

**If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Prospectus, the risks involved in investing in the Company or the suitability for you of investment in the Company, you should consult your stock broker or other independent financial adviser. Prices for shares in the Company may fall as well as rise.**

The Directors of the Company whose names appear under the heading “Management and Administration” in this 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 anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

## **PRUSIK UMBRELLA UCITS FUND PLC**

### **An umbrella fund with segregated liability between Funds**

(an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between Funds incorporated with limited liability in Ireland under the Companies Act 2014 with registration number 491099 and established as an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. No. 352 of 2011), as amended).

## **P R O S P E C T U S**

**Manager**

**FUNDROCK MANAGEMENT COMPANY (IRELAND) LIMITED**

**Investment Manager and Distributor**

**PRUSIK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLP**

The date of this Prospectus is 18 November, 2025

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This Prospectus should be read in conjunction with the Section entitled "Definitions".

### **The Prospectus**

This Prospectus describes Prusik Umbrella UCITS Fund Plc (the "**Company**"), an open ended umbrella investment company incorporated with variable capital in Ireland and authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "Central Bank") as an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. No. 352 of 2011) (as may be amended), ("**UCITS**") with segregated liability between its sub-funds. The Company is structured as an umbrella fund and may comprise several portfolios of assets with segregated liability between each portfolio, each a "Fund". The share capital of the Company may be divided into different classes of shares each representing a separate Fund and further sub-divided, to denote differing characteristics attributable to particular Shares, into "Classes".

This Prospectus may only be issued with one or more Supplements, each containing information relating to a separate Fund. Details relating to Classes may be dealt with in the relevant Fund Supplement or in separate Supplements for each Class. Each Supplement shall form part of, and should be read in conjunction with, this Prospectus. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between this Prospectus and any Supplement, the relevant Supplement shall prevail.

The latest published annual and half yearly reports of the Company will be supplied to subscribers free of charge on request and will be available to the public as further described in the section of the Prospectus headed "Reports and Accounts".

### **Authorisation by the Central Bank**

**The Company is both authorised and supervised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "Central Bank"). Authorisation of the Company by the Central Bank shall not constitute a warranty as to the performance of the Company and the Central Bank shall not be liable for the performance or default of the Company. The authorisation of the Company is not an endorsement or guarantee of the Company by the Central Bank and the Central Bank is not responsible for the contents of this Prospectus.**

**An investment in the Company should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors. Prices of Shares in the Company may fall as well as rise.**

**The Directors are empowered to levy a redemption charge not exceeding 3% of the Net Asset Value per Share. Details of any such charge with respect to one or more Funds will be set out in the relevant Supplement.**

**The difference at any one time between the sale price (to which may be added a sales charge or commission) and the redemption price of Shares (from which may be deducted a redemption fee) means an investment should be viewed as medium to long term.**

### **Charging Fees and Expenses to Capital**

**Shareholders should note that the Company may charge all or part of the fees and expenses (including management fees) to capital. Shareholders should note that capital may be eroded and this will have the effect of lowering the capital value of an investment. Thus, on redemption of holdings of such Shares, Shareholders may not receive back the full amount invested. The policy of charging fees and expenses to capital seeks to maximise distributions.**

### **Restrictions on Distribution and Sale of Shares**

The distribution of this Prospectus and the offering of Shares may be restricted in certain jurisdictions. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer or solicitation in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorised or the 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 of and to observe all applicable laws and regulations of the countries of his nationality, residence, ordinary residence or domicile.

The Directors may restrict the ownership of Shares by any person, firm or corporation where such ownership would be in breach of any regulatory or legal requirement or may affect the tax status of the Company. Any restrictions applicable to a particular Fund or Class shall be specified in the relevant Supplement for such Fund or Class. Any person who is holding Shares in contravention of the restrictions set out above or, by virtue of his holding, is in breach of the laws and regulations of any competent jurisdiction or whose holding could, in the opinion of the Directors, cause the Company or any Shareholder or any Fund to incur any liability to taxation or to suffer any pecuniary disadvantage which any or all of them might not otherwise have incurred or sustained or otherwise in circumstances which the Directors believe might be prejudicial to the interests of the Shareholders, shall indemnify the Company, the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Depositary, the Administrator and Shareholders for any loss suffered by it or them as a result of such person or persons acquiring or holding Shares in the Company.

The Directors have the power under the Articles of Association to compulsorily redeem and/or cancel any Shares held or beneficially owned in contravention of the restrictions imposed by them as described herein.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, each Shareholder (and each employee, representative, or other agent of the Shareholder) may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of an investment in the Company 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.

## **United Kingdom**

The Financial Conduct Authority (the “**FCA**”) has granted, recognition under section 271A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (“**FSMA**”) for Prusik Asian Equity Income Fund (the “**Fund**”) a sub-fund of the Company. This allows the Fund to be marketed in the United Kingdom, in accordance with the requirements of the UK’s Overseas Fund Regime.

The Company does not have a permanent place of business in the United Kingdom. The Company does not carry on investment business in the UK, so as to require the conduct of its business to be regulated under the FSMA. Shareholders will therefore not benefit from the protections provided by the UK regulatory system.

Shareholders will not benefit from rights under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme which is designed to protect investors as described in FSMA and the rules of the UK Financial Conduct Authority (the “**FCA**”). Compensation under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme will generally not be available to United Kingdom investors. Shareholders who are “Eligible Complainants” for the purposes of the FCA Dispute Resolutions Complaints rules are able to refer complaints against the Investment Manager to the Financial Ombudsman Service (the “**FOS**”), further details of which are available at [www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk). To determine eligibility in relation to the FOS, Shareholders should consult the website above and speak to their legal advisers.

This Prospectus should be read in conjunction with the Key Investor Documents, as relevant. Together these constitute a direct offer financial promotion and a United Kingdom investor applying for shares in response only to these documents will not have a right to cancel or withdraw that application under the provisions dealing with cancellation and withdrawal set out in the FCA’s Conduct of Business Sourcebook (“**COBS**”). No rights of cancellation arise when dealing direct with the Company, the Depository or the Administrator. The agreement will be binding upon acceptance of the order by the Company. Cancellation rights are granted in accordance with COBS for applications made through intermediaries who are authorised persons.

The levels and bases of taxation and any relevant reliefs from taxation referred to in this Prospectus can change. Any reliefs referred to are the ones which currently apply and the value depends on the circumstances of each individual investor.

The Company maintains the facilities required of a recognised scheme under the rules contained in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the UK Financial Conduct Authority (the “**FCA**”) at the offices of the Distributor in the United Kingdom as specified in the ‘Directory’ Section of this Prospectus to any person to:-

- (a) inspect free of charge and to obtain (free of charge in the case of documents at (ii) and (iii) below, and otherwise at a reasonable fee), copies of the Company’s:-
  - (i) Articles of Association;
  - (ii) latest Prospectus, Supplement(s) and Key Investor Documents; and
  - (iii) latest annual and half-yearly reports and financial statements;
- (b) obtain the most recently published Net Asset Value per Share;

- (c) arrange for redemption of Shares and obtain payment on redemption; and
- (d) submit a written complaint to the Company.

#### *United States of America*

There will be no public offering of Shares in the United States. The Shares will not generally be available to US Persons unless they are a Permitted US Person that is an "accredited investor" and a "qualified purchaser" as such terms are defined under applicable US federal securities laws.

The Shares have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**1933 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 US Person except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the 1933 Act and any applicable state laws. Any re-offer or resale of any of the Shares in the United States or to US Persons may constitute a violation of US law.

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 1933 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 1933 Act and inside the United States in reliance on Regulation D promulgated under the 1933 Act and Section 4(2) thereof.

The Company is not registered as an investment company under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "**1940 Act**"). The Company complies with Section 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act, which permits private investment companies (such as the Company) to sell their interests, on a private placement basis, to an unlimited number of "qualified purchasers", as that term is defined under the 1940 Act.

The Investment Manager is not registered as an "investment adviser" with the SEC under the Advisers Act but has filed with the SEC as an "exempt reporting adviser" under the Advisers Act. Additional information about the Investment Manager is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

While the Company may trade commodity interests, the Investment Manager is exempt from registration with the CFTC as a CPO pursuant to CFTC Rule 4.13(a)(3). Therefore, unlike a registered CPO, the Investment Manager is not required to deliver a CFTC disclosure document to prospective Shareholders, nor is it required to provide Shareholders with certified annual reports that satisfy the requirements of CFTC rules applicable to registered CPOs.

The Investment Manager qualifies for the exemption under CFTC Rule 4.13(a)(3) with respect to the Company on the basis that, among other things: (i) each Shareholder is a "qualified eligible person", as defined under Rule 4.7(a)(2) of the US Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, or an "accredited

investor" as defined under SEC rules; (ii) the Shares are exempt from registration under the 1933 Act and are offered and sold without marketing to the public in the United States, (iii) participations in the Company are not marketed as or in a vehicle for trading in the commodity futures or commodity options markets; and (iv) at all times that the Company establishes a commodity interest or securities futures position, either (a) the aggregate initial margin and premiums required to establish such positions will not exceed 5% of the liquidation value of its portfolio; or (b) the aggregate net notional value of its commodity interest and security futures positions will not exceed 100% of the liquidation value of its portfolio.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company will not accept any subscriptions from, and Shares may not be transferred to, any investor, whether or not a US Person if, immediately thereafter, Benefit Plan Investors would hold 25% (or such greater percentage as may be provided in regulations promulgated by the US Department of Labor) or more of the value of any class of Shares so that the assets of the Company will not be treated as "plan assets" for the purpose of Section 3(42) of ERISA and any regulations promulgated thereunder. The Directors reserves the right to redeem all or part of the Shares held by any Shareholder, including, without limitation, to ensure compliance with the percentage limitation on investment in the Company by Benefit Plan Investors as set forth above. The Investment Manager reserves the right, however, to waive the percentage limitation on investment in the Company by Benefit Plan Investors and thereafter to comply with ERISA.

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.

This Prospectus has been prepared solely for the information of the person to whom it has been delivered by or on behalf of the Company, and should not be reproduced or used for any other purpose. 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 (ii) any of its 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, it being understood that "tax treatment" and "tax structure" do not include the name or the identifying information of the Company or any parties to a transaction.

### **Reliance on this Prospectus**

Statements made in this Prospectus and any Supplement are based on the law and practice in force in the Republic of Ireland at the date of the Prospectus or Supplement as the case may be, which may be subject to change. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor the offer, issue or sale of Shares in the Company shall under any circumstances constitute a representation that the affairs of the Company have not changed since the date hereof. This Prospectus will be updated by the Company to take into account any material changes from time to time and any such amendments will be notified in advance to and cleared by the Central Bank. Any information or representation not contained herein or given or made by any broker, salesperson or other person should be regarded as unauthorised and should accordingly not be relied upon.

Investors should not treat the contents of this Prospectus as advice relating to legal, taxation, investment or other matters. You should consult your stockbroker, accountant, solicitor, independent financial adviser or other professional adviser.

Investors should note that in certain jurisdictions where the Shares may be offered, investors may be given the possibility to invest through investment plans that permit the periodic/recurrent subscription/redemption/ conversion of Shares and/or to confer a mandate for nominee services to local agents (including the local Paying Agent(s)) and/or may incur additional charges or fee applied by local paying agents for their payment intermediation services. Details of such facilities/additional charges (if any) are provided in the local offering documents.

Local regulations may require the appointment of paying agents and the maintenance of accounts by such agents through which subscriptions and redemption monies may be paid. Investors who choose or are obliged under local regulations to pay/receive subscription/redemption monies via an intermediary entity rather than directly to the Depositary of the Company (e.g. a sub-distributor or agent in the local jurisdiction) bear a credit risk against that intermediate entity with respect to a) subscription monies prior to the transmission of such monies to the Depositary for the account of the Company and (b) redemption monies payable by such intermediate entity to the relevant investor; and fees of sub-distributors and paying agents will be borne by the Company.

### **Risk Factors**

Investors should read and consider the section entitled “Risk Factors” before investing in the Company.

### **Translations**

This Prospectus and any Supplements may also be translated into other languages. Any such translation shall only contain the same information and have the same meaning as the English language Prospectus and Supplements. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between the English language Prospectus/Supplements and the Prospectus/Supplements in another language, the English language Prospectus/Supplements will prevail, except to the extent (but only to the extent) required by the law of any jurisdiction where the Shares are sold, that in an action based upon disclosure in a prospectus in a language other than English, the language of the Prospectus/Supplement on which such action is based shall prevail.

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## DEFINITIONS

In this Prospectus the following words and phrases have the meanings set forth below:-

All references to a specific time of day are to Irish time

“Accounting Date”	means 31 December in each year or such other date as the Directors may from time to time decide and notify to the Central Bank.
“Accounting Period”	means a period ending on the Accounting Date and commencing, in the case of the first such period on the date of incorporation of the Company and, in subsequent such periods, on the day following expiry of the last Accounting Period.
“Act”	means the Companies Act 2014 and every amendment or re-enactment of the same.
“Administrator”	means Brown Brothers Harriman Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited or any successor company appointed as administrator of the Company’s affairs in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.
“Administration Agreement”	means the Amended and Restated Administration Agreement made between the Company, the Manager and the Administrator dated 7 January, 2022 as may be amended, novated and/or supplemented from time to time.
"Advisers Act"	means the US Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended.
“Application Form”	means any application form to be completed by subscribers for Shares as prescribed by the Company from time to time.
“Articles of Association”	means the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.
“Auditors”	means Grant Thornton, Ireland or any successor company appointed as auditor to the Company.
“Base Currency”	means US Dollars and the Net Asset Value per Share will be published and settlement and dealing will be effected in US Dollars.

“Benchmark Regulations”	The regulation on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds (Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016) as may be amended.
"Beneficial Ownership Regulations"	The European Union (Anti-Money Laundering: Beneficial Ownership of Corporate Entities) Regulations 2019 as may be amended consolidated or substituted from time to time.
"Benefit Plan Investor"	means a "benefit plan investor" as defined in Section 3(42) of ERISA and any regulations promulgated thereunder.
“Business Day”	means in relation to a Fund such day or days as shall be so specified in the relevant Supplement for that Fund.
“Central Bank”	means the Central Bank of Ireland.
“Central Bank UCITS Regulations”	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, supplemented or replaced from time to time and any related guidance issued by the Central Bank from time to time.
“CFTC”	means the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
“Class”	means a particular division of Shares in a Fund.
“Company”	means Prusik Umbrella UCITS Fund Plc.
“Country Supplement”	means a supplement to this Prospectus specifying certain information pertaining to the offer of Shares of the Company or a Fund or Class in a particular jurisdiction or jurisdictions.
"CPO"	means commodity pool operator.
“Dealing Day”	means in relation to a Fund such Business Day or Business Days as shall be specified in the relevant Supplement for that Fund and determined by the Directors from time to time and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day every fortnight.

“Dealing Deadline”	means in relation to a Fund, such time on any Dealing Day as shall be specified in the relevant Supplement for the Fund provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day every fortnight.
“Depositary”	means Brown Brothers Harriman Trustee Services (Ireland) Limited.
“Depositary Agreement”	means the custodian agreement made between the Company and the Depositary dated 22 December, 2010 as amended and replaced by the depositary agreement made between the Company and the Depositary dated 31 March, 2016, as may be amended, substituted or replaced from time to time.
“Directors”	means the directors of the Company or any duly authorised committee or delegate thereof.
“EEA”	means the countries for the time being comprising the European Economic Area (being at the date of this Prospectus, European Union Member States, Norway and Iceland.)
“ERISA”	means the US Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.
“ESMA”	means the European Securities and Markets Authority.
“euro” or “€”	means the lawful currency of the participating member states of the European Union which have adopted the single currency in accordance with the EC Treaty of Rome dated 25th March 1957 as amended.
“Exempt Irish Investor”	means <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a pension scheme which is an exempt approved scheme within the meaning of Section 774 of the Taxes Act or a retirement annuity contract or a trust scheme to which Section 784 or 785 of the Taxes Act applies;</li> <li>• a company carrying on life business within the meaning of Section 706 of the Taxes Act;</li> <li>• an investment undertaking within the meaning of Section 739B(1) of the Taxes Act;</li> <li>• a special investment scheme within the meaning of Section 737 of the Taxes Act;</li> <li>• a charity being a person referred to in Section 739D(6)(f)(i) of the Taxes Act;</li> </ul>

- a unit trust to which Section 731(5)(a) of the Taxes Act applies;
- a qualifying fund manager within the meaning of Section 784A(1)(a) of the Taxes Act where the Shares held are assets of an approved retirement fund or an approved minimum retirement fund;
- a qualifying management company within the meaning of Section 739B of the Taxes Act;
- an investment limited partnership within the meaning of Section 739J of the Taxes Act;
- a personal retirement savings account (“PRSA”) administrator acting on behalf of a person who is entitled to exemption from income tax and capital gains tax by virtue of Section 787I of the Taxes Act and the Shares are assets of a PRSA;
- a credit union within the meaning of Section 2 of the Credit Union Act, 1997;
- the National Asset Management Agency;
- the National Treasury Management Agency or a Fund investment vehicle (within the meaning of section 37 of the National Treasury Management Agency (Amendment) Act 2014) of which the Minister for Finance is the sole beneficial owner, or the State acting through the National Treasury Management Agency;
- the Motor Insurers’ Bureau of Ireland in respect of an investment made by it of moneys paid to the Motor Insurer Insolvency Compensation Fund under the Insurance Act 1964 (amended by the Insurance (Amendment) Act 2018), and the Motor Insurers’ Bureau of Ireland has made a declaration to that effect to the Company;
- a company which is within the charge to corporation tax in accordance with Section 110(2) of the Taxes Act in respect of payments made to it by the Company;
- a PEPP provider (within the meaning of Chapter 2D of Part 30 of the Taxes Act) acting on behalf of a person who is entitled to an exemption from income tax and capital gains tax by virtue of Section 787AC of the Taxes Act and the Shares held are assets of a PEPP (within the meaning of Chapter 2D of Part 30 of the Taxes Act); or
- any other Irish Resident or persons who are Ordinarily Resident in Ireland who may be permitted to own Shares under taxation legislation or by written practice or concession of the Irish Revenue Commissioners without giving rise to a charge to tax in the Company or jeopardising tax exemptions

associated with the Company giving rise to a charge to tax in the Company;

provided that they have correctly completed the Relevant Declaration.

