in the relevant Supplement. The Member States, local authorities, or public international bodies or guaranteeing securities which can be accepted as collateral for more than 20% of a Fund's Net Asset Value shall also be set out in the relevant Supplement; and
  - (vi) immediately available: Collateral must be capable of being fully enforced by the Company at any time without reference to or approval from the counterparty.
- (b) Subject to the above criteria, Collateral must be in the form of one of the following:
- (i) cash;
  - (ii) government or other public securities;
  - (iii) certificates of deposit issued by Relevant Institutions;
  - (iv) bonds / commercial paper issued by Relevant Institutions or by non-bank issuers where the issue or the issuer are rated A1 or equivalent;
  - (v) letters of credit with a residual maturity of three months or less, which are unconditional and irrevocable and which are issued by Relevant Institutions; and
  - (vi) equity securities traded on a stock exchange in the EEA, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Canada, Japan, the United States, Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Australia or New Zealand.
- (c) Until the expiry of the securities lending arrangement, collateral obtained under such contracts or arrangements:
- (i) must be marked to market daily; and
  - (ii) must equal or exceed, in value, at all times the value of the amount invested or securities loaned.
- (d) Collateral must be held by the Depositary, or its agent (where there is title transfer). This is not applicable in the event that there is no title transfer in which case the Collateral can be held by a third party depositary which is subject to prudential supervision, and which is unrelated to the provider of the Collateral.
- (e) Non-cash Collateral:

Non- cash Collateral cannot be sold, re-invested or pledged.

(f) Cash Collateral:

Cash as Collateral may only be:

- (i) placed on deposit with Relevant Institutions;
  - (ii) invested in high quality government bonds;
  - (iii) reverse repurchase agreements provided the transactions are with credit institutions subject to the prudential supervision and the UCITS is able to recall at any time the full amount of cash on an accrued basis; and
  - (iv) invested in short term money market funds.
- (g) Re-invested cash collateral should be diversified in accordance with the diversification requirements applicable to non-cash Collateral. Where cash collateral is re-invested it will be subject to the same risks as direct investments as set out under “Risk Considerations” above.
- (h) The Manager (in consultation with its duly appointed delegate) has implemented a haircut policy in respect of each class of assets received as Collateral. A haircut is a discount applied to the value of a Collateral asset to account for the fact that its valuation, or liquidity profile, may deteriorate over time. The Directors shall ensure that each decision to apply or refrain from applying a haircut is documented. The haircut policy takes account of the characteristics of the relevant asset class, including the credit standing of the issuer of the Collateral, the price volatility of the Collateral and the results of any stress tests which may be performed in accordance with the stress testing policy. The value of any Collateral received by the Company, adjusted in light of the haircut policy, will equal or exceed, in value, at all times, the relevant counterparty exposure.
- (i) Without prejudice to paragraphs relating to non-cash collateral and cash collateral above, a Fund may be permitted to undertake repo transactions pursuant to which additional leverage is generated through the re-investment of collateral. In this case the repo transaction must be taken into consideration for the determination of global exposure as required by the Central Bank. Any global exposure generated must be added to the global exposure created through the use of derivatives and the total of these must not be greater than 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Where collateral is re-invested in financial assets that provide a return in excess of the risk-free return the UCITS must include, in the calculation of global exposure:
- (i) the amount received if cash collateral is held;
  - (ii) the market value of the instrument concerned if non-cash collateral is held.
- (j) Any counterparty to a repo contract or stock lending arrangement shall be subject to an appropriate internal credit assessment carried out by the Manager, which shall include amongst other considerations, external credit ratings of the counterparty, the regulatory supervision applied to the relevant counterparty, industry sector risk and concentration risk. Where such counterparty (a) was subject to a credit rating by an agency registered and supervised by ESMA that rating shall be taken into account by the Manager in the credit assessment process; and (b) where a counterparty is downgraded to A-2 or below (or comparable rating) by the credit rating agency referred to in subparagraph (a) this shall result in a new credit assessment being conducted of the counterparty by the Manager without delay.
- (k) A Fund must have the right to terminate the stocklending agreement at any time and demand the return of any or all of the securities loaned.