“FCA” means the Financial Conduct Authority of the United Kingdom or any replacement authority or authorities from time to time.

“FSMA” means the United Kingdom Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and every amendment or re-enactment of the same.

“Fund” means a sub-fund of the Company representing the designation by the Directors of a particular Class or Classes of Shares as a sub-fund the proceeds of issue of which are pooled separately and invested in accordance with the investment objective and policies applicable to such sub-fund and which is established by the Directors from time to time with the prior approval of the Central Bank.

“GDPR” means Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council as may be amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time.

“Initial Price” means the initial price payable for a Share as specified in the relevant Supplement for each Fund.

“Intermediary” means a person who:-

- carries on a business which consists of, or includes, the receipt of payments from an investment undertaking on behalf of other persons; or
- holds shares in an investment undertaking on behalf of other persons.

“Internal Revenue Code” means the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

“Investment Manager” means Prusik Investment Management LLP.

“Investment Management Agreement” means the Amended and Restated Investment Management Agreement dated 7 January, 2022 made between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager pursuant to which the Investment Manager is appointed to act as

investment manager and distributor of the Company, as may be further amended, supplemented or novated from time to time.

“Ireland” means the Republic of Ireland.

“Irish Resident” means:

- in the case of an individual, means an individual who is resident in Ireland for tax purposes.
- in the case of a trust, means a trust that is resident in Ireland for tax purposes.
- in the case of a company, means a company that is resident in Ireland for tax purposes.

An individual will be regarded as being resident in Ireland for a tax year if he/she is present in Ireland: (1) for a period of at least 183 days in that tax year; or (2) for a period of at least 280 days in any two consecutive tax years, provided that the individual is present in Ireland for at least 31 days in each period. In determining days present in Ireland, an individual is deemed to be present if he/she is in Ireland at any time during the day.

A trust will generally be Irish resident where the trustee is resident in Ireland or a majority of the trustees (if more than one) are resident in Ireland.

A company incorporated in Ireland and also companies not so incorporated but that are managed and controlled in Ireland, will be tax resident in Ireland except to the extent that the company in question is, by virtue of a double taxation treaty between Ireland and another country, regarded as resident in a territory other than Ireland (and thus not resident in Ireland).

It should be noted that the determination of a company's residence for tax purposes can be complex in certain cases and potential investors are referred to the specific legislative provisions that are contained in Section 23A of the Taxes Act.

“Key Investor Document” means a key information document prepared in accordance with Regulation 1286/2014 as amended or a key investor information document prepared in accordance with the UCITS Regulations.

“Management Agreement” means the management agreement made between the Company and the Manager dated 7 January, 2022 as same may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time.

“Manager”	means FundRock Management Company (Ireland) Limited (formerly Bridge Fund Management Limited).
“Member”	means a Shareholder or a person who is registered as the holder of one or more non-participating shares in the Company.
“Member State”	means a member state of the European Union.
“MiFID”	means the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2014/65/EU as may be amended, supplemented, replaced or consolidated from time to time.
“Minimum Subscription”	means the minimum number or value of Shares which must be held by Shareholders as specified in the relevant Supplement.
“Money Market Instruments”	means instruments normally dealt in on the money market which are liquid and have a value which can be accurately determined at any time and which comply with the requirements of the Central Bank.
“Net Asset Value”	means the Net Asset Value of a Fund or attributable to a Class (as appropriate) calculated as referred to herein.
“Net Asset Value per Share”	means the Net Asset Value of a Fund divided by the number of Shares in issue in that Fund or the Net Asset Value attributable to a Class divided by the number of Shares issued in that Class rounded to such number of decimal places as the Directors may determine.
“OECD Member Country”	means a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, which currently comprises Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and the United States.
“Ordinarily Resident in Ireland”	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- in the case of an individual, means an individual who is ordinarily resident in Ireland for tax purposes</li> </ul>

- in the case of a trust, means a trust that is ordinarily resident in Ireland for tax purposes.

An individual will be regarded as ordinarily resident for a particular tax year if he/she has been Irish Resident for the three previous consecutive tax years (i.e. he/she becomes ordinarily resident with effect from the commencement of the fourth tax year). An individual will remain ordinarily resident in Ireland until he/she has been non-Irish Resident for three consecutive tax years. Thus, an individual who is resident and ordinarily resident in Ireland in the tax year 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 and departs from Ireland in that tax year will remain ordinarily resident up to the end of the tax year 1 January 2028 to 31 December 2028.

The concept of a trust's ordinary residence is somewhat obscure and linked to its tax residence.

"Paying Agency Agreement"	means one or more Paying Agency Agreements made between the Company and one or more Paying Agents and dated as the agreements are entered into.
"Paying Agent"	means any paying agent as may be appointed by the Company from time to time.
"Permitted US Person"	means a Tax-Exempt US Person or a pass-through entity for US federal tax purposes substantially all of the ownership interests in which are held by Tax-Exempt US Persons.
"Prospectus"	means the prospectus of the Company and any Supplements and addenda thereto issued in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank and the UCITS Regulations.
"Recognised Clearing System"	means any clearing system listed in Section 246A of the Taxes Act (including, but not limited to, Euroclear, Clearstream Banking AG, Clearstream Banking SA and CREST) or any other system for clearing shares which is designated for the purposes of Chapter 1A in Part 27 of the Taxes Act, by the Irish Revenue Commissioners, as a recognised clearing system.
"Recognised Exchanges"	means the stock exchanges or markets set out in Appendix II.
"Redemption Notice"	Notice in writing given by a Shareholder to redeem all or part of his holding of Shares, such notice to be received by the Administrator in advance of the Dealing Deadline.

“Relevant Declaration”	means the declaration relevant to the Shareholder as set out in Schedule 2B of the Taxes Act.
“Relevant Period”	means a period of 8 years beginning with the acquisition of a Share by a Shareholder and each subsequent period of 8 years beginning immediately after the preceding Relevant Period.
“SEC”	means the US Securities and Exchange Commission.
“SFDR”	means Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 as may be amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time.
“Share”	means a participating share or, save as otherwise provided in this Prospectus, a fraction of a participating share in the capital of the Company.
“Shareholder”	means a person who is registered as the holder of Shares in the register of Shareholders for the time being kept by or on behalf of the Company.
“Singapore Dollar” or “SGD”	means Singapore Dollars, the lawful currency for the time being of Singapore.
“Specified US Person”	means (i) a US citizen or resident individual, (ii) a partnership or corporation organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States or any State thereof (iii) a trust if (a) a court within the United States would have authority under applicable law to render orders or judgments concerning substantially all issues regarding administration of the trust, and (b) one or more US persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or an estate of a decedent that is a citizen or resident of the United States <b>excluding</b> (1) a corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets; (2) any corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group, as defined in section 1471(e)(2) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, as a corporation described in clause (i); (3) the United States or any wholly owned agency or instrumentality thereof; (4) any State of the United States, any U.S. Territory, any political subdivision of any of the foregoing, or any wholly owned agency or instrumentality of any one or more of the foregoing; (5) any organization exempt from taxation under section 501(a) or an individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; (6) any bank as defined in section 581 of the U.S. Internal Revenue

Code; (7) any real estate investment trust as defined in section 856 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; (8) any regulated investment company as defined in section 851 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or any entity registered with the Securities Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-64); (9) any common trust fund as defined in section 584(a) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; (10) any trust that is exempt from tax under section 664(c) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or that is described in section 4947(a)(1) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; (11) a dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any State; or (12) a broker as defined in section 6045(c) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. This definition shall be interpreted in accordance with the US Internal Revenue Code.

“Supplement”	means a supplement to this Prospectus specifying certain information in respect of a Fund and/or one or more Classes.
“Sterling” or “£”	means the lawful currency for the time being of the United Kingdom.
“Taxes Act”	means The Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 (of Ireland) as amended.
“Tax-Exempt US Person”	means a US person within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code that is exempt from payment of US federal income tax.
“Taxonomy Regulation”	means means Regulation (EU) 2020/852 as may be amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time.
“UCITS”	means an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities established pursuant to EC Council Directive 85/611/EEC of 20 December 1985 as amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time.
“UCITS Directive”	Directive 2009/65/EEC of the European Parliament and of the Council, as amended by Directive 2014/91/EU of 23 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2014 and as may be further amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time.

“UCITS Regulations”	means the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. (S.I. No. 352 of 2011), as amended by the European Union (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) (Amendment) Regulations, 2016, (and as may be further amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time), and any regulations or guidance issued by the Central Bank pursuant thereto for the time being in force.
“UK”	means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
“United States”	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.
“US Dollar”, “USD” or “US\$”	means United States Dollars, the lawful currency for the time being of the United States of America.
"US Person"	<p>means a person described in one or more of the following paragraphs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With respect to any person, any individual or entity that would be a US person under Regulation S promulgated under the 1933 Act. The Regulation S definition is set forth in Appendix III to this Prospectus.</li>   <li>2. With respect to individuals, any US citizen or “resident alien” within the meaning of US income tax laws as in effect from time to time. Currently, the term “resident alien” is defined under US income tax laws to generally include any 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) the individual was present in the US on at least 31 days during such year and (ii) the sum of the number of days on which such individual was present in the US during the current year, 1/3 of the number of such days during the first preceding year, and 1/6 of the number of such days during the second preceding year, equals or exceeds 183 days.</li>   <li>3. With respect to persons other than individuals:</li> </ol>

- (i) a corporation or partnership created or organised in the United States or under the laws of the United States or any state;
- (ii) a trust where (a) a US court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and (b) one or more US Persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; and
- (iii) an estate which is subject to US tax on its worldwide income from all sources.

“Valuation Point” means such time as shall be specified in the relevant Supplement for each Fund.

“1933 Act” means the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“1940 Act” means the US Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

## 1. THE COMPANY

### General

The Company is an open-ended investment company with variable capital, incorporated in Ireland on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010 under the Act with registration number 491099. The Company has been authorised by the Central Bank as a UCITS pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

The Company is structured as an umbrella fund consisting of different Funds each comprising one or more Classes. The Shares issued in each Fund will rank pari passu with each other in all respects provided that they may differ as to certain matters including currency of denomination, hedging strategies if any applied to the currency of a particular Class, dividend policy, voting rights, return of capital, the level of fees and expenses to be charged or the Minimum Subscription and Minimum Holding applicable.

The assets of each Fund will be invested separately on behalf of each Fund in accordance with the investment objective and policies of each Fund. A separate portfolio of assets is not maintained for each Class. The investment objective and policies and other details in relation to each Fund are set out in the relevant Supplement which forms part of and should be read in conjunction with this Prospectus. The Base Currency of each Fund is specified in the relevant Supplement.

At the date of this Prospectus the Company has established the Funds and Classes with the respective currencies as set out in each Supplement. Additional Funds in respect of which a Supplement or Supplements will be issued, may be established by the Directors with the prior approval of the Central Bank. Additional Classes in respect of a Supplement(s) or revised Prospectus will be issued, as appropriate, may be established by the Directors and notified to and cleared in advance with the Central Bank or otherwise must be created in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

### Investment Objective and Policies

The specific investment objective and policy of each Fund will be set out in the relevant Supplement to this Prospectus and will be formulated by the Directors at the time of creation of the relevant Fund.

The Company shall not make any change to the investment objective or any material change to the investment policy, each as disclosed in the relevant Fund Supplement, unless Shareholders have, in advance, on the basis of a simple majority of votes cast at a general meeting or with the prior written approval of all Shareholders of the relevant Fund (in accordance with the Articles of the Company), approved the relevant change(s). The Company shall provide all Shareholders of the relevant Fund with reasonable notice of the change(s) in the event of any change to the investment objective or any material change to the investment policy, each as disclosed in the relevant Fund Supplement.

The list of Recognised Exchanges on which a Fund's investments in securities and financial derivative instruments, other than permitted investments in unlisted securities and over the counter derivative instruments, will be listed or traded is set out in Appendix II.

## **Eligible Assets and Investment Restrictions**

Investment of the assets of each Fund must comply with the UCITS Regulations. The Directors, in conjunction with the Manager, may impose further restrictions in respect of any Fund. The investment and borrowing restrictions applying to the Company and each Fund are set out in Appendix I. Each Fund may also hold ancillary liquid assets.

## **Borrowing Powers**

The Company may only borrow on a temporary basis and the aggregate amount of such borrowings may not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of each Fund. Subject to this limit the Directors may exercise all borrowing powers on behalf of the Company. In accordance with the provisions of the UCITS Regulations the Company may charge its assets as security for such borrowings. The Company may acquire foreign currency by means of a "back to back" loan agreement. The Company shall ensure that where the Company has foreign currency borrowings which exceed the value of a back-to-back deposit it treats that excess as borrowings for the purpose of Regulation 103 of the UCITS Regulations.

## **Adherence to Investment and Borrowing Restrictions**

The Company will, with respect to each Fund, adhere to any investment or borrowing restrictions herein and any criteria necessary to obtain and/or maintain any credit rating in respect of any Fund in the Company, subject to the UCITS Regulations. The precise credit rating will be set out in the relevant Supplement of each Fund.

## **Changes to Investment and Borrowing Restrictions**

It is intended that the Company shall have the power (subject to the prior approval of the Central Bank) to avail itself of any change in the investment and borrowing restrictions specified in the UCITS Regulations which would permit investment by the Company in securities, derivative instruments or in any other forms of investment in which investment is at the date of this Prospectus restricted or prohibited under the UCITS Regulations. Any changes to the investment and borrowing restrictions will be disclosed in an updated Prospectus.

## **Efficient Portfolio Management**

The Company may, employ (subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank) techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and money market instruments, for efficient portfolio management purposes provided that the exposure to the underlying assets does not exceed in aggregate the investment limits set out in Appendix I. Such techniques and instruments may include foreign exchange transactions and index futures which alter the currency characteristics of transferable securities held by the Company.

Efficient portfolio management transactions relating to the assets of the Company may be entered into by the Investment Manager with the one of the following aims: i) the reduction or stabilisation of risk (including currency exposure risk); ii) the reduction of cost with no increase or a minimal increase in

risk; iii) investing more efficiently than can be achieved by direct purchase of the underlying securities and iv) the generation of additional capital or income with no, or an acceptably low level of risk (relative to the expected return).

In relation to efficient portfolio management operations, the Investment Manager will seek to ensure that the transaction is economically appropriate.

The Company may also employ (subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank) techniques and instruments intended to provide protection against exchange risks in the context of the management of its assets and liabilities. The techniques and instruments which a Fund may use are set out in the relevant Supplement.

### **Securities Financing Transaction Regulation**

There is no current intention for the Company to engage in securities financing transactions or total return swaps within the meaning of EC Regulation 2015/2365.

### **Hedged Classes**

Where the Prospectus or relevant Supplement outlines that a Class of a Fund is to be “hedged”, the Company shall enter into certain currency related transactions in order to mitigate the exchange rate risk between the Base Currency of the Fund and the currency in respect of the Fund in which Shares in the relevant Class are designated where that designated currency is different to the Base Currency of the Fund.

Any financial instruments used to implement such strategies with respect to one or more Classes shall be assets/liabilities of the Fund as a whole but will be attributable to the relevant Class(es) and the gains/losses on and the costs of the relevant financial instruments will accrue solely to the relevant Class. The Company shall not combine or offset currency exposures of different Classes and it shall not allocate currency exposures of assets of the Company to separate Classes. The currency exposure of the assets attributable to a Class may not be allocated to other Classes. A Class will not be leveraged as a result of currency hedging transactions.

Where there is more than one hedged Class in a Fund denominated in the same currency (which is a currency other than the Base Currency of the relevant Fund) and it is intended to hedge the foreign currency exposure of such Classes against the Base Currency of the relevant Fund, the Fund may, in accordance with the Central Bank requirements, aggregate the foreign exchange transactions entered into on behalf of such hedged Classes and apportion the gains/losses on and the costs of the relevant financial instruments pro rata to each such hedged Class in the relevant Fund.

Where the Fund seeks to hedge against currency fluctuations at Class level, while not intended, this could result in over-hedged or under-hedged positions due to external factors outside the control of the Fund. However, over-hedged positions will not exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value of the Class and under-hedged positions shall not fall short of 95% of the portion of the Net Asset Value of the Class which is to be hedged against currency risk.

Hedged positions will be reviewed daily to ensure that over-hedged or under-hedged positions do not exceed/fall short of the permitted levels outlined above and are not carried forward from month to month. This review will incorporate a procedure to ensure that positions materially in excess of 100% will not be carried forward from month to month.

To the extent that hedging is successful, the performance of the relevant Class is likely to move in line with the performance of the underlying assets in the base currency and that investors in a hedged Class will not benefit if the Class currency falls against the base currency and/or the currency in which the assets of the Class are denominated.

The currency hedging strategy will be monitored and adjusted in line with the valuation cycle at which investors are able to subscribe to and redeem from the relevant Fund. Investors' attention is drawn to the risk factor below entitled "Share Currency Designation Risk".

### **Financial Derivative Instruments**

The Company may invest for the account of a Fund in financial derivative instruments including equivalent cash settled instruments dealt in on a Recognised Exchange and/or in over the counter derivative instruments in each case under and in accordance with conditions or requirements imposed by the Central Bank. The financial derivative instruments in which a Fund may invest and the expected effect of investment in such financial derivative instruments on the risk profile of a Fund are disclosed in the relevant Fund Supplement. The Company will use financial derivative instruments for the purposes of Efficient Portfolio Management.

For the purpose of providing margin or collateral in respect of transactions in financial derivative instruments, the Company may transfer, mortgage, charge or encumber any assets or cash forming part of the relevant Fund.

The Manager will employ a risk management process which will enable it to accurately monitor, measure 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 and cleared by the Central Bank. The Company will provide on request to Shareholders supplementary information relating to the risk management methods employed by a Fund including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of investments.

FDI are used by the Company for hedging and efficient portfolio management purposes only. The Investment Manager expects that the use of FDI will have a limited impact on the net performance of the Company.

### **Dividend Policy**

The dividend policy and information on the declaration and payment of dividends for each Fund will be specified in the relevant Supplement.

The Articles of Association of the Company empower the Directors to declare dividends in respect of any Shares in the Company as set out in the relevant Supplement.

### **Publication of Net Asset Value per Share**

The Net Asset Value per Share will be published in such publications as the Directors may determine in the jurisdictions in which the Shares are offered for sale and shall be made available on Bloomberg at [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) and updated following each calculation of Net Asset Value. In addition, the Net Asset Value per Share may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours.

### **Use of Benchmarks**

The Benchmark Regulation imposes requirements on firms that provide, contribute to or use a wide range of interest rate, currency, securities, commodity and other indices and reference prices. Should asset allocation, returns or performance fees of a Fund be measured against a benchmark, the Fund may be considered to be a benchmark user for the purpose of the Benchmark Regulations. Although the Benchmark Regulation mainly affects benchmark administrators and contributors, there are a number of requirements that will apply to benchmark users, which may include one or more Funds.

Investors should be aware that the performance of certain Funds may be measured against a benchmark and in this regard, Shareholders are directed towards the relevant Supplement which will refer to any relevant performance measurement criteria. The Fund may at any time change that reference index where, for reasons outside its control, that index has been replaced, or a benchmark may reasonably be considered by the Fund to have become the appropriate standard for the relevant exposure. In such circumstances, any change in index must be disclosed in the annual or half-yearly report of the Company issued subsequent to such change.

Unless otherwise disclosed in the relevant Supplement, the indices or benchmark utilised by the Fund are, as at the date of this Prospectus, provided by benchmark administrators who are availing of the transitional or grandfathering arrangements afforded under the Benchmark Regulation and accordingly do not appear on the register of administrators and benchmarks maintained by ESMA pursuant to Article 36 of the Benchmark Regulation.

### **Risk Factors**

#### *General*

**The risks described herein should not be considered to be an exhaustive list of the risks which potential investors should consider before investing in a Fund. Potential investors should be aware that an investment in a Fund may be exposed to other risks of an exceptional nature from time to time. Investment in the Company carries with it a degree of risk. Different risks may apply to different Funds and/or Classes. Details of specific risks attaching to a particular Fund or Class which are additional to those described in this section will be disclosed in the relevant Supplement.**

**Prospective investors should review this Prospectus and the relevant Supplement carefully and in its entirety and consult with their professional and financial advisers before making an application for Shares. Prospective investors are advised that the value of Shares and the income from them may go down as well as up and, accordingly, an investor may not get back the full amount invested and an investment should only be made by persons who can sustain a loss on their investment. Past performance of the Company or any Fund should not be relied upon as an indicator of future performance. The difference at any one time between the sale price (to which may be added a sales charge or commission) and the redemption price of Shares (from which may be deducted a redemption fee) means an investment should be viewed as medium to long term. The attention of potential investors is drawn to the taxation risks associated with investing in the Company. Please refer to the Section of the Prospectus entitled "Taxation". The securities and instruments in which the Company invests are subject to normal market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in such investments and there can be no assurance that any appreciation in value will occur.**

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

### ***Liquidity Risk***

A Fund will endeavour to acquire only such financial instruments for which a liquid market exists. However, not all securities invested in by a Fund will be listed or rated and consequently liquidity may be low. Moreover, the accumulation and disposal of holdings in some investments may be time consuming and may need to be conducted at unfavourable prices. A Fund may also encounter difficulties in disposing of assets at their fair market price due to adverse market conditions leading to limited liquidity.

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

A Class may be designated in a currency other than the Base Currency of the Fund. Redemption proceeds and any distributions to Shareholders will normally be made in the currency of denomination of the relevant Class. Changes in the exchange rate between the Base Currency and such designated currency may lead to a depreciation of the value of such Shares as expressed in the designated currency. Where the Prospectus or relevant Supplement outlines that a Class of a Fund is to be "hedged", the Investment Manager will try to mitigate this risk by using financial derivative instruments within the Fund's investments including currency options and forward currency exchange contracts set out by, and within the conditions and limits imposed by the Central Bank, (see the section "Hedged Classes"). A class of Share may not be leveraged as a result of the use of such techniques and instruments, the use of which may be up to but may not exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Class of Share. Investors should be aware that this strategy may substantially limit Shareholders of the relevant Class from benefiting if the designated currency falls against the Base Currency. In such circumstances Shareholders of the relevant Class of Shares of the Fund may be exposed to fluctuations in the Net Asset Value per Share reflecting the gains/losses on and the costs of the relevant financial instruments. Financial instruments used to implement such strategies shall be assets/liabilities of the Fund as a whole. However, the gains/losses on and the costs of the relevant financial instruments will accrue solely to the relevant Class of Shares of the Fund.

Shareholders should note that generally there is no segregation of assets and liabilities between Classes in a Fund and therefore a counterparty to a derivative overlay entered into in respect of a hedged Class may have recourse to the assets of the relevant Fund attributable to other Classes of that Fund where there is insufficient assets attributable to the hedged Class to discharge its liabilities. While the Fund has taken steps to ensure that the risk of contagion between Classes is mitigated in order to ensure that the additional risk introduced to the Fund through the use of a derivative overlay is only borne by the Shareholders in the relevant Class, this risk cannot be fully eliminated.

### ***Amortised Cost Method***

Some of the investments of a Fund may be valued at amortised cost. Investors' attention is drawn to the Section of the Prospectus entitled "Calculation of Net Asset Value" for further information.

In periods of declining short-term interest rates, the inflow of net new money to a Fund from the continuous issue of Shares will likely be invested in portfolio instruments producing lower yields than the balance of the Fund's portfolio, thereby reducing the current yield of the Fund. In periods of rising interest rates, the opposite can be true.

### ***Redemption Risk***

Large redemptions of Shares in the Company might result in the Company being forced to sell assets at a time and price at which it would normally prefer not to dispose of those assets.

At the time of giving notice to redeem, holders of Shares will not know the redemption price at which their Shares will be redeemed. Between the date a Redemption Notice is served and the date of actual payment of redemption proceeds, an investment remains at risk in the Company and the Net Asset Value per Share may change substantially.

### ***Credit Risk***

There can be no assurance that the issuers of securities or other instruments in which a Fund may invest will not be subject to credit difficulties, leading to either the downgrading of such securities or instruments, or to the loss of some or all of the sums invested in such securities or instruments or payments due on such securities or instruments. A Fund may also be exposed to a credit risk in relation to the counterparties with whom they transact or place margin or collateral in respect of transactions in financial derivative instruments and may bear the risk of counterparty default. When the Company invests in a security or other instrument which is guaranteed by a bank or other type of financial institution there can be no assurance that such guarantor will not itself be subject to credit difficulties, which may lead to the downgrading of such securities or instruments, or to the loss of some or all of the sums invested in such securities or instruments, or payments due on such securities or instruments.

A Fund may have credit exposure to counterparties by virtue of investment positions in equity-linked securities. To the extent that a counterparty defaults on its obligations and the Fund is delayed or prevented from exercising its rights with respect to the investments in its portfolio, it may experience a decline in the value of its position, lose income and incur costs associated with asserting its rights.

It may not always be possible for the Investment Manager to execute a buy or sell order at the desired price or to liquidate an open position due to market conditions, including the operation of daily price fluctuation limits. If opportunities for trading are restricted or an exchange is suspended, the Investment Manager may not be able to execute trades or close out positions on terms that the Investment Manager believes are desirable.

Where the Fund acquires securities on over-the-counter markets, there is no guarantee that it will be able to realise the fair value of such securities due to their tendency to have limited liquidity and comparatively high price volatility.

### ***Market Capitalisation Risk***

The securities of small-to-medium-sized (by market capitalisation) companies, or financial instruments related to such securities, may have a more limited market than the securities of larger companies. Accordingly, it may be more difficult to effect sales of such securities at an advantageous time or without a substantial drop in price than securities of a company with a large market capitalisation and broad trading market. In addition, securities of small-to-medium-sized companies may have greater price volatility as they are generally more vulnerable to adverse market factors such as unfavourable economic reports.

### ***Market Risk***

Some of the markets or exchanges on which a Fund may invest may be less well-regulated than those in developed markets and may prove to be illiquid or highly volatile from time to time. This may affect the price at which a Fund may liquidate positions to meet redemption requests or other funding requirements. When a Fund purchases a security or an option, the risk to the Fund is limited to the loss of its investment. In the case of a transaction involving futures, forwards, swaps, contracts for differences or writing options, the Fund's liability may be potentially unlimited until the position is closed.

### ***Exchange Control and Repatriation Risk***

It may not be possible for a Fund to repatriate capital, dividends, interest and other income from certain countries, or it may require government consents to do so. A Fund could be adversely affected by the introduction of, or delays in, or refusal to grant any such consent for the repatriation of funds or by any official intervention affecting the process of settlement of transactions. Economic or political conditions could lead to the revocation or variation of consent granted prior to investment being made in any particular country or to the imposition of new restrictions.

### ***Political, Regulatory, Settlement and Sub-Custodial Risk***

The value of a Fund's assets may be affected by uncertainties such as domestic and international political developments, changes in social conditions, changes in government policies, changes in taxation including but not limited to the imposition of tariffs, the level of interest rates, restrictions on foreign investment and currency repatriation, sovereign defaults, currency fluctuations and other developments in the legal, regulatory and political climate in the countries in which investments may be made, which may or may not occur without prior notice. Furthermore, the legal infrastructure and accounting, auditing and reporting standards in certain countries in which investment may be made may not provide the same degree of investor protection or information to investors as would generally apply in major securities markets. Any such changes or developments may affect the value and marketability of a Fund's investments.

### ***Custody Risk***

Depositaries or custodians may not be able to offer the level of service and safe-keeping, settlement and administration of securities that is customary in more developed markets and there is a risk that the Company will not be recognised as the owner of securities held on its behalf by a sub-custodian. Rules regulating corporate governance are undeveloped and therefore may offer little protection to shareholders.

### ***Emerging Markets Risk***

A Fund may invest in equity or debt securities of companies in "emerging" or "developing" markets. Such securities may involve a high degree of risk and may be considered speculative. Risks include (i) greater risk of expropriation, confiscatory taxation, nationalization, and social, political and economic instability; (ii) the small current size of the markets for securities of "emerging" or "developing" markets issuers and the currently low or non-existent 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 legal infrastructure and accounting, auditing and reporting standards in "emerging" or "developing" markets may not provide the same degree of shareholder protection or information to investors as would generally apply internationally; (vi) potentially a greater risk regarding the ownership and custody of securities i.e. in certain countries, ownership is evidenced by entries in the books of a company or its registrar. In such instances, no certificates representing ownership of companies will be held by the Depository or any of its local correspondents or in an effective central depository system; and (vii) "emerging" or "developing" markets may experience significant adverse economic developments, including substantial depreciation in currency exchange rates or unstable currency fluctuations, increased interest rates, or reduced economic growth rates than investments in securities of issuers based in developed countries.

The economies of “emerging” or “developing” markets in which a Fund may invest may differ favourably or unfavourably from the economies of industrialised countries. The economies of “emerging” or “developing” countries are generally heavily dependant on international trade and 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. Investments in “emerging” or “developing” markets entail risks which include the possibility of political or social instability, adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations, expropriation and withholding of dividends at source. In addition, such securities may trade with less frequency and volume than securities of companies and governments of developed, stable nations and there is also a possibility that redemption of Shares following a redemption request may be delayed due to the illiquid nature of such investments.

### ***Valuation Risk***

The Investment Manager may be consulted with respect to the valuation of certain investments. There is an inherent conflict of interest between the involvement of the Investment Manager in determining the valuation price of a Fund’s investments and the Investment Manager’s other duties and responsibilities in relation to the Fund.

### ***Performance Fee Risk***

The payment to the Investment Manager of the Performance Fee, as described in the relevant Supplement, based on the performance of the relevant Fund may provide the Investment Manager with an incentive to cause the Fund to make more speculative investments than might otherwise be the case. The Investment Manager will have discretion as to the timing and the terms of the Fund’s transactions in investments and may therefore have an incentive to arrange such transactions to maximise its fees.

### ***Cross-Liability for other Funds***

As a matter of Irish law, the assets of one Fund will not be available to meet the liabilities of another Fund. However, the Company is a single legal entity which may operate or have assets held on behalf of or be subject to claims in other jurisdictions (such as the United Kingdom) which may not necessarily recognise such ring-fencing and, in such circumstances, the assets of one Fund may be exposed to the liabilities of another. Shareholders who choose or are obliged under local regulations to pay or receive subscription or redemption monies or dividends via an intermediate entity rather than directly to or from the Administrator bear a credit risk against that intermediate entity with respect to (a) subscription monies prior to the transmission of such monies to the Administrator for the account of the Company and (b) redemption monies payable by such intermediate entity to the relevant Shareholder

### ***Market Crisis and Governmental Intervention***

The global financial markets have undergone and are currently undergoing pervasive and fundamental disruptions which have led to extensive and unprecedented governmental intervention.

Such intervention has in certain cases been implemented on an “emergency” basis without much or any notice with the consequence that some market participants’ ability to continue to implement certain strategies or manage the risk of their outstanding positions has been suddenly and/or substantially eliminated. In addition, due to the uncertain stability of global financial institutions, the security of assets held by any financial institution cannot be guaranteed, notwithstanding the terms of any agreement with such institution. Given the complexities of the global financial markets and the limited time frame within which governments have been able to take action, these interventions have sometimes been unclear in scope and application, resulting in confusion and uncertainty which in itself has been materially detrimental to the efficient functioning of such markets as well as previously successful investment strategies. The Investment Manager believes that there is a high likelihood of greater government intervention in and regulation of the global financial markets, and that such greater regulation could be materially detrimental to the performance of the Fund’s portfolios.