- (l) A Fund that enters into a reverse repurchase agreement must ensure that it is able at any time to recall the full amount of cash or to terminate the reverse repurchase agreement on either an accrued basis or a mark-to-market basis. When the cash is recallable at any time on a mark-to-market basis, the mark-to-market value of the reverse repurchase agreement should be used for the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. A Fund must have the right to terminate the stocklending agreement at any time and demand the return of any or all of the securities loaned.
- (m) A Fund that enters into a repurchase agreement should ensure that it is able at any time to recall any securities subject to the repurchase agreement or to terminate the repurchase agreement into which it has entered.
- (n) Repo contracts or stocklending agreements do not constitute borrowing or lending for the purposes of Regulations 103 and 111 of the UCITS Regulations respectively.

### ***Costs Associated with Use of Repo Contracts and Stocklending Agreements for Efficient Portfolio Management***

All revenues from repurchase, reverse repurchase and stocklending arrangements entered into by a Fund, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the relevant Fund. The identities of the entities to which any direct and indirect costs and fees are paid shall be disclosed in the annual financial statements of the Company and such entities may include the Manager, the Depositary or entities related to the Depositary. Further information relating to related party transactions is provided at “**Conflicts of Interest**” above.

In selecting counterparties to these arrangements, the Investment Manager may take into account whether such costs and fees will be at normal commercial rates.

### ***Impact on Use of Repo Contracts and Stocklending Agreements for Efficient Portfolio Management***

Where a Fund enters into a repurchase agreement under which it sells securities to the counterparty, it will incur a financing cost from engaging in this transaction which will be paid to the relevant counterparty. In the event that the cash proceeds arising from the transaction are reinvested by the Fund in order to cover such costs, such cash proceeds shall be invested in risk-free assets and no incremental market risk will be assumed by the relevant Fund.

There is no global exposure generated by a Fund as a result of entering into reverse repurchase arrangements, nor do any such arrangements result in any incremental market risk.

Where cash collateral is received by a Fund under a stock-lending arrangement and is invested in risk free assets, no incremental market risk will be assumed by the Fund.

The use of the techniques described above may expose a Fund to the risks disclosed under the heading “Risk Considerations - Currency Counterparty Risk”.

### ***References to Ratings***

The European Union (Alternative Investment Fund Managers) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 379 of 2014) (the Amending Regulations) transpose the requirements of the Credit Ratings Agencies Directive (2013/14/EU) (“**CRAD**”) into Irish law. CRAD aims to restrict the reliance on ratings provided by credit rating agencies and to clarify the obligations for risk management. In accordance with the Amending Regulations and the CRAD (which amended the Regulations), notwithstanding anything else in this Prospectus, the Company, the Manager or the Investment Manager shall not solely or mechanically rely on credit ratings in determining the credit quality of an issuer or counterparty.

## **SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION REGULATIONS**

Each Fund's exposure to securities financing transactions (total return swaps, repo contracts and securities lending arrangements) will be outlined in detail in the relevant Supplement.

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## APPENDIX D – INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

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The assets of each Fund must be invested in accordance with the restrictions on investments set out in the UCITS Regulations and such additional investment restrictions in accordance with Central Bank requirements, if any, as may be adopted from time to time by the Manager, in consultation with the Company, in respect of any Fund and specified in the relevant Supplement. The principal investment restrictions applying to each Fund under the UCITS Regulations are described as follows:

### 1 Permitted Investments

A Fund may invest in:

- 1.1 transferable securities and money market instruments, as prescribed in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, which are either admitted to official listing on a Recognised Market in an EU Member State or non-EU Member State or which are dealt on a market which is regulated, operates regularly, is recognised and open to the public in an EU Member State or non-EU Member State;
- 1.2 recently issued transferable securities which will be admitted to official listing on a Recognised Market within a year;
- 1.3 money market instruments, as defined in the Regulations, other than those dealt on a Recognised Market;
- 1.4 units of UCITS;
- 1.5 units of AIFs as set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations;
- 1.6 deposits with credit institutions as prescribed in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations; and
- 1.7 financial derivative instruments (“FDI”) as prescribed in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

### 2 Investment Restrictions

- 2.1 A Fund may invest no more than 10% of net assets in transferable securities and money market instruments other than those referred to in paragraph 1.
- 2.2 A Fund may invest no more than 10% of net assets in recently issued transferable securities which will be admitted to official listing on a Recognised Market within a year. This restriction will not apply in relation to investment by a Fund in certain U.S. securities known as Rule 144A securities which satisfy the requirements of paragraph 1.1 above or provided that:
  - i) the securities are issued with an undertaking to register with the U.S. Securities and Exchanges Commission within one year of issue; and
  - ii) the securities are not illiquid securities i.e. they may be realised by the Fund within seven days at the price, or approximately at the price, at which they are valued by the Fund.
- 2.3 A Fund may invest no more than 10% of net assets in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same body provided that the total value of transferable securities and money market instruments held in the issuing bodies in each of which it invests more than 5%, is less than 40%.
- 2.4 The limit of 10% in 2.3 is raised to 35% if the transferable securities or money market instruments are issued or guaranteed by an EU Member State or its local authorities or by a non-EU Member State or public international body of which one or more EU Member States are members. The transferable

securities and money market instruments referred to in 2.4 and 2.7 will not be taken into account for the purpose of applying the limit of 40% referred to in 2.3.