## **Derivatives Risk**

### *General*

The prices of derivative instruments, including futures and options prices, are highly volatile. Price movements of forward contracts, futures contracts and other derivative contracts are influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programmes and policies of governments, and national and international political and economic events and policies. In addition, governments from time to time intervene, directly and by regulation, in certain markets, particularly markets in currencies and interest rate related futures and options. Such intervention often is intended directly to influence prices and may, together with other factors, cause all of such markets to move rapidly in the same direction because of, among other things, interest rate fluctuations.

The use of techniques and instruments also involves certain special risks, including (1) a dependence on the ability to predict movements in the prices of securities being hedged and movements in interest rates, (2) imperfect correlation between the hedging instruments and the securities or market sectors being hedged, (3) the fact that skills needed to use these instruments are different from those needed to select the Company’s securities, (4) the possible absence of a liquid market for any particular instrument at any particular time, and (5) possible impediments to effective portfolio management or the ability to meet redemption requests as a result of the risks detailed at (1) to (4).

### *Liquidity of Futures Contracts*

Futures positions may be illiquid because certain commodity exchanges limit fluctuations in certain futures contract prices during a single day by regulations referred to as “daily price fluctuation limits” or “daily limits”. Under such daily limits, during a single trading day no trades may be executed at prices beyond the daily limits. Once the price of a contract for a particular future has increased or decreased by an amount equal to the daily limit, positions in the future can neither be taken nor liquidated unless traders are willing to effect trades at or within the limit. This could prevent a Fund from liquidating unfavourable positions.

### *Forward Trading*

Forward contracts and options thereon, unlike futures contracts, are not traded on exchanges and are not standardised; rather, banks and dealers act as principals in these markets, negotiating each transaction on an individual basis. Forward and "cash" trading is substantially unregulated; there is no limitation on daily price movements and speculative position limits are not applicable. The principals who deal in the forward markets are not required to continue to make markets in the currencies or commodities they trade and these markets can experience periods of illiquidity, sometimes of significant duration. Market illiquidity or disruption could result in major losses to a Fund

### **Taxation Risk**

The Company may be subject to withholding, capital gains or other taxes on income and/or gains arising from its investment portfolio, including without limitation taxes imposed by the jurisdiction in which the issuer of securities held by the Company is incorporated, established or resident for tax purposes. The Company may also incur or bear transaction or other similar taxes in respect of the actual or notional amount of any acquisition, disposal or transaction relating to its investment portfolio, including without limitation taxes imposed by the jurisdiction in which the issuer of securities held by the Company or the counterparty to a transaction involving the Company is incorporated, established or resident for tax purposes. Where the Company invests in securities or enters into transactions that are not subject to withholding, capital gains, transaction or other taxes at the time of acquisition, there can be no assurance that tax may not be withheld or imposed in the future as a result of any change in applicable laws, treaties, rules or regulations or the interpretation thereof. The Company may not be able to recover such tax and so any change could have an adverse effect on the Net Asset Value of the Shares.

Where the Company chooses or is required to pay taxation liabilities and/or account for reserves in respect of taxes that are or may be payable in respect of current and/or prior periods by the Company (whether in accordance with current or future accounting standards), this would have an adverse effect on the Net Asset Value of the Shares. This could cause benefits or detriments to certain Shareholders, depending on the timing of their entry to and exit from the Company.

Finally, if the Company becomes liable to account for tax, in any jurisdiction, including any interest or penalties thereon if an event giving rise to a tax liability occurs, the Company shall be entitled to deduct such amount from the payment arising on such event or to compulsorily redeem or cancel such number of Shares held by the Shareholder or the beneficial owner of the Shares as have a value sufficient after the deduction of any redemption charges to discharge any such liability. The relevant Shareholder shall indemnify and keep the Company indemnified against any loss arising to the Company by reason of the Company becoming liable to account for tax and any interest or penalties thereon on the happening of an event giving rise to a tax liability including if no such deduction, appropriation or cancellation has been made.

Shareholders and prospective investors' attention is drawn to the taxation risks associated with investing in the Company. Please refer to the section headed "Taxation".

## **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act**

The foreign account tax compliance provisions (“**FATCA**”) of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act 2010 which apply to certain payments are essentially designed to require reporting of Specified US Person’s direct and indirect ownership of non-US accounts and non-US entities to the US Internal Revenue Service, with any failure to provide the required information resulting in a 30% US withholding tax on direct US investments (and possibly indirect US investments). In order to avoid being subject to US withholding tax, both US investors and non-US investors are likely to be required to provide information regarding themselves and their investors. In this regard the Irish and US Governments signed an intergovernmental agreement (“**Irish IGA**”) with respect to the implementation of FATCA (see section entitled “*Compliance with US reporting and withholding requirements*” for further detail) on 21 December 2012.

Under the Irish IGA (and the relevant Irish regulations and legislation implementing same), foreign financial institutions (such as the Company) should generally not be required to apply 30% withholding tax. To the extent the Company however suffers US withholding tax on its investments as a result of FATCA, or is not in a position to comply with any requirement of FATCA, the Administrator acting on behalf of the Company may take any action in relation to a Shareholder’s investment in the Company to redress such non-compliance and/or ensure that such withholding is economically borne by the relevant Shareholder whose failure to provide the necessary information or to become a participating foreign financial institution or other action or inaction gave rise to the withholding or non-compliance, including compulsory redemption of some or all of such Shareholder’s holding of shares in the Company.

Shareholders and prospective investors should consult their own tax advisor with regard to US federal, state, local and non-US tax reporting and certification requirements associated with an investment in the Company.

## **Common Reporting Standard**

Drawing extensively on the intergovernmental approach to implementing FATCA, the OECD developed the Common Reporting Standard (“**CRS**”) to address the issue of offshore tax evasion on a global basis. Additionally, the European Union adopted EU Council Directive 2014/107/EU, amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation (“**DAC2**”).

The CRS and DAC2 provide a common standard for due diligence, reporting and exchange of financial account information. Pursuant to the CRS and DAC2, participating jurisdictions and EU member states will obtain from reporting financial institutions, and automatically exchange with exchange partners on an annual basis, financial information with respect to all reportable accounts identified by financial institutions on the basis of common due diligence and reporting procedures. The Company is required to comply with the CRS and DAC2 due diligence and reporting requirements, as adopted by Ireland. Shareholders may be required to provide additional information to the Company to enable the Company to satisfy its obligations under the CRS and DAC2. Failure to provide requested information may subject an investor to liability for any resulting penalties or other charges and/or compulsory redemption of their Shares in the relevant Fund.

Shareholders and prospective investors should consult their own tax advisor with regard to with respect to their own certification requirements associated with an investment in the Company.

### **Cyber Security, Information technology and Risk**

The Company and its service providers are susceptible to operational and information security and related risks of cyber security incidents. In general, cyber and information technology 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). Information technology incidents, including without limitation, excessive website traffic causing delays or systems malfunctions which impact a service provider's ability to perform its duties and functions to the Company. Cyber security and information technology incidents affecting the Company, the Manager, the 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 the Company's ability to calculate its NAV; impediments to trading for the Company's portfolio; 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 invests, counterparties with which the Company 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.

### **Operation of Umbrella Cash Accounts**

The Company has established a single cash account designated in different currencies at umbrella level in the name of the Company. All subscriptions, redemptions or dividends payable to or from the relevant Fund will be channelled and managed through such umbrella cash account (together the "Umbrella Cash Account").

Certain risks associated with the operation of the Umbrella Cash Account are set out below in the sections entitled (i) "Application for Shares" – "*Operation of the Umbrella Cash Account in the name of the Company*"; (ii) "Redemption of Shares" - "*Operation of the Umbrella Cash Account in the name of the Company*"; and (iii) "Dividends and Distributions" respectively.

In addition, investors should note that in the event of the insolvency of another Fund of the Company, recovery of any amounts to which a relevant Fund is entitled, but which may have transferred to such other insolvent Fund as a result of the operation of the Umbrella Cash Account will be subject to the principles of Irish trust law and the terms of the operational procedures for the Umbrella Cash Account. There may be delays in effecting and/or disputes as to the recovery of such amounts, and the insolvent Fund may have insufficient funds to repay the amounts due to the relevant Fund.

In circumstances where subscription monies are received from an investor in advance of a Dealing Day in respect of which an application for Shares has been, or expected to be, received and are held in the Umbrella Cash Account, any such investor shall rank as a general creditor of the Fund until such time as Shares are issued as of the relevant Dealing Day. Therefore in the event that such monies are lost prior to the issue of Shares as of the relevant Dealing Day to the relevant investor, the Company on behalf of the Fund may be obliged to make good any losses which the Fund incurs in connection with the loss of such monies to the investor (in its capacity as an unsecured creditor of the Fund), in which case such loss will need to be discharged out of the assets of the relevant Fund and therefore will represent a diminution in the Net Asset Value per Share for existing Shareholders of the relevant Fund.

The Directors have power under the Articles of Association to compulsorily redeem and/or cancel any Shares held or beneficially owned in contravention of any restrictions imposed by them or in breach of any law or regulation. Where an investor fails to pay subscription proceeds within the relevant settlement period the Company may charge the applicant for any expense incurred by it or the Fund or for any loss to the Fund arising out of such non-receipt or non-clearance. In circumstances where an investor fails to pay subscription proceeds within the relevant settlement period, there is a risk that the Company may not be able to recover such costs from such investor and such loss and any relevant credit charges may have to be discharged out of the assets of the relevant Fund and therefore will represent a diminution in the Net Asset Value per Share for existing Shareholders of the relevant Fund.

## **GDPR**

Under the GDPR, data controllers, such as the Company, are subject to obligations including, amongst others, accountability and transparency requirements whereby the data controller is responsible for, and must be able to demonstrate compliance with the rules relating to the processing of personal data and must provide data subjects with more detailed information regarding the processing of their personal data. Other obligations imposed on data controllers include more enhanced data consent requirements and the obligation to report any material personal data breach to the relevant supervisory authority without undue delay. Under the GDPR, data subjects are afforded additional rights, including the right to rectify inaccurate personal information, the right to have personal data held by a data controller erased in certain circumstances and the right to restrict or object to processing in a number of circumstances.

Compliance with GDPR may result in increased operational and compliance costs being borne directly or indirectly by the Company. Further there is a risk that the measures will not be implemented correctly by the Company or its service providers. If there are breaches of these measures by the Company or any of its service providers, the Company or its service providers could face significant administrative fines and/or be required to compensate any data subject who has suffered material or non-material

damage as a result as well as the Company suffering reputational damage which may have a material adverse effect on its operations and financial conditions. In the event that the Company was subject to an administrative fine and/or required to compensate any data subject (due to a breach by the Company of its requirements under GDPR), any administrative fine/compensation would be payable out of the assets of the Fund(s) in circumstances in which the relevant service provider may have no liability.

### **Pandemic**

A pandemic may result in sustained market volatility and a period of economic decline globally. A pandemic may also have a significant adverse impact on the value of a Fund's investments and the ability of the Manager or an Investment Manager to access markets or implement a Fund's investment policy in the manner originally contemplated. Government interventions or other limitations or bans introduced by regulatory authorities or exchanges and trading venues as temporary measures in light of significant market volatility may also negatively impact on the Manager's or an Investment Manager's ability to implement a Fund's investment policy. A Fund's access to liquidity could also be impaired in circumstances where the need for liquidity to meet redemption requests may rise significantly. Services required for the operation of the ICAV such as the determination of the Net Asset Value of any Fund and the issue, conversion and redemption of Shares in any Fund, may in certain circumstances be impacted as a result of such pandemic.

### **Military Conflict Risks**

A Fund may incur significant losses in the event of a military conflict arising in any region in which it is either directly or indirectly invested. Such military conflicts may result in restricted or no access to certain markets, investments, service providers or counterparties, thus negatively impacting the performance of a Fund and restricting the ability of the Investment Manager to implement the investment strategy of a Fund and achieve its investment objective. Increased volatility, currency fluctuations, liquidity constraints, counterparty default, valuation and settlement difficulties and operational risk resulting from such conflicts may also negatively impact the performance of a Fund. Such events may result in otherwise historically "low-risk" strategies performing with unprecedented volatility and risk.

More generally, military conflict and any economic sanctions imposed in response to military aggression may lead to broader economic and political uncertainty and could cause significant volatility in financial markets, currency markets and commodities markets worldwide. Depending on the nature of the military conflict, companies worldwide operating in many sectors, including energy, financial services and defence, amongst others may be impacted. As a result, the performance of a Fund which has no direct or indirect exposure to the region(s) involved in the military conflict may also be negatively impacted.

## 2. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

The powers of management of the Company are vested in the Directors pursuant to the Articles of Association. The Directors control the affairs of the Company. The Directors have delegated the day to day management of the Company to the Manager and have appointed the Depositary to safe-keep the assets of the Company.

### Directors

The Company shall be managed and its affairs supervised by the Directors all of whom are non-executive directors of the Company and whose details are set out below:-

**Thomas Naughton** (British) joined the Universities Superannuation Scheme as a graduate trainee in 1994 and became a Pacific Portfolio Manager in 1995. In 1998 he was promoted to Pacific Equities Manager responsible for managing a £1bn portfolio of equities in Asia ex-Japan. In 2002 he moved to Hong Kong to set up and run the equity team for PMA Investment Advisors, a multi-strategy absolute return fund based in Hong Kong. He became the Chief Investment Officer for Equities and supervised a team of 11 analysts and traders. In 2010 he joined Prusik Investment Management as a partner and portfolio manager and in 2021 became the Chief Investment Officer.

**Tony Morris** (British) joined Schroder Investment Management North America in 1994 as part of the Emerging Markets Team. In 1996 he became an Associate Director at UBS Warburg Dillon Read, working on the Asian Sales Trading Desk in London before taking on management responsibility for the team. In 1999 he returned to Schroder Investment Management as Head of Emerging Market Trading. In 2005 he co-founded Prusik Investment Management LLP, where he is Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Managing Partner. He is also Chief Executive Officer of Prusik Singapore.

**David Hammond** (Irish) Mr. Hammond has over 30 years' experience in the fund management industry, including 26 years as a non-executive director of investment funds, management companies and other financial services businesses. During this time, he has also been employed in a number of other roles, including as general counsel of Montlake Funds, now part of the Waystone group, as founder and managing director of Bridge Fund Services Limited, now FundRock Fund Services Limited, a financial services consultancy and business advisory firm associated with the Manager, as Chief Operating Officer of Sanlam Asset Management (Ireland) Limited, part of the Sanlam group of South Africa, and as Director of Legal and Business Development with International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, the Irish fund administration subsidiary of Baring Asset Management which is now part of Northern Trust. He is also a solicitor, and practised for a number of years in the area of banking and financial services with A&L Goodbody in Ireland. Mr. Hammond is a CFA Charterholder and holds a law degree from Trinity College, Dublin and a MBA from Smurfit Graduate School of Business, University College, Dublin.

**Jennifer Richards** (Irish) Jennifer is an independent non-executive director with 30 years' experience within the investment industry, most recently as Head of Business Development Europe for Irish Life Investment Managers (ILIM).

Prior to joining ILIM, Jennifer held a number of senior leadership roles with Aberdeen Standard Investments (previously Standard Life Investments), latterly as Executive Director of their Irish MiFID entity. During her time with Standard Life Investments, Jennifer was a Director of 11 regulated entities based in Ireland, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Mauritius over a 14 year period. Jennifer studied Statistics at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth and earned a Masters in Investment and Treasury from Dublin City University. Jennifer holds the CFA Certificate in ESG Investing, the UniFi by CAIA Fundamentals of Alternative Investments Certificate and is a Certified Investment Fund Director as accredited by the Institute of Bankers in Ireland.

None of the Directors have had any convictions in relation to indictable offences, been involved in any bankruptcies, individual voluntary arrangements, receiverships, compulsory liquidations, creditors voluntary liquidations, administrations, company or partnership voluntary arrangements, any composition or arrangements with its creditors generally or any class of its creditors of any company where they were a director or partner with an executive function, nor have had any public criticisms by statutory or regulatory authorities (including recognised professional bodies) nor has any director ever 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 Manager**

The Company has appointed FundRock Management Company (Ireland) Limited (formerly Bridge Fund Management Limited) as its manager pursuant to the Management Agreement. The Manager is responsible on a day-to-day basis, under the supervision of the Directors, for the management of the Company's affairs. The Manager is a limited liability company incorporated in Ireland on 16 December 2015 with registration number 573961. The Manager is authorised by the Central Bank to act as a fund management company pursuant to the UCITS Regulations and an Alternative Investment Fund Manager (AIFM) pursuant to the European Communities (Alternative Investment Fund Managers) Regulations, 2013, as amended. Its principal business is acting as manager of investment funds.

The Manager's corporate secretarial function is provided by the company secretary of the Manager.

The Manager may act as manager of, and provide other services to, other funds or clients established in Ireland or elsewhere any of which may be competing with the Company in the same markets.

The directors of the Manager are as follows:

#### *Hugh Grootenhuis*

Hugh Grootenhuis has over 35 years' experience of working in financial services, in a variety of roles. He worked for the Schroder banking group for eighteen years where he obtained a wide range of investment banking experience. He worked for Schrodgers in London, Tokyo and Singapore, and spent the majority of his time in the international equity capital markets group. Hugh joined Waverton Investment Management Limited ("Waverton", previously called J O Hambro Investment Management Limited) in 1999 as a director of new business. While with Waverton, he was responsible for marketing Waverton's private client business as well as structuring long only equity and hedge fund vehicles.

In May 2007 he was appointed head of the funds business and joined the executive board. In June 2009 he was appointed Chief Executive Officer and acted in this capacity until July 2015. Hugh was appointed as a special advisor to S.W. Mitchell Capital LLP in January 2016 to assist with the development of its business, including governance and oversight. In 2017 he joined the Boards of Charles Stanley Group PLC and Charles Stanley & Co. Hugh graduated from the University of Cambridge where he read geography and land economy.

#### *David Dillon*

David Dillon is a solicitor having qualified in 1978. He is a graduate of University College Dublin (Bachelor of Law) and has an MBA from Trinity College Dublin. David was a founding partner of the law firm Dillon Eustace. David is a director of a number of Irish based investment and fund management companies. He has served as a member of a number of committees and sub-committees established by the Irish Law Society relating to commercial and financial services law. He is a former Chairman of the Investment Funds Committee (Committee I) of the International Bar Association, past Chairman of the Irish government's IFSC Funds Working group and a member of the IFSC's Clearing Group. He was a member of the Certified Accountant Accounts Awards Committee. He is currently on the organising committee of the Globalisation of Investment Funds organised by the ICI. He worked with the international law firm of Hamada and Matsumoto (now Mori Hamada and Matsumoto) in Tokyo during 1983/1984. Mr. Dillon speaks regularly at international fora.

#### *Carol Mahon*

Carol is an Irish resident with over 25 years' experience in the Irish Funds industry. Carol was Head of Office for Hermes Fund Managers Ireland Ltd (including European branches) in November 2018 until April 2021. Prior to joining Federated Hermes Investment Management, Carol was Chief Executive Officer for FIL Life Insurance (Ireland) Limited since March 2013 and was an Executive Director for FIL Fund Management (Ireland) Limited from January 2004. Before joining the Fidelity International Group in 2000, Carol held a number of positions within MeesPierson Fund Services (Dublin) Limited. Carol currently acts as a director (PCF 1 and 2) for several companies within the Federated Hermes and Fidelity Group, including corporate entities and investments funds. Carol holds a degree in Economics and German from University College Dublin, a diploma and certificate in Financial Services and a Masters of Business Administration from UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School. She has also successfully completed the Certified Investment Fund Director programme.

#### *Patrick Robinson*

Patrick Robinson has over 20 years' experience in the asset management and funds services industry. Patrick began working as a consultant with FundRock (formerly Bridge Fund Services), an affiliate of the Manager, in October 2009, before becoming Chief Executive Officer in August 2014. Patrick has an in-depth knowledge of UCITS and AIFM requirements and has project managed fund launches to include providing assistance on product development. He has established the risk, compliance and operational infrastructures of a number of asset management firms.

Patrick joined FundRock from RBS Fund Services (Ireland) Ltd where he headed the Operations Team responsible for the supervision and oversight of a variety of managers and service providers contracted to funds managed by RBS FSI. Prior to this Patrick worked with Olympia Capital (Ireland) Ltd where he managed the fund accounting operations for an array of clients with a diverse range of alternative fund products. He holds a Master's degree in Finance and Investment from the University of Ulster.

#### *Brian Finneran*

Brian Finneran has over 20 years' experience in the financial services industry. Since joining FundRock (formerly Bridge Fund Services) in November 2014, Brian has been appointed as the Designated Person (PCF-39), including for the Fund Risk Management function, to a number of self-managed UCITS funds, UCITS management companies and AIFMs. He has also undertaken a number of risk-based consultancy projects for asset managers. Before joining FundRock, Brian worked for Marathon Asset Management (London) managing the Hedge fund operations team with responsibility for the oversight, control and development of Marathon's alternative fund range. Prior to this, Brian worked with Citi Hedge Fund Services (previously BISYS Hedge Fund Services) where he managed a team responsible for the administration of a number of hedge fund and fund of hedge fund clients. Brian has served as a member of the Irish Funds Investment Risk Working group including as Chair since 2021. Brian holds a Degree in Accounting & Finance from Dublin City University and is an affiliate of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

#### *Paul Gorman*

Paul is an Irish resident with over 35 years' experience in the investment management industry. Before joining FundRock in 2021 as the approved Designated Person for Investment Management by the Central Bank of Ireland, Paul spent almost 20 years with Pioneer Investments (now Amundi) in Dublin, where he was a Senior Portfolio Manager. While at Pioneer he managed both Global and European Equity funds and spent 4 years as Head of European Equity Research. He was part of the investment leadership team for a range of Equity funds with AUM of > €30bn. Paul previously spent 10 years as a Portfolio Manager for Global Equity and Fixed Income mandates with Bank of Ireland Asset Management in Dublin. Paul started his portfolio management career in London with Refuge Assurance. Paul is a Business Studies graduate from Trinity College Dublin and is an Associate of the Society of Investment Analysts in Ireland (now part of the CFA Institute). He also holds a Professional Certificate in Financial Advice from the Institute of Banking in Ireland.

#### **Investment Manager, Distributor and Promoter**

The Manager has appointed Prusik Investment Management LLP, as Investment Manager with discretionary powers pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement. The Investment Manager will also act as distributor to the Company. Under the Investment Management Agreement, the Directors have overall responsibility in relation to the investment activities of the Fund in accordance with the investment objective and policies of each of the Funds. The Investment Manager shall also be responsible for the distribution of the Fund's Shares under the terms of the Investment Management Agreement.

The Company shall not be liable for any actions, costs, charges, losses, damages or expenses arising as a result of the acts or omissions of the Investment Manager or for its own acts or omissions in following the advice or recommendations of the Investment Manager.

The Investment Manager was incorporated in England on 19 March 2005 under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 and is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the conduct of financial services and investment management activities. The Investment Manager is also the Promoter of the Company.

The Investment Manager is not registered as an "investment adviser" with the SEC under the Advisers Act but has filed with the SEC as an "exempt reporting adviser" under the Advisers Act. Additional information about the Investment Manager is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). Additionally, the Investment Manager has claimed an exemption under CFTC Rule 4.13(a)(3) from registration with the CFTC as a commodity pool operator with respect to the Company.

### **Administrator**

The Manager has appointed Brown Brothers Harriman Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited as the Administrator with responsibility for performing the registrar, transfer agency and financial services functions of the Company pursuant to the Administration Agreement.

The Administrator is a private limited company incorporated in Ireland on 29 March, 1995, under registration number 231236, and has a paid up share capital of US\$700,000. The Administrator is a wholly owned subsidiary of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., a limited partnership formed under the laws of the State of New York. The Administrator's registered and head office is at the address specified in the Directory. The Administrator's principal business is the provision of fund administration, accounting, registration, transfer agency and related shareholder services to collective investment schemes and investment funds.

### **Depositary**

Brown Brothers Harriman Trustee Services (Ireland) Limited has been appointed depositary of all the assets of the Company by agreement dated 22 December, 2010, as amended and restated on 31 March, 2016 (the "Depositary Agreement"). The Depositary is a company incorporated in Ireland on 29 March 1995 as a limited liability company. The Depositary's capital is in excess of US\$1.5 million. The Depositary has been approved by the Central Bank to act as depositary for the Company.

The principal activity of the Depositary is to act as depositary and trustee of the assets of collective investment schemes.

The duties of the Depositary are to provide safekeeping, oversight and asset verification services in respect of the assets of the Company in accordance with the provisions of the UCITS Regulations. The Depositary will also provide cash monitoring services in respect of the Company's cash flows and subscriptions.

The Depositary will be obliged, inter alia, to ensure that the sale, issue, repurchase and cancellation of Shares in the Company is carried out in accordance with relevant legislation and the Articles of Association.

#### *Depositary Liability*

Pursuant to the Depositary Agreement and the requirements of the UCITS Regulations, the Depositary will be liable for loss of financial instruments held in custody (i.e. those assets which are required to be held in custody pursuant to the UCITS Regulations) or in the custody of any sub-custodian to which the custody of such financial instruments has been delegated, unless it can prove that 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 shall also be liable for all other losses suffered as a result of the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations under the UCITS Regulations.

#### *Depositary Delegation and Conflicts*

Under the Depositary Agreement, the Depositary may delegate its safekeeping obligations provided that (i) the services are not delegated with the intention of avoiding the requirements of the UCITS Regulations, (ii) the Depositary can demonstrate that there is an objective reason for the delegation and (iii) the Depositary has exercised all due, skill, care and diligence in the selection and appointment of any third party to whom it wants to delegate parts of the services, and keeps exercising all due skill, care and diligence in the periodic review and ongoing monitoring of any third party to whom it has delegated parts of its safekeeping services and of the arrangements of the third party in respect of the matters delegated to it. The liability of the Depositary will not be affected by virtue of any such delegation.

The Depositary has delegated its safe-keeping duties in respect of financial instruments in custody to the third parties set out in Appendix IV hereto. No conflicts arise as a result of such delegation.

The Depositary does not anticipate that there would be any specific conflicts of interest arising as a result of any such delegation. The Depositary will notify the board of the Company of any such conflict should it so arise.

Any fees payable to a sub-custodian(s) shall be at normal commercial rates plus any VAT thereon and paid out of the Depositary's fee.

#### *Up to date information*

Up-to-date information regarding the duties of the Depositary, any conflicts of interest that may arise and the Depositary's delegation arrangements will be made available to investors on request.

Prospective investors are also referred to the section headed "Risk Factors" set out in the Prospectus.

The Company may not terminate the appointment of the Depositary and the Depositary may not retire from such appointment unless and until a successor Depositary shall have been appointed in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, and the UCITS Regulations and approved by the Central Bank. If the Depositary shall have given to the Company notice of its desire to retire from its appointment or the appointment of the Depositary is terminated pursuant to the terms of the Depositary Agreement and no successor shall have been appointed in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association within 90 days or such other lesser period as may be agreed between the parties from the giving of such notice, the Company shall, forthwith repurchase the shares or appoint a liquidator who shall wind up the Company and shall apply, thereafter, to the Central Bank to revoke the authorisation of the Company whereupon the Depositary's appointment shall terminate when the Company has been revoked by the Central Bank.

### **Paying Agents/Representatives/Sub-Distributors**

Local laws/regulations in which a Fund's shares are registered for distribution may require the appointment of paying agents/representatives/distributors/correspondent banks ("**Paying Agents**") and maintenance of accounts by such Paying Agents through which subscription and redemption monies or dividends may be paid. Shareholders who choose or are obliged under local regulations to pay or receive subscription or redemption monies or dividends via an intermediate entity rather than directly to the Depositary (e.g. a Paying Agent in a local jurisdiction) bear a credit risk against that intermediate entity with respect to (a) subscription monies prior to the transmission of such monies to the Depositary for the account of the Company and (b) redemption monies payable by such intermediate entity to the relevant Shareholder. Fees and expenses of Paying Agents appointed by the Company which will be at normal commercial rates will be borne by the Company or the Manager, out of the assets of the Company .

At the date of this Prospectus it is not expected that a Paying Agent will be appointed, however, Country Supplements dealing with matters pertaining to Shareholders in jurisdictions in which Paying Agents are appointed may be prepared for circulation to such Shareholders and, if so, a summary of the material provisions of the agreements appointing the Paying Agents will be included in the relevant Country Supplements.

All Shareholders of the Company may avail of the services provided by Paying Agents appointed by or on behalf of the Company.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

The Directors, the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Administrator and the Depositary and their respective affiliates, officers, directors and shareholders, employees and agents (collectively the "Parties") are or may be involved in other financial, investment and professional activities which may on occasion cause a conflict of interest with the management of the Company and/or their respective roles with respect to the Company. These activities may include managing or advising other funds, purchases and sales of securities, banking and investment management services, brokerage services, valuation of unlisted securities and OTC derivatives (in circumstances in which fees payable to the entity valuing such securities may increase as the value of assets increases) and serving as directors,

officers, advisers or agents of other funds or companies, including funds or companies in which the Company may invest. In particular, the Manager and/or the Investment Manager may advise other Funds and other collective investment schemes in which a Fund may invest or which have similar or overlapping investment objectives to or with the Company or its Funds.

Each of the Parties will use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the performance of their respective duties will not be impaired by any such involvement they may have and that any conflicts which may arise will be resolved fairly. In relation to co-investment opportunities which arise between the Company and other clients of the Investment Manager, the Investment Manager will ensure that the Company participate fairly in such investment opportunities and that these are fairly allocated.

There is no prohibition on transactions with the Company, the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Administrator, the Depositary or entities related to each of, the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Administrator or the Depositary including, without limitation, holding, disposing or otherwise dealing with Shares issued by or property of the Company and none of them shall have any obligation to account to the Company for any profits or benefits made by or derived from or in connection with any such transaction provided that such transactions are in the best interests of Shareholders and conducted as if negotiated at arm's length and:

- (a) the value of the transaction is certified by a person approved by the Depositary as (or in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary, the Manager) as independent and competent; or
- (b) the relevant transaction is executed on best terms obtainable on an organised investment exchange in accordance with the rules of such exchange; or
- (c) where the conditions set out in (a) and (b) above are not practical, the Depositary is satisfied that the relevant transaction is conducted at arm's length and is in the best interests of Shareholders or in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary, the Manager is satisfied that the transaction is at arm's length and in the best interests of Shareholders.

The Depositary (or the Manager in the case of transactions involving the Depositary) must document how it has complied with the provisions of paragraph (a), (b) or (c) above. Where transactions are conducted in accordance with (c) above, the Depositary (or the Manager in the case of transactions involving the Depositary) must document their rationale for being satisfied that the transaction conformed to the principles outlined above.

Where the competent person valuing the unlisted securities is a related party to the Company, a conflict may arise. For example, the Investment Manager or an associated company of the Investment Manager may invest in Shares so that a Fund or Class may have a viable minimum size or is able to operate more efficiently. In such circumstances the Investment Manager or its associated company may hold a high proportion of the Shares of a Fund or Class in issue.

Details of interests of the Directors are set out in the Section of the Prospectus entitled "Statutory and General Information".

## **Use of Dealing Commissions**

The Investment Manager may effect transactions or arrange for the effecting of transactions through brokers with whom it has arrangements whereby the broker agrees to provide best execution in its services and to use a proportion of the commission earned on such transactions to discharge the broker's own costs or the costs of third parties in providing certain services to the Investment Manager.

The services which can be paid for under such arrangements are those permitted under the rules of the FCA and MiFID, namely those that relate to the execution of transactions on behalf of customers or the provision of research services. The benefits provided under such arrangements are required to be permitted minor non-monetary benefits under the rules of the FCA and MiFID and which do not and are not likely to impair compliance with the Investment Manager's duty to act in the best interests of its customers.

Such benefits will assist the Investment Manager in the provision of investment management services to the Company and its Funds. Specifically, the Investment Manager may agree that a broker shall be paid a commission in excess of the amount another broker would have charged for effecting such transaction so long as, in the good faith judgement of the Investment Manager, the amount of the commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and other services provided or paid for by such broker. The Investment Manager may only receive research services from third-parties, provided it is received on such basis that it does not contravene MiFID or the rules of the FCA. Where the Investment Manager receives such services from a third party in respect of a Fund, the costs associated with the provision of such research may be paid either from a research payment account controlled by the Investment Manager, as further described under the sub-section entitled "Cash/Commission Rebates, Fee Sharing and Inducements" below, or through joint payments for research and execution services.

A report will be included in the Company's annual and half-yearly reports describing the Investment Manager's soft commission practices.

## **Cash/Commission Rebates, Fee Sharing and Inducements**

In accordance with its obligations under MiFID, the Investment Manager shall return to the relevant Fund any fees, commissions or other monetary benefits paid or provided by a third party in relation to the investment management services provided by the Investment Manager to the Fund as soon as reasonably possible after receipt. Where the Investment Manager, or any of its delegates, successfully negotiates the recapture of a portion of the commissions charged by brokers or dealers in connection with the purchase and/or sale of securities, financial derivative instruments or techniques and instruments for a Fund, the rebated commission shall be paid to the Fund as the case may be.