- 2.5 Cash booked in accounts and held as ancillary liquidity (with a single credit institution) shall not exceed 20% of net assets.
- 2.6 The risk exposure of a Fund to a counterparty to an over-the-counter (“**OTC**”) derivative may not exceed 5% of net assets. This limit is raised to 10% in the case of a credit institution authorised in the EEA, a credit institution authorised within a signatory state (other than an EEA Member State) to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1988 or a credit institution in a third country deemed equivalent pursuant to Article 107(4) of the Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012.
- 2.7 Notwithstanding paragraphs 2.3, 2.5 and 2.6 above, a combination of two or more of the following issued by, or made or undertaken with, the same body may not exceed 20% of net assets:
- (i) investments in transferable securities or money market instruments;
  - (ii) deposits, and / or
  - (iii) counterparty risk exposures arising from OTC derivatives transactions.
- 2.8 The limits referred to in 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7 above may not be combined, so that exposure to a single body will not exceed 35% of net assets.
- 2.9 Group companies are regarded as a single issuer for the purposes of 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7. However, a limit of 20% of net assets may be applied to investment in transferable securities and money market instruments within the same group.
- 2.10 A Fund may invest up to 100% of net assets in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by any EU Member State, its local authorities, non-EU Member States or public international body of which one or more EU Member States are members, as may be drawn from the following list:

OECD Governments (provided the relevant issues are investment grade), Government of Brazil (provided the issues are of investment grade), Government of the People’s Republic of China (provided the issues are of investment grade), Government of India (provided the issues are of investment grade), Government of Singapore, European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Corporation, International Monetary Fund, Euratom, The Asian Development Bank, European Central Bank, Council of Europe, Eurofima, African Development Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (The World Bank), The Inter American Development Bank, European Union, Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae), Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Tennessee Valley Authority, Straight-A Funding LLC and Export-Import Bank. In the case of a Fund which has invested 100% of net assets in this manner, such Fund must hold securities from at least 6 different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30% of net assets.

### **3 Investment in Collective Investment Schemes (“CIS”)**

- 3.1 A Fund may not invest more than 10% of net assets in aggregate in CIS, including AIF CIS.



- 3.2 A CIS in which a Fund invests may not invest more than 10% of its net assets in other open ended CIS. The assets of the CIS in which a Fund has invested do not have to be taken into account when complying with the investment restrictions set out herein.
- 3.3 When a Fund invests in the units of other CIS that are managed, directly or by delegation, by the Investment Manager or by any other company with which the Investment Manager is linked by common management or control, or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, the Investment Manager or other company will not charge subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of the Fund's investment in the units of such other CIS.
- 3.4 Where a commission (including a rebated commission) is received by the Investment Manager by virtue of an investment in the units of another CIS, this commission will be paid into the assets of the relevant Fund.
- 3.5 A Fund may only invest in another Fund of this Company if the Fund in which it is investing does not itself hold Shares in any other Fund of this Company.

#### 4 **General Provisions**

- 4.1 The Company or a management company acting in connection with all of the CIS it manages may not acquire any shares carrying voting rights which would enable it to exercise significant influence over the management of an issuing body.
- 4.2 A Fund may acquire no more than:
- (1) 10% of the non-voting shares of any single issuing body;
  - (2) 10% of the debt securities of any single issuing body;
  - (3) 25% of the units of any single CIS; or
  - (4) 10% of the money market instruments of any single issuing body.

The limits laid down in 4.2 (2), (3) and (4) above may be disregarded at the time of acquisition if at that time the gross amount of the debt securities or of the money market instruments, or the net amount of the securities in issue cannot be calculated.