The Investment Manager shall however be permitted to retain minor non-monetary benefits (for example, participation in conferences, seminars or other training events on the benefits of a specific financial instrument/investment service, hospitality) received from third parties where the benefits are such that they could not impair the MiFID authorised Investment Manager from complying with its obligation to act in the best interests of the Fund and provided such minor non-monetary benefits are

disclosed to the Company prior to the provision of investment management services by that entity. Such minor non-monetary benefits may include (i) the Investment Manager participating in conferences or seminars on the benefits and features of a specific financial instrument or investment service and receiving hospitality at such events, (ii) receipt of generic information on a financial instrument or investment service (iii) written material on new issuances which is available to any investment firm wishing to receive it or to the general public or (iv) any other non-monetary benefit which the Investment Manager is satisfied is unlikely to impair its obligations to act in the best interests of its clients and any other minor non-monetary benefits set out in Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593.

Subject to and in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, the Investment Manager or its delegates may be paid/reimbursed out of the assets of the relevant Fund or for fees charged by it and reasonable properly vouched costs and expenses directly incurred by the Investment Manager or its delegates in this regard as set out below in "Fees and Expenses"

Investment research will not constitute an inducement under MiFID where it is paid for by the Investment Manager itself out of its own resources, through joint payments for research and execution services, or out of a research payment account ("RPA") funded by a specific research charge to the applicable Fund. In this regard, the Investment Manager may operate an RPA or, alternatively, make such payments through joint payments for research and execution services, in order to ensure that it complies with its regulatory obligations under MiFID and the FCA Rules.

Where relevant, the RPA(s) operated by the Investment Manager shall be funded by a specific research charge to the relevant Fund and may be used to pay for investment research received by the Investment Manager from third parties and must be in accordance with the requirements of MiFID and the FCA Rules.

### 3. FEES AND EXPENSES

The fees and expenses applicable to the Company and to any Funds thereof, unless otherwise specified in a particular Supplement, are as follows: -

#### **Establishment Expenses**

All fees and expenses relating to the establishment and organisation of the Company and the initial Fund including the fees of the Company's professional advisers and the fees and expenses incurred registering the Shares of the Company for sale in various markets were borne by the Company and have now been amortised. The organisational and establishment expenses relating to the creation of any additional Funds as at the date of this Prospectus will be set out in the relevant Supplement.

#### **Operating Expenses and Fees**

The Company will pay all its operating expenses and the fees hereinafter described as being payable by the Company. Expenses paid by the Company throughout the duration of the Company, in addition to fees and expenses payable to the Administrator, the Depositary, the Manager, the Investment Manager and the Paying Agent appointed by or on behalf of the Company include but are not limited to brokerage and banking commissions and charges, legal and other professional advisory fees, company secretarial fees, Companies Registration Office filings and statutory fees, regulatory fees, auditing fees, translation and accounting expenses, interest on borrowings, taxes and governmental expenses applicable to the Company costs of preparation, translation, printing and distribution of reports and notices, all marketing material and advertisements and periodic update of the Prospectus, stock exchange listing fees, all expenses in connection with registration, listing and distribution of the Company and Shares issued or to be issued, all expenses in connection with obtaining and maintaining a credit rating for any Funds or Classes or Shares, expenses of Shareholders meetings, Directors' insurance premia, expenses of the publication and distribution of the Net Asset Value, clerical costs of issue or redemption of Shares, postage, telephone, facsimile and telex expenses, all expenses relating to the termination of any Class or Fund or the winding up of the Company and any other expenses (including but not limited to, all expenses in connection with investment research and corporate access) in each case together with any applicable value added tax. Any such expenses may be deferred and amortised by the Company. An estimated accrual for operating expenses of the Company will be provided for in the calculation of the Net Asset Value of each Fund. Operating expenses and the fees and expenses of service providers which are payable by the Company shall be borne by all Funds in proportion to the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund or attributable to the relevant Class provided that fees and expenses directly or indirectly attributable to a particular Fund or Class shall be borne solely by the relevant Fund or Class.

As noted above, the Company on behalf of a Fund may incur charges relating to investment research which is or may be used by the Investment Manager in managing the assets of the particular Fund. As noted above, the Investment Manager intends to operate an RPA in order to ensure that it complies with its regulatory obligations under MiFID. The RPA(s) operated by the Investment Manager shall be funded by a specific research charge to the relevant Fund and shall be used to pay for investment research received by the Investment Manager from third parties and must be operated in accordance

with the requirements of MiFID. The Investment Manager in conjunction with the Directors shall set and regularly assess a research budget for the Company and its Funds and shall agree the frequency with which such charges will be deducted from the relevant Fund.

### **Remuneration Policy of the Manager**

In line with the provisions of the UCITS Regulations, the Manager applies its remuneration policy and practices in a way and to the extent that is proportionate to its size, its internal organisation and the nature, scope and complexity of its activities.

Further information on the remuneration policy of the Manager is available on <https://bridgefundservices.com/remuneration-policy/>. As the Manager has delegated the investment management of the Shares to the Investment Manager, the Manager will ensure that the Investment Manager applies in a proportionate manner the remuneration rules as detailed in the UCITS Regulations or, alternatively, that the Investment Manager is subject to equally effective remuneration requirements or contractual arrangements are put in place between with the Manager and the Investment Manager in order to ensure that there is no circumvention of the remuneration rules set down in the ESMA Guidelines on Remuneration for UCITS.

Details of the remuneration policy of the Manager, including, but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, the identity of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits including the composition of the remuneration committee, where such a committee exists, will be available free of charge upon request from the Manager.

### **Manager's Fee**

Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the Manager is entitled to charge the Company an annual fee not to exceed 0.015% of the Net Asset Value of the Company. The Manager's fee shall be subject to the imposition of VAT if required. The fee will be calculated and accrued daily and is payable monthly in arrears. The Manager's fee may be waived or reduced by the Manager, in consultation with the Directors.

The Manager shall also be entitled to be repaid all of its out of pocket expenses out of the assets of the Company.

### **Investment Management Fees and Expenses**

The Investment Manager shall be entitled to receive from the Company a fee in relation to each Fund or Class as specified in the relevant Supplement. Investment Management Fees, or a portion thereof, may be charged to the capital as disclosed in the relevant Supplement.

The Investment Manager may also be entitled to a performance fee based on the performance of any Fund or Class, where described in the relevant Supplement. The Investment Manager may be paid different fees for investment management, including performance fees, in respect of individual Classes as disclosed in the relevant Supplement which may be higher or lower than the fees applicable to other

Classes. Information in relation to the fees applicable to other Classes in a particular Fund shall be made available by the Directors on request.

### **Administrator's Fees**

#### *Administration Fee*

The Company shall also pay to the Administrator Administration Fees of between 0.02% and 0.04% of the Net Asset Value of each Fund, together with VAT, if any on such fee. The Administrator's fees shall be accrued at each Valuation Point and shall be payable monthly in arrears, subject to a monthly minimum charge of \$4,000. Additional Classes in excess of two Classes per Fund shall be charged at \$500 per month. The Administrator shall also be entitled to receive registration fees and transaction and reporting charges at normal commercial rates which shall accrue daily and be paid monthly in arrears. There will be an additional annual service charge of \$10,000 for VAT Services.

The Administrator shall also be entitled to be repaid out of the assets of the Company all of its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the Company which shall include legal fees, couriers' fees and telecommunication costs and expenses together with VAT, if any, thereon.

Each Fund will bear its proportion of the fees and expenses of the Administrator.

### **Depositary's Fees**

The Depositary shall receive an annual fee of up to 0.023% of the Net Asset Value of each Fund, accrued at each Valuation Point and shall be payable monthly in arrears. The Company shall also pay the fees and reasonable transaction charges (charged at normal commercial rates) of any sub-custodian appointed by the Depositary. The Depositary's fees are accrued at each Valuation Point, payable monthly in arrears, and subject to a minimum monthly charge of \$1,500 per Fund.

The Depositary shall also be entitled to be repaid all of its disbursements out of the assets of the Company, including legal fees, couriers' fees and telecommunication costs and expenses and the fees, transaction charges and expenses of any sub-custodian appointed by it which shall be at normal commercial rates together with VAT, if any, thereon.

Each Fund will bear its proportion of the fees and expenses of the Depositary.

### **Paying Agents' Fees**

If appointed, fees and expenses of any Paying Agents appointed by the Company or the Manager which will be at normal commercial rates together with VAT, if any, thereon will be borne by the Company.

All Shareholders of the Company may avail of the services provided by Paying Agents appointed by or on behalf of the Company.

## **Sales Commissions**

Shareholders may be subject to a sales commission calculated as a percentage of subscription monies subject to a maximum of 3% per annum of the Net Asset Value per Share held by Shareholders. Such commission may be charged as a preliminary once off charge or as an annual commission payable over the term of investment by a Shareholder in a Class or as a contingent deferred sales charge. In the event of a contingent deferred sales charge being applied, an additional redemption fee will not be levied.

## **Redemption Fee**

A redemption fee not exceeding 3% of the Net Asset Value of Shares being redeemed may be imposed on the redemption of Shares which shall be retained by the Investment Manager for its sole use and benefit or as it may determine. Where Shares are being redeemed by a Shareholder within one year of purchase, the redemption fee of 3% will be charged. The Directors may differentiate between Shareholders by waiving or reducing the redemption fee chargeable to certain Classes.

## **Conversion Fee**

A conversion fee will not be charged for conversion from one Class to another.

## **Anti-Dilution Levy/Duties and Charges**

The Directors reserve the right to impose “an anti-dilution levy” representing a provision for market spreads (the difference between the last traded prices at which assets are valued and/or bought or sold), and duties and charges and other dealing costs relating to the acquisition or disposal of assets and to preserve the value of the underlying assets of a Fund, in the event of receipt for processing of net subscription or redemption requests exceeding 1% of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund including as a result of requests for converting from one Class (which shall for this purpose be treated as a redemption request) into another Class (which shall for this purpose be treated as a subscription request). Such provision will be added to the price at which Shares will be issued in the case of net subscription requests exceeding 1% of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund and deducted from the price at which Shares will be redeemed in the case of net redemption requests exceeding 1% of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund.

The Directors may in addition apply a provision for market spreads and duties and charges in any other case where they consider such a provision to be in the best interests of the Company and in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

## **Directors' Fees**

The Articles of Association authorize the Directors to charge a fee for their services at a rate determined by the Directors. The Directors may therefore charge a maximum fee per Director of €35,000, plus VAT if any, per annum and may be entitled to special remuneration if called upon to perform any special or extra services to the Company.

All Directors will be entitled to reimbursement by the Company of expenses properly incurred in connection with the business of the Company or the discharge of their duties.

### **Allocation of Fees and Expenses**

All fees, expenses, duties and charges will be charged to the relevant Fund and within such Fund to the Classes in respect of which they were incurred. Where an expense is not considered by the Directors to be attributable to any one Fund, the expense will normally be allocated to all Funds in proportion to the Net Asset Value of the Funds or otherwise on such basis as the Directors deem fair and equitable. In the case of any fees or expenses of a regular or recurring nature, such as audit fees, the Directors may calculate such fees or expenses on an estimated figure for yearly or other periods in advance and accrue them in equal proportions over any period. Asset based fees will be calculated off the Net Asset Value of the Funds prior to the deduction of performance fee accruals, if applicable.

## 4. THE SHARES

### General

Shares may be issued on any Dealing Day. Shares issued in a Fund or Class will be in registered form and denominated in the Base Currency specified in the relevant Supplement for the relevant Fund or a currency attributable to the particular Class. Shares will have no par value and will first be issued on the first Dealing Day after expiry of the relevant Initial Offer Period for each Class at the Initial Price. Thereafter Shares shall be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share (subject to the addition of any equalisation credit as set out on the relevant Fund Supplement). Title to Shares will be evidenced by written confirmation of entering of the investor's name on the Company's register of Shareholders and no certificates will be issued. Amendments to a Shareholder's registration details and payment instructions will only be made following receipt of original written instructions from the relevant Shareholder.

The Directors may decline to accept any application for Shares without giving any reason and may restrict the ownership of Shares by any person, firm or corporation in certain circumstances including where such ownership would be in breach of any regulatory or legal requirement or might affect the tax status of the Company or might result in the Company suffering certain disadvantages which it might not otherwise suffer. Any restrictions applicable to a particular Fund or Class shall be specified with respect to that Fund or Class. Any person who holds Shares in contravention of restrictions imposed by the Directors or, by virtue of his holding, is in breach of the laws and regulations of any applicable jurisdiction or whose holding could, in the opinion of the Directors, cause the Company to incur any liability to taxation or to suffer any pecuniary disadvantage which it or the Shareholders or any or all of them might not otherwise have incurred or sustained or otherwise in circumstances which the Directors believe might be prejudicial to the interests of the Shareholders, shall indemnify the Company, the Investment Manager, the Depositary, the Manager, the Administrator and Shareholders for any loss suffered by it or them as a result of such person or persons acquiring or holding Shares in the Company.

The Directors have power under the Articles of Association to compulsorily redeem and/or cancel any Shares held or beneficially owned in contravention of any restrictions imposed by them or in breach of any law or regulation.

None of the Company, the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Administrator or the Depositary or any of their respective directors, officers, employees or agents will be responsible or liable for the authenticity of instructions from Shareholders reasonably believed to be genuine and shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising out of or in conjunction with any unauthorised or fraudulent instructions. The Administrator shall, however, employ reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions are genuine.

### *Operation of Cash Accounts in the name of the Company*

The Company has established a single cash account designated in different currencies at umbrella level in the name of the Company into which subscription monies received from investors of all of the Funds shall be lodged.

All subscriptions, redemptions or dividends payable to or from the relevant Fund will be channelled and managed through such umbrella cash account and no such account shall be operated at the level of each individual Fund. However the Company will ensure that all monies in any such umbrella fund cash account are recorded in the books and records of the Company as assets of, and attributable to, the relevant Fund in accordance with the requirements of the Articles of the Company.

Further information relating to such accounts is set out in the sections (i) "Application for Shares" – "Operation of the Umbrella Cash Account in the name of the Company"; (ii) "Redemption of Shares" - "Operation of the Umbrella Cash Account in the name of the Company"; and (iii) "Dividends and Distributions" respectively. In addition, your attention is drawn to the section of the Prospectus entitled "Risk Factors" – "Operation of Umbrella Cash Accounts" above.

### **Subscriptions by Permitted US Persons**

Shares may be issued or transferred to Permitted US Persons provided that:

- (a) such investor certifies that it is (i) an "accredited investor", as defined in Regulation D promulgated under the 1933 Act and (ii) a "qualified purchaser", as defined in Section 2(a)(51) of the 1940 Act;
- (b) such issue or transfer does not result in a violation of the 1933 Act or the securities laws of any of the states of the United States;
- (c) such issue or transfer will not require the Company to register under the 1940 Act or to file a prospectus with the CFTC under the US Commodity Exchange Act, as amended;
- (d) such issue or transfer will not cause any assets of the Company to be treated as "plan assets" for the purposes of ERISA; and
- (e) such issue or transfer will not result in any adverse regulatory or tax consequences to the Company, any Fund or the Shareholders as a whole.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company will not accept any subscriptions from, and Shares may not be transferred to, any investor, whether or not a US Person if, immediately thereafter, Benefit Plan Investors would hold 25% (or such greater percentage as may be provided in regulations promulgated by the US Department of Labor) or more of the value of any class of equity interests (as such term is used under ERISA and any regulations promulgated thereunder) so that the assets of the Company will not be treated as "plan assets" for the purpose of Section 3(42) of ERISA and any regulations promulgated thereunder. If the assets of the Company were treated as "plan assets" of a Benefit Plan Investor, the Investment Manager would be a "fiduciary" (as defined in ERISA) with respect to each Benefit Plan Investor that invested in the Company and would be subject to the obligations and liabilities imposed on fiduciaries by ERISA and/or the Internal Revenue Code. Moreover, the Company would be subject to various other requirements of ERISA and/or the Internal Revenue Code. The Directors reserves the right to redeem all or part of the Shares held by any Shareholder, including, without limitation, to ensure compliance with the percentage limitation on investment in the Company by Benefit Plan Investors as set forth above. The Investment Manager reserves the right, however, to waive the percentage limitation on investment in the Company by Benefit Plan Investors and thereafter to comply with ERISA.

Each applicant for, and transferee of, Shares who is a US Person will be required to provide such representations, warranties or documentation as may be required by the Directors to ensure that these requirements are met prior to the issue or the registration of any transfer of Shares. If the transferee is not already a Shareholder, it will be required to complete the appropriate Application Form.

### **Abusive Trading Practices/Market Timing**

The Directors generally encourages investors to invest in the Funds as part of a long-term investment strategy and discourages excessive or short term or abusive trading practices. Such activities, sometimes referred to as “market timing”, may have a detrimental effect on the Funds and Shareholders. For example, depending upon various factors such as the size of the respective Fund and the amount of its assets maintained in cash, short-term or excessive trading by Shareholders may interfere with the efficient management of that Fund’s portfolio, increased transaction costs and taxes and may harm the performance of the Fund.