- 4.3 4.1 and 4.2 will not be applicable to:
- (1) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by an EU Member State or its local authorities;
  - (2) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a non-EU Member State;
  - (3) transferable securities and money market instruments issued by public international bodies of which one or more EU Member States are members;
  - (4) shares held by a Fund in the capital of a company incorporated in a non-EU Member State which invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuing bodies with their registered offices in that State, where under the legislation of that State such a holding represents the only way in which a Fund can invest in the securities of issuing bodies in that State. This waiver is applicable only if in its investment policies the company from the non-EU Member State complies with the limits laid down in 2.3 to 2.10, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6 provided that where these limits are exceeded, paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6 below are observed.

- (5) shares held by an investment company or investment companies in the capital of subsidiary companies carrying on only the business of management, advice or marketing in the country where the subsidiary is located, in regard to the repurchase of units at unit-holders' request exclusively on their behalf.
- 4.4 A Fund need not comply with the investment limits herein when exercising subscription rights attaching to transferable securities or money market instruments which form part of their assets.
- 4.5 The Central Bank may allow a recently authorised Fund to derogate from the provisions of 2.3 to 2.9 and 3.1 for six months following the date of its authorisation, provided it observes the principle of risk spreading.
- 4.6 If the limits laid down herein are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of the Company and/or the Manager, or as a result of the exercise of subscription rights, the Manager must adopt as a priority objective for its sales transactions the remedying of that situation, taking due account of the interests of the Shareholders.
- 4.7 Neither the Company, nor the Investment Manager will carry out uncovered sales of:
- transferable securities;
  - money market instruments\*;
  - units of CIS; or
  - financial derivative instruments.
- 4.8 A Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets.

## 5 **Financial Derivative Instruments**

- 5.1 a Fund's global exposure (as prescribed in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations) relating to FDI must not exceed its total net asset value.
- 5.2 position exposure to the underlying assets of FDI, including embedded FDI in transferable securities or money market instruments, when combined where relevant with positions resulting from direct investments, may not exceed the investment limits set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. (This provision does not apply in the case of index based FDI provided the underlying index is one which meets with the criteria set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations).
- 5.3 a Fund may invest in FDI dealt in over-the-counter ("**OTC**") provided that the counterparties to over-the-counter transactions (OTCs) are institutions subject to prudential supervision and belonging to categories approved by the Central Bank.
- 5.4 investment in FDI is subject to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank.

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\* Any short selling of money market instruments by the Company is prohibited.

## 6 **General Provisions**

A Fund may not acquire either precious metals or certificates representing them. This provision does not prohibit a Fund from investing in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by a corporation whose main business is concerned with precious metals.

The Directors may, in consultation with the Manager, adopt additional investment restrictions with respect to any Fund to facilitate the distribution of Shares in the relevant Fund to the public in a particular jurisdiction. In addition, the investment restrictions set out above may be changed from time to time by the Directors, in consultation with the Manager, in accordance with a change in the applicable law and regulations in any jurisdiction in which Shares in a Fund is currently offered provided that the assets of each Fund will at all times be invested in accordance with the restrictions on investments set out in the UCITS Regulations. In the event of any such addition to, or change in, the investment restrictions applicable to any Fund, a reasonable notification period will be provided by the Company to enable Shareholders in the relevant Fund to redeem their Shares prior to implementation of these changes.