The Directors seeks to deter and prevent abusive trading practices and to reduce these risks, through several methods, including the following:

- (i) to the extent that there is a delay between a change in the value of a Fund’s portfolio holdings and the time when that change is reflected in the Net Asset Value per Share, a Fund is exposed to the risk that investors may seek to exploit this delay by purchasing or redeeming Shares at a Net Asset Value which does not reflect appropriate fair value prices. The Directors seek to deter and prevent this activity, sometimes referred to as “stale price arbitrage”, by the appropriate use of its power to adjust the value of any investment having regard to relevant considerations in order to reflect the fair value of such investment.
- (ii) the Directors may monitor Shareholder account activities in order to detect and prevent excessive and disruptive trading practices and reserves the right to exercise its discretion to reject any subscription or conversion transaction without assigning any reason therefore and without payment of compensation if, in its judgement, the transaction may adversely affect the interest of the Fund or its Shareholders. The Directors may also monitor Shareholder account activities for any patterns of frequent purchases and sales that appear to be made in response to short-term fluctuations in the Net Asset Value per Share and may take such action as it deems appropriate to restrict such activities including, if it so determines, levying a redemption fee of up to 3% per cent of the Net Asset Value of Shares the subject of a redemption request.

There can be no assurances that abusive trading practices can be mitigated or eliminated. For example nominee accounts in which purchases and sales of Shares by multiple investors may be aggregated for dealing with the Funds on a net basis, conceal the identity of underlying investors in a Fund which makes it more difficult for the Directors and their delegates to identify abusive trading practices.

### **Application for Shares**

The terms and conditions applicable to an application for the issue of Shares in a Fund or Class and the Initial Price thereof together with subscription and settlement details and procedures and the time

for receipt of applications will be specified in the Supplement for the relevant Fund or Class. Application Forms may be obtained from the Administrator. The Minimum Subscription, Minimum Holding and Minimum Transaction Size for Shares are set out in the Supplement for each Fund. The time limit in which payment for subscriptions must be made shall be set out in the Supplement for the relevant Fund. In the event that payment for Shares has not been received by the relevant time, the application may be refused. In such a case, and notwithstanding any such refusal, the Company may charge the applicant for any resulting loss incurred by the Fund.

The Company may reject any application in whole or in part without giving any reason for such rejection in which event the subscription monies or any balance thereof will be returned without interest, expenses or compensation to the applicant by transfer to the applicant's designated account or by post at the applicant's risk.

Dealing is carried out at forward pricing basis. i.e. the Net Asset Value next computed after receipt of subscription requests.

#### *Operation of the Umbrella Cash Account in the name of the Company*

Subscription monies received from an investor in advance of a Dealing Day in respect of which an application for Shares has been, or is expected to be, received will be held in a cash account in the name of the Company and will be treated as an asset of the relevant Fund upon receipt and will not benefit from the application of any investor money protection rules (i.e. the subscription monies in such circumstance will not be held on trust as investor monies for the relevant investor). In such circumstance, the investor will be an unsecured creditor of the relevant Fund with respect to the amount subscribed and held by the Company until such Shares are issued as of the relevant Dealing Day. 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. Your attention is drawn to the section of the Prospectus entitled "*Risk Factors*" – "*Operation of Umbrella Cash Accounts*" above.

#### **Anti-Money Laundering Measures**

Measures aimed at the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing will require a detailed verification of the investor's identity, address and source of funds and, where applicable, the beneficial owner on a risk sensitive basis, and the ongoing monitoring of the business relationship. Additional verification may be required for politically exposed persons ("PEPs"), individuals who are or have, at any time in the preceding year, been entrusted with prominent public functions. The obligation extends to immediate family members and close associates of PEPs.

Depending on the circumstances of each application, a detailed verification might not be required where, for example, the application is made through a recognised intermediary. This exception will only apply if the intermediary is in a country recognised in Ireland as having equivalent anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing regulations and certain other conditions are met, including that the provision of a letter of undertaking from the recognised intermediary in a form acceptable to the Administrator, the Manager and the Company.

The Administrator, the Manager and the Company each reserve the right to request such information as is necessary to verify the identity of an investor. Verification of the investor's identity may take place after the account holder has opened a bank account provided that there are adequate safeguards in place to ensure that transactions are not carried out by or on behalf of the account holder (including any payment from the account to the account holder) before verification has been completed. In the event of delay or failure by an investor or applicant to produce any information required for verification purposes, the Administrator, the Manager or the Company may refuse to accept the application, subscription monies or cease or refuse to make redemption payments. In certain circumstances, where subscription monies have been received but the Company is not able to process the application due to any delay or failure to provide requested information required for verification purposes, the Company may not be in a position to return subscription monies received.

Each applicant for Shares will be required to make such representations as may be required by the Directors in connection with anti-money laundering programmes, including, without limitation, representations that such applicant is not a prohibited country, territory, individual or entity listed on the sanction lists published by the European Union, the United Nations or the United States Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") and that it is not directly or indirectly affiliated with any country, territory, individual or entity named on such lists or prohibited by any relevant sanctions programmes. Each applicant will also be required to represent that subscription monies are not directly or indirectly derived from activities that may contravene Irish, EU or United States federal or state, or international, laws and regulations, including anti-money laundering laws and regulations.

The details given above are by way of example only and the Administrator will request such information and documentation as it considers is necessary to verify the identity of an applicant. In the event of delay or failure by the applicant to produce any information required for verification purposes, the Administrator may refuse to accept the application and the subscription monies relating thereto or may refuse to settle a redemption request until proper information has been provided.

The Administrator reserves the right to seek further documentary identification or verification in order to update adequately its records in compliance with all applicable legislation and regulation or internal policy of the Administrator as applied from time to time notwithstanding the fact that the applicant may have subscribed prior to such legislation, regulation or change in the Administrator's policy coming into force. As soon as it is reasonably practicable after such a change, the Shareholder agrees to provide to the Administrator with such further documentary identification or verification as the Administrator may reasonably request. Investor details may only be amended upon receipt by the Administrator of original documentation from the investor.

Any failure to supply the Company, the Manager or the Administrator with any documentation requested by them for anti-money laundering purposes may result in a delay in the settlement of redemption proceeds or dividends payable. In such circumstances, any redemption proceeds payable or sums payable by way of dividend to Shareholders shall remain an asset of the relevant Fund until such time as the Administrator has verified the Shareholder's identity to its satisfaction, following which such redemption proceeds or dividend payable will be paid. It is the responsibility of the investor to ensure all required documentation and information is provided promptly and is complete and accurate, so that the redemption proceeds or dividends payable may be released in a timely manner. Where such monies

cannot be released due to outstanding, incomplete or inaccurate information, it should also be noted that the investor shall have ceased being considered a Shareholder, and will instead rank as a general unsecured creditor of the relevant Fund.

### **Beneficial Ownership Regulations**

The Company may request such information (including by means of statutory notices) as may be required for the establishment and maintenance of the Company's beneficial ownership register in accordance with the Beneficial Ownership Regulations. It should be noted that a beneficial owner, as a natural person and as defined in the Beneficial Ownership Regulations (a "**Beneficial Owner**") has, in certain circumstances, obligations to notify the Company in writing of relevant information as to his/her status as a Beneficial Owner and any changes thereto (including where a Beneficial Owner has ceased to be a Beneficial Owner). Under the Beneficial Ownership Regulations, the Company shall be obliged to file certain information on its Beneficial Owners (including name, nationality, country of residence, social security number (which shall be displayed in hashed form only) and details of the interest held in the Company) with a central register which will be accessible to the public.

Applicants should also note that it is an offence under the Beneficial Ownership Regulations for a Beneficial Owner to (i) fail to comply with the terms of a beneficial ownership notice received from or on behalf of the Company or (ii) provide materially false information in response to such a notice or (iii) fail to comply with his/her obligations to provide relevant information to the Company as to his/her status as a Beneficial Owner or changes thereto (in the circumstances referred to above) or in purporting to comply, provide materially false information.

### *Eligible Investors*

Each prospective investor is required to certify that the Shares of the relevant Fund are not being acquired directly or indirectly for the account or benefit of a "Restricted Person" and such applicants will not sell or offer to transfer or sell Shares of the relevant Fund to a Restricted Person unless the Company gives its prior approval. "Restricted Person" as used in this Prospectus currently means any (i) US Person, (ii) any person whose holding of Shares might result in legal, pecuniary, tax, regulatory or material administrative disadvantage to the Company or Fund or their respective Shareholders, and (iii) entity or person(s) whose holding of Shares in a Fund shall result in the Company being unable to comply with the applicable obligations imposed on it under Article 5f of Council Regulation (EU) 833/2014 as amended and Article 1(y) of Regulation (EC) No 765/2006, as amended.

The Company reserves the right to accept applications for Shares from a limited number or category of US Persons if the Company receives evidence satisfactory to it that the sale of Shares to such an investor is exempt from registration under the securities laws of the United States, including, but not limited to, the 1933 Act, that such sale will not require the Company to register under the 1940 Act, and, in all events, that there will be no adverse tax or other regulatory consequences to the Company or its shareholders as a result of such sale. If and when permitted, US Persons subscribing on this basis should receive a supplemental disclosure document and will be required to complete a set of additional subscription documents.

## **Data Protection**

Prospective investors should note that by completing the Application Form they are providing information to the Company which may constitute personal data within the meaning of the GDPR. This data will be used for the specific purposes set out in the Application Form which include but are not limited to client identification, the management and administration of investors holding in the Company, in order to comply with any applicable legal, taxation or regulatory requirements. Personal data provided to the Company (which may include where relevant personal data of persons connected with a corporate Shareholder such as directors, beneficial owners, representatives etc.) may be disclosed to such third parties as identified in the Application Form including regulatory bodies, tax authorities, delegates, advisers and service providers of the Company and their or the Company's duly authorised agents and any of their respective related, associated or affiliated companies wherever located (including to countries outside the EEA which may not have the same data protection laws as in Ireland) for the purposes specified in the Company's privacy policy.

Investors have a right to obtain a copy of their personal data kept by the Company, the right to rectify any inaccuracies in personal data held by the Company and in a number of circumstances a right to be forgotten and a right to restrict or object to processing. In certain limited circumstances, a right to data portability may apply. Where a Shareholder is required to give his/her consent to the processing of personal data for certain specific purposes, that Shareholder may withdraw this consent at any time.

The Company and its appointed service providers will retain all documentation provided by a Shareholder in relation to its investment in the Company for such period of time as may be required by Irish legal and regulatory requirements, but for at least six years after the period of investment has ended or the date on which a Shareholder has had its last transaction with the Company.

A copy of the data privacy statement of the Company is available upon request from the Manager. It should also be noted that service providers of the Company may act as data controllers of the personal data provided to the Company in certain circumstances. In such instances, all rights afforded to Shareholders as data subjects under the GDPR shall be exercisable by a Shareholder against that service provider as the data controller of his/her personal data.

## **Redemption of Shares**

Shareholders may redeem their Shares on and with effect from any Dealing Day at the Net Asset Value per Share for that Class calculated on or with respect to the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures specified in the relevant Supplement (save during any period when the calculation of Net Asset Value is suspended). The minimum value of Shares which may be redeemed in any one redemption transaction is specified in the relevant Supplement for each Fund or Class. If the redemption of part only of a Shareholder's shareholding would leave the Shareholder holding less than the Minimum Holding for the relevant Fund, the Company or its delegate may, if it thinks fit, redeem the whole of that Shareholder's holding.

Shares will not receive or be credited with any dividend paid on or after the Dealing Day on which they were redeemed.

If the number of Shares to be redeemed on any Dealing Day equals one tenth or more of the total number of Shares of a Fund in issue on that day the Directors or their delegate may at their discretion refuse to redeem any Shares in excess of one tenth of the total number of Shares in issue as aforesaid and, if they so refuse, the requests for redemption on such Dealing Day shall be reduced pro rata and Shares which are not redeemed by reason of such refusal shall be treated as if a request for redemption had been made in respect of each subsequent Dealing Day until all Shares to which the original request related have been redeemed. Redemption requests which have been carried forward from an earlier Dealing Day shall (subject always to the foregoing limits) be complied with in priority to later requests.

The Directors may, in accordance with Central Bank rules, and with the consent of the individual Shareholders, satisfy any request for redemption of Shares by the transfer in specie to those Shareholders of assets of the relevant Fund having a value equal to the redemption price for the Shares redeemed as if the redemption proceeds were paid in cash less any redemption charge and other expenses of the transfer. A determination to provide redemption in specie may be solely at the discretion of the Directors where the redeeming Shareholder requests redemption of a number of Shares that represents 5% or more of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund provided that any such Shareholder requesting redemption shall be entitled to request the sale of any asset or assets proposed to be distributed in specie and the distribution to such Shareholder of the cash proceeds of such sale less the costs of such sale which shall be borne by the relevant Shareholder. The nature and type of assets to be transferred in specie to each Shareholder shall be determined by the Directors (subject to the approval of the Depositary as to the allocation of assets) on such basis as the Directors in their discretion shall deem equitable and not prejudicial to the interests of the remaining Shareholders in the relevant Fund or Class.

Dealing is carried out at forward pricing basis. i.e. the Net Asset Value next computed after receipt of redemption requests.

#### *Compulsory Redemption of Shares/Deduction of Tax*

Shareholders are required to notify the Administrator through whom Shares have been purchased immediately if they become US Persons or persons who are otherwise subject to restrictions on ownership imposed by the Directors and such Shareholders may be required to redeem or transfer their Shares. The Company may redeem any Shares which are or become owned, directly or indirectly, by or for the benefit of any person in breach of any restrictions on ownership from time to time specified by the Directors or if the holding of Shares by any person is unlawful or is likely to result or results in any tax, fiscal, legal, regulatory, pecuniary liability or disadvantage or material administrative disadvantage to any of the Funds or Shareholders. Any such redemption will be effected on a Dealing Day at the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on or with respect to the relevant Dealing Day on which the Shares are to be redeemed. The Company may apply the proceeds of such compulsory redemption in the discharge of any taxation or withholding tax arising as a result of the holding or beneficial ownership of Shares by a Shareholder including any interest or penalties payable thereon. The attention of investors is drawn to the section of the prospectus entitled "TAXATION" and in particular the section therein headed "Irish Taxation" which details circumstances in which the Company shall be entitled to deduct from payments to Shareholders who are Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in

Ireland, such amounts in respect of liability as to Irish taxation including any penalties and interest thereon and/or compulsorily redeem Shares to discharge such liability. Relevant Shareholders will indemnify and keep the Company indemnified against loss arising to the Company by reason of the Company becoming liable to account for tax on the happening of an event giving rise to a charge to taxation.

#### *Total Redemption of Shares*

All of the Shares of any Class may be redeemed:

- (a) on the giving by the Company of not less than four nor more than twelve weeks' notice expiring on a Dealing Day to Shareholders of its intention to redeem such Shares; or
- (b) if the holders of 75% in value of the relevant Class resolve at a meeting of the Shareholders duly convened and held that such Shares should be redeemed.

#### *Operation of the Umbrella Cash Account in the name of the Company*

Redemption monies payable to an investor subsequent to a Dealing Day of a Fund as of which Shares of that investor were redeemed (and consequently the investor is no longer a Shareholder of the Fund as of the relevant Dealing Day) will be held in a cash account in the name of the Company and will be treated as an asset of the Fund until paid to that investor and will not benefit from the application of any investor money protection rules (i.e. the redemption monies in such circumstance will not be held on trust for the relevant investor). In such circumstance, the investor will be an unsecured creditor of the relevant Fund with respect to the redemption amount held by the Company until paid to the investor. 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.

Your attention is drawn to the section of the Prospectus entitled "*Risk Factors*" – "*Operation of Umbrella Cash Accounts*" above.

#### **Conversion of Shares**

Subject to the Minimum Subscription and minimum transaction requirements of the relevant Classes, Shareholders may request conversion of some or all of their Shares in one Class ("the Original Class") to Shares in another Class or Fund in accordance with the formula and procedures specified below. Requests for conversion of Shares should be made to the Administrator by facsimile, via any other Administrator approved STP means or such other means in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank and as may be permitted by the Directors and should include such information as may be specified from time to time by the Directors or their delegate. Requests for conversion should be received prior to the earlier of the Dealing Deadline for redemptions in the Original Class and the Dealing Deadline for subscriptions in the New Class. Any applications received after such time will be dealt with on the next Dealing Day, unless the Directors in their absolute discretion otherwise determines.