**APPENDIX E – LIST OF SUB-CUSTODIANS**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Citibank NA (London branch)</b>
<b>Argentina</b>	The Branch of Citibank, N.A. in the Republic of Argentina
<b>Australia</b>	Citigroup Pty. Limited
<b>Austria</b>	Citibank Europe plc
<b>Bahrain</b>	Citibank, N.A., Bahrain Branch
<b>Bangladesh</b>	Citibank, N.A., Bangladesh Branch
<b>Belgium</b>	Citibank Europe plc
<b>Bermuda</b>	The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited acting through its agent, HSBC Bank Bermuda Limited
<b>Bosnia-Herzegovina (Sarajevo)</b>	UniCredit Bank d.d.
<b>Bosnia-Herzegovina: Srpska (Banja Luka)</b>	UniCredit Bank d.d.
<b>Botswana</b>	Standard Chartered Bank of Botswana Limited
<b>Brazil</b>	Citibank, N.A., Brazilian Branch
<b>Bulgaria</b>	Citibank Europe plc Bulgaria Branch
<b>Canada</b>	Citibank Canada
<b>Chile</b>	Banco de Chile
<b>China B Shanghai</b>	Citibank, N.A., Hong Kong Branch (For China B shares)
<b>China B Shenzhen</b>	Citibank, N.A., Hong Kong Branch (For China B shares)
<b>China A Shares</b>	Citibank (China) Co., Ltd (China A shares)
<b>China Hong Kong Stock Connect</b>	Citibank, N.A., Hong Kong Branch
<b>Clearstream ICSD</b>	
<b>Colombia</b>	Cititrust Colombia S.A. Sociedad Fiduciaria
<b>Costa Rica</b>	Banco Nacional de Costa Rica
<b>Croatia</b>	Privedna Banka Zagreb d.d.
<b>Cyprus</b>	Citibank Europe plc, Greece Branch
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Citibank Europe plc, organizacni slozka
<b>Denmark</b>	Citibank Europe plc
<b>Egypt</b>	Citibank, N.A., Egypt
<b>Estonia</b>	Swedbank AS
<b>Euroclear</b>	Euroclear Bank SA/NV
<b>Finland</b>	Nordea Bank Abp.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Citibank NA (London branch)</b>
<b>France</b>	Citibank Europe plc
<b>Georgia</b>	JSC Bank of Georgia
<b>Germany</b>	Citibank Europe plc
<b>Ghana</b>	Standard Chartered Bank of Ghana Limited
<b>Greece</b>	Citibank Europe plc, Greece Branch
<b>Hong Kong</b>	Citibank N.A., Hong Kong Branch
<b>Hungary</b>	Citibank Europe plc, Hungarian Branch Office
<b>Iceland</b>	Islandsbanki hf
<b>India</b>	Citibank, N.A. Mumbai Branch
<b>Indonesia</b>	Citibank, N.A., Jakarta Branch
<b>Ireland</b>	Citibank N.A., London Branch
<b>Israel</b>	Citibank, N.A., Israel Branch
<b>Italy</b>	Citibank Europe plc
<b>Jamaica</b>	Scotia Investments Jamaica Limited
<b>Japan</b>	Citibank N.A., Tokyo Branch
<b>Jordan</b>	Standard Chartered Bank Jordan Branch
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	Citibank Kazakhstan JSC
<b>Kenya</b>	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited
<b>Korea (South)</b>	Citibank Korea Inc.
<b>Kuwait</b>	Citibank N.A., Kuwait Branch
<b>Latvia</b>	Swedbank AS, based in Estonia and acting through its Latvian branch, Swedbank AS
<b>Lithuania</b>	Swedbank AS, based in Estonia and acting through its Lithuanian branch, Swedbank AB
<b>Luxembourg</b>	only offered through the ICSDs- Euroclear & Clearstream
<b>Macedonia</b>	Raiffeisen Bank International AG
<b>Malaysia</b>	Citibank Berhad
<b>Malta</b>	Citibank is a direct member of Clearstream Banking, which is an ICSD.
<b>Mauritius</b>	The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
<b>Mexico</b>	Banco Nacional de Mexico, SA
<b>Morocco</b>	Citibank Maghreb S.A
<b>Namibia</b>	Standard Bank of South Africa Limited acting through its agent, Standard Bank Namibia Limited
<b>Netherlands</b>	Citibank Europe plc
<b>New Zealand</b>	Citibank, N.A., New Zealand Branch

<b>Country</b>	<b>Citibank NA (London branch)</b>
<b>Nigeria</b>	Citibank Nigeria Limited
<b>Norway</b>	Citibank Europe plc
<b>Oman</b>	The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited acting through its agent, HSBC Bank Oman S.A.O.G
<b>Pakistan</b>	Citibank, N.A., Pakistan Branch
<b>Panama</b>	Citibank N.A., Panama Branch
<b>Peru</b>	Citibank del Peru S.A
<b>Philippines</b>	Citibank, N.A., Philippine Branch
<b>Poland</b>	Bank Handlowy w Warszawie SA
<b>Portugal</b>	Citibank Europe plc
<b>Qatar</b>	The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited acting through its agent, HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
<b>Romania</b>	Citibank Europe plc, Dublin - Romania Branch
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited acting through its agent, HSBC Saudi Arabia Ltd.
<b>Serbia</b>	UniCredit Bank Srbija a.d.
<b>Singapore</b>	Citibank, N.A., Singapore Branch
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	Citibank Europe plc pobočka zahraničnej banky
<b>Slovenia</b>	UniCredit Banka Slovenia d.d. Ljubljana
<b>South Africa</b>	Citibank N.A., South Africa Branch
<b>Spain</b>	Citibank Europe plc
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	Citibank, N.A. Sri Lanka Branch
<b>Sweden</b>	Citibank Europe plc, Sweden Branch
<b>Switzerland</b>	Citibank N.A., London Branch
<b>Taiwan</b>	Citibank Taiwan Limited
<b>Tanzania</b>	Standard Bank of South Africa acting through its affiliate Stanbic Bank Tanzania Ltd
<b>Thailand</b>	Citibank, N.A., Bangkok Branch
<b>Tunisia</b>	Union Internationale de Banques
<b>Turkey</b>	Citibank, A.S.
<b>Uganda</b>	Standard Chartered Bank of Uganda Limited
<b>Ukraine</b>	JSC Citibank
<b>UAE- Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange</b>	Citibank N.A., UAE
<b>United Arab Emirates DFM</b>	Citibank N.A., UAE

<b>Country</b>	<b>Citibank NA (London branch)</b>
<b>United Arab Emirates NASDAQ Dubai</b>	Citibank N.A., UAE
<b>United Kingdom</b>	Citibank N.A., London Branch
<b>United States*</b>	Citibank N.A., New York offices
<b>Uruguay</b>	Banco Itau Uruguay S.A.
<b>Vietnam</b>	Citibank N.A., Hanoi Branch

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## APPENDIX F – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

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This Country Supplement forms part of and should be read in connection with the prospectus of Pacific Capital UCITS Funds PLC (the “Company”) dated 13 March 2023 (the “Prospectus”) and in particular, the section headed “Fees and Expenses” of the Prospectus. All capitalised terms contained herein shall have the same meaning in this Country Supplement as in the Prospectus unless otherwise indicated.

According to Article 310 of the Investment Code the Company has notified the Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht (Federal Financial Supervisory Authority) of the intention to distribute Shares of the Company’s Funds in the Federal Republic of Germany.

### Facilities for Investors

Citibank Europe plc  
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Dublin 1, Ireland

provides facilities for investors in Germany to perform the following tasks according to Article 92(1)(a)-(b) of Directive 2009/65/EC as amended by Directive (EU) 2019/1160:

- Process subscription, repurchase and redemption orders and make payments to German investors
- Provide investors with information on how applications for the redemption and conversion of shares can be made and how repurchase and redemption proceeds are paid

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provides facilities for investors in Germany to perform the following task according to Article 92(1)(d) of Directive 2009/65/EC as amended by Directive (EU) 2019/1160:

- Make the required information and documents available to investors for the purposes of inspection and obtaining copies thereof

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provides facilities for investors in Germany to perform the following tasks according to Article 92(1)(c)+(e) of Directive 2009/65/EC as amended by Directive (EU) 2019/1160:

- Facilitate the handling of information and access to procedures and arrangements relating to the investors' exercise of their rights arising from their investment (investor complaints)
- Provide investors with information relevant to the tasks that the facilities perform in a durable medium

Applications for the redemption and conversion of Shares, which are distributed in Federal Republic of Germany, may be sent to Administrator, Registrar and Transfer agent, Citibank Europe plc directly or via the custodian bank of the German investor.

All payments to investors, including redemption proceeds, potential distributions and other payments will be paid through Citibank Europe plc. Subscription and redemption monies may be paid from / to the German account at the custodian bank of the German investor or any other account the investor indicates as suitable.

The Prospectus, the key information documents, the Memorandum and Articles of the Company and the annual and semi-annual reports may be obtained free of charge, and upon request in hardcopy, at the office of ACOLIN Europe AG during normal business hours.

Issue, redemption, and conversion prices of Shares and notices to Shareholders are also available from ACOLIN Europe AG.



The material contracts referred to in sections “Material Contracts” and “Supply and Inspection of Documents” are available free of charge for inspection at ACOLIN Europe AG during normal business hours.

Any complaints should initially be made to the Compliance Officer at Pacific Asset Management, 1 Portland Place, 3rd Floor, London W1B 1PN. The procedure for the investigation of complaints is available upon request.

Issue, redemption and conversion prices will be published on the website [www.fundinfo.com](http://www.fundinfo.com). Notices are sent to the registered Shareholders via e-mail.

Additionally, Shareholders in the Federal Republic of Germany are notified on the website <http://www.pacificam.co.uk/> in the following cases:

- suspension of the redemption of a Fund's Shares,
- termination of the management or winding-up of a Fund,
- any amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of the Company which are inconstant with the previous investment principles, amendments to material investor rights to the detriment of investors or amendments to the detriment of investors which relate to remuneration and reimbursement of expenses that may be paid or made out of the asset pool,
- merger of Funds,
- conversion of a Fund in a feeder fund or the amendments to a master fund.

3 April 2023