Any conversion requests received after the Dealing Deadline must be received prior to the Valuation Point and such discretion may be exercised by Directors in exceptional circumstances only. Conversion requests will only be accepted where cleared funds and completed documents are in place from original subscriptions. Conversion requests will also only be accepted from an applicant who has confirmed that they have received and read the Key Investor Document.

Fractions of Shares which shall not be less than 0.01 of a Share may be issued by the Fund on conversion where the value of Shares converted from the Original Class are not sufficient to purchase an integral number of Shares in the New Class and any balance representing less than 0.01 of a Share will be retained by the Fund in order to defray administration costs.

The number of Shares of the New Class to be issued will be calculated in accordance with the following formula:-

$$S = \frac{(R \times NAV \times ER) - F}{SP}$$

where

S is the number of Shares of the New Class to be allotted.

R is the number of Shares in the Original Class to be redeemed.

NAV is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Original Class at the Valuation Point on the relevant Dealing Day.

ER is the currency conversion factor (if any) as determined by the Administrator.

F is the conversion charge (if any is imposed in the future as may be disclosed in an amended Supplement from time to time) of up to 1% of the Net Asset Value of the Shares to be issued in the New Class.

SP is the Net Asset Value per Share of the New Class at the Valuation Point on the relevant Dealing Day.

#### *Withdrawal of Conversion Requests*

Conversion requests may not be withdrawn save with the written consent of the Company or its authorised agent or in the event of a suspension of calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Fund in respect of which the conversion request was made.

## **Net Asset Value and Valuation of Assets**

The Net Asset Value of each Fund or, if there are different Classes within a Fund, each Class will be calculated by the Administrator as at the Valuation Point on or with respect to each Dealing Day in accordance with the Articles of Association. The Net Asset Value of a Fund shall be determined as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day by valuing the assets of the relevant Fund (including income accrued but not collected) and deducting the liabilities of the relevant Fund (including a provision for duties and charges, accrued expenses and fees, including those to be incurred in the event of a subsequent termination of a Fund or liquidation of the Company and all other liabilities). The Net Asset Value attributable to a Class shall be determined as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day by calculating that portion of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund attributable to the relevant Class as at the Valuation Point subject to adjustment to take account of assets and/or liabilities attributable to the Class. The Net Asset Value of a Fund will be expressed in the Base Currency of the Fund, or in such other currency as the Directors may determine either generally or in relation to a particular Class or in a specific case.

The Net Asset Value per Share shall be calculated as at the Valuation Point on or with respect to each Dealing Day by dividing the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund or attributable to a Class by the total number of Shares deemed to be in issue in the Fund or Class at the relevant Valuation Point and rounding the resulting total to four (4) decimal places.

In determining the Net Asset Value of the Company and each Fund:-

- (a) Securities which are quoted, listed or traded on a Recognised Exchange save as hereinafter provided at (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i) will be valued at last traded price. Where a security is listed or dealt in on more than one Recognised Exchange the relevant exchange or market shall be the principal stock exchange or market on which the security is listed or dealt on or the exchange or market which the Directors determine provides the fairest criteria in determining a value for the relevant security. Securities listed or traded on a Recognised Exchange, but acquired or traded at a premium or at a discount outside or off the relevant exchange or market may be valued taking into account the level of premium or discount at the Valuation Point provided that the Depositary shall be satisfied that the adoption of such a procedure is justifiable in the context of establishing the probable realisation value of the security.
- (b) The value of any security which is not quoted, listed or dealt in on a Recognised Exchange or which is so quoted, listed or dealt but for which no such quotation or value is available or the available quotation or value is not representative of the fair market value shall be the probable realisation value as estimated with care and good faith by (i) the Directors or (ii) a competent person, firm or corporation (including the Investment Manager) appointed by the Directors and approved for the purpose by the Depositary or (iii) any other means provided that the value is approved by the Depositary. Where reliable market quotations are not available for fixed income securities the value of such securities may be determined using matrix methodology compiled by the Directors whereby such securities are valued by reference to the valuation of other securities which are comparable in rating, yield, due date and other characteristics.

- (c) Cash in hand or on deposit will be valued at its nominal/face value plus accrued interest, where applicable, to the end of the relevant day on which the Valuation Point occurs.
- (d) Derivative contracts traded on a regulated market including without limitation futures and options contracts and index futures shall be valued at the settlement price as determined by the market. If the settlement price is not available, the value shall be the probable realisation value estimated with care and in good faith by (i) the Directors and/or the Manager or (ii) a competent person firm or corporation (including the Investment Manager) appointed by the Directors and approved for the purpose by the Depositary or (iii) any other means provided that the value is approved by the Depositary. OTC derivative contracts including without limitation swap contracts and swaptions will be valued daily either (i) on the basis of a quotation provided by the relevant counterparty and such valuation shall be approved or verified at least weekly by a party who is approved for the purpose by the Depositary and who is independent of the counterparty (the "Counterparty Valuation"); or (ii) using an alternative valuation provided by a competent person appointed by the Directors and approved for the purpose by the Depositary or a valuation by any other means provided that the value is approved by the Depositary (the "Alternative Valuation"). Where such Alternative Valuation method is used the Company will follow international best practise and adhere to the principles on valuation of OTC instruments established by bodies such as IOSCO and AIMA and will be reconciled to the Counterparty Valuation on a monthly basis. Where significant differences arise these will be promptly investigated and explained.
- (e) Forward foreign exchange contracts shall be valued at freely available market quotations.
- (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) above units in collective investment schemes shall be valued at the latest available net asset value per unit or bid price as published by the relevant collective investment scheme or, if listed or traded on a Recognised Exchange, in accordance with (a) above.
- (g) The amortised cost method of valuation may only be used in relation to funds which comply with the Central Bank's requirements for money market funds and where a review of the amortised cost valuation vis-à-vis market valuation will be carried out in accordance with the Central Bank's guidelines.
- (h) The Directors may value Money Market Instruments in a non-money market fund on an amortised basis, in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements.
- (i) The Directors may, with the approval of the Depositary, adjust the value of any investment if having regard to its currency, marketability, applicable interest rates, anticipated rates of dividend, maturity, liquidity or any other relevant considerations, they consider that such adjustment is required to reflect the fair value thereof.
- (j) Any value expressed otherwise than in the Base Currency of the relevant Fund shall be converted into the Base Currency of the relevant Fund at the prevailing exchange rate which the Directors shall determine to be appropriate.

- (k) Where the value of any investment is not ascertainable as described above, the value shall be the probable realisation value estimated by the Directors with care and in good faith or by a competent person appointed by the Directors and approved for the purpose by the Depositary.
- (l) If the Directors deem it necessary a specific security may be valued under an alternative method of valuation approved by the Depositary.

In calculating the value of assets of the Company and each Fund the following principles will apply:

- (a) in determining the value of investments of a Fund (a) the Directors may value the Investments of a Fund (i) at lowest market dealing bid prices where on any Dealing Day the value of all redemption requests received exceeds the value of all applications for Shares received for that Dealing Day or at highest market dealing offer prices where on any Dealing Day the value of all applications for Shares received for that Dealing Day exceeds the value of all redemption requests received for that Dealing Day, in each case in order to preserve the value of the Shares held by existing Shareholders; (ii) at bid and offer prices, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, where a bid and offer value is used to determine the price at which Shares are issued and redeemed; or (iii) at mid prices; provided in each case that the valuation policy selected by the Directors shall be applied consistently with respect to the investments, the Company and, as appropriate, individual Funds for so long as the Company or Funds, as the case may be, are operated on a going concern basis and provided that there is consistency in the policies adopted throughout the various categories of assets. Every Share agreed to be issued by the Directors with respect to each Dealing Day shall be deemed to be in issue at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day and the assets of the relevant Fund shall be deemed to include not only cash and property in the hands of the Depositary but also the amount of any cash or other property to be received in respect of Shares agreed to be issued after deducting therefrom (in the case of Shares agreed to be issued for cash) or providing for preliminary charges;
- (b) where investments have been agreed to be purchased or sold but such purchase or sale has not been settled, such investments shall be included and the gross purchase or net sale consideration excluded or included as the case may require as if such purchase or sale had not been duly completed;
- (c) there shall be added to the assets of the relevant Fund any actual or estimated amount of any taxation of a capital nature which may be recoverable by the Company which is attributable to that Fund;
- (d) there shall be added to the assets of each relevant Fund a sum representing any interest, dividends or other income accrued but not received and a sum representing unamortised expenses;

- (e) there shall be added to the assets of each relevant Fund the total amount (whether actual or estimated by the Directors or their delegate) of any claims for repayment of any taxation levied on income or capital gains including claims in respect of double taxation relief; and
- (f) where notice of the redemption of Shares has been received by the Company with respect to a Dealing Day and the cancellation of such Shares has not been completed, the Shares to be redeemed shall be deemed to be in issue at the Valuation Point and the value of the assets of the relevant Fund shall be deemed to include the amount payable upon such redemption;
- (g) there shall be deducted from the assets of the relevant Fund:
  - (i) the total amount of any actual or estimated liabilities properly payable out of the assets of the relevant Fund including any and all outstanding borrowings of the Company in respect of the relevant Fund, interest, fees and expenses payable on such borrowings and any estimated liability for tax and such amount in respect of contingent or projected expenses as the Directors consider fair and reasonable as of the relevant Valuation Point;
  - (ii) such sum in respect of tax (if any) on income or capital gains realised on the investments of the relevant Fund as in the estimate of the Directors will become payable;
  - (iii) the amount (if any) of any distribution declared but not distributed in respect thereof;
  - (iv) the remuneration of the Administrator, the Manager, the Depositary, the Investment Manager, any distributor and any other providers of services to the Company accrued but remaining unpaid together with a sum equal to the value added tax chargeable thereon (if any);
  - (v) the total amount (whether actual or estimated by the Directors) of any other liabilities properly payable out of the assets of the relevant Fund (including all establishment, operational and ongoing administrative fees, costs and expenses) as of the relevant Valuation Point;
  - (vi) an amount as of the relevant Valuation Point representing the projected liability of the relevant Fund in respect of costs and expenses to be incurred by the relevant Fund in the event of a subsequent liquidation;
  - (vii) an amount as of the relevant Valuation Point representing the projected liability of the relevant calls on Shares in respect of any options written by the relevant Fund or Class of Shares; and
  - (viii) any other liability which may properly be deducted.

In the absence of negligence, fraud or wilful default, every decision taken by the Directors or any committee of the Directors or by the Investment Manager or any duly authorised person on behalf of the Company in determining the value of any investment or calculating the Net Asset Value of a Fund or Class or where relevant Series or the Net Asset Value per Share shall be final and binding on the Company and on present, past or future Shareholders.

### **Publication of Net Asset Value per Share**

When calculated, the Net Asset Value will be published as specified in the Section of the Prospectus entitled "The Company".

### **Suspension of Valuation of Assets**

The Directors may at any time and from time to time temporarily suspend the determination of the Net Asset Value of any Fund or attributable to a Class and the issue, conversion and redemption of Shares in any Fund or Class:

- a) during the whole or part of any period (other than for ordinary holidays or customary weekends) when any of the Recognised Exchanges on which the relevant Fund's investments are quoted, listed, traded or dealt are closed or during which dealings therein are restricted or suspended or trading is suspended or restricted; or
- b) during the whole or part of any period when circumstances outside the control of the Directors exist as a result of which any disposal or valuation of investments of the Fund is not reasonably practicable or would be detrimental to the interests of Shareholders or it is not possible to transfer monies involved in the acquisition or disposition of investments to or from the relevant account of the Company; or
- c) during the whole or any part of any period when any breakdown occurs in the means of communication normally employed in determining the value of any of the relevant Fund's investments; or
- d) during the whole or any part of any period when for any reason the value of any of the Fund's investments cannot be reasonably, promptly or accurately ascertained;
- e) during the whole or any part of any period when subscription proceeds cannot be transmitted to or from the account of any Fund or the Company is unable to repatriate funds required for making redemption payments or when such payments cannot, in the opinion of the Directors, be carried out at normal rates of exchange;
- f) upon mutual agreement between the Company and the Depository for the purpose of winding up the Company or terminating any Fund; or
- g) if any other reason makes it impossible or impracticable to determine the value of a substantial portion of the investments of the Company or any Fund.

Any suspension of valuation shall be notified to the Central Bank and the Depositary without delay and, in any event, within the same Dealing Day and shall be published on Bloomberg. Where possible, all reasonable steps will be taken to bring any period of suspension to an end as soon as possible.

The Central Bank may also require that the Company temporarily suspends the determination of the Net Asset Value and the issue and redemption of Shares of a Fund if it decides that it is in the best interests of the general public and the Shareholders to do so.

### **Dividends and Distributions**

The Directors are empowered to declare and pay dividends on Shares issued in any Class or Fund in the Company. The dividend policy for each Fund or Class will be set out in the relevant Supplement.

Pending payment to the relevant Shareholder, distribution payments will be held in an account in the name of the Company and will be treated as an asset of the Fund until paid to that Shareholder and will not benefit from the application of any investor money protection rules (i.e. the distribution monies in such circumstance will not be held on trust for the relevant Shareholder). In such circumstance, the Shareholder will be an unsecured creditor of the relevant Fund with respect to the distribution amount held by the Company until paid to the Shareholder and the Shareholder entitled to such distribution amount will be an unsecured creditor of the Fund. 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.

Your attention is drawn to the section of the Prospectus entitled “*Risk Factors*” – “*Operation of Umbrella Cash Accounts*” above.

## 5. TAXATION

### General

The information given is not exhaustive and does not constitute legal or tax advice. It does not purport to deal with all of the tax consequences applicable to the Company or its current or future Funds or to all categories of investors, some of whom may be subject to special rules. Prospective investors should consult their own professional advisers as to the implications of their subscribing for, purchasing, holding, switching or disposing of Shares under the laws of the jurisdictions in which they may be subject to tax. The attention of Shareholders who are US Persons is drawn to the discussion of certain United States tax considerations in the relevant Application Form for such Shareholders.

*The following is a brief summary of certain aspects of Irish taxation law and practice relevant to the transactions contemplated in this Prospectus. It is based on the law and practice and official interpretation currently in effect, all of which are subject to change.*

Dividends, interest and capital gains (if any) which the Company receives with respect to its investments (other than securities of Irish issuers) may be subject to taxes, including withholding taxes, in the countries in which the issuers of investments are located. It is anticipated that the Company may not be able to benefit from reduced rates of withholding tax in double taxation agreements between Ireland and such countries. If this position changes in the future and the application of a lower rate results in a repayment to the Company the Net Asset Value will not be re-stated and the benefit will be allocated to the existing Shareholders rateably at the time of repayment.

### Irish Taxation

The Directors have been advised that on the basis that the Company is resident in Ireland for taxation purposes the taxation position of the Company and the Shareholders is as set out below.

#### Taxation of the Company

The Directors have been advised that, under current Irish law and practice, the Company qualifies as an investment undertaking as defined in Section 739B of the Taxes Act, so long as the Company is resident in Ireland. Accordingly the Company is not chargeable to Irish tax on its income and gains.

However, tax can arise on the happening of a “chargeable event” in the Company. A chargeable event includes any distribution payments to Shareholders or any encashment, redemption, cancellation, transfer or deemed disposal (a deemed disposal will occur at the expiration of a Relevant Period) of Shares or the appropriation or cancellation of Shares of a Shareholder by the Company for the purposes of meeting the amount of tax payable on a gain arising on a transfer. No tax will arise on the Company in respect of chargeable events in respect of a Shareholder who is neither Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland at the time of the chargeable event provided that a Relevant Declaration is in place and the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct.

In the absence of either a Relevant Declaration or the Company satisfying and availing of equivalent measures (see paragraph headed “*Equivalent Measures*” below) there is a presumption that the investor is Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland. A chargeable event does not include:

- An exchange by a Shareholder, effected by way of an arm’s length bargain where no payment is made to the Shareholder, of Shares in the Company for other Shares in the Company;
- Any transactions (which might otherwise be a chargeable event) in relation to shares held in a Recognised Clearing System as designated by order of the Irish Revenue Commissioners;
- A transfer by a Shareholder of the entitlement to Shares where the transfer is between spouses and former spouses, subject to certain conditions; or
- An exchange of Shares arising on a qualifying amalgamation or reconstruction (within the meaning of Section 739H of the Taxes Act) of the Company with another investment undertaking.

If the Company becomes liable to account for tax if a chargeable event occurs, the Company shall be entitled to deduct from the payment arising on a chargeable event an amount equal to the appropriate tax and/or where applicable, to appropriate or cancel such number of Shares held by the Shareholder or the beneficial owner of the Shares as are required to meet the amount of tax. The relevant Shareholder shall indemnify and keep the Company indemnified against loss arising to the Company by reason of the Company becoming liable to account for tax on the happening of a chargeable event if no such deduction, appropriation or cancellation has been made.

Dividends received by the Company from investment in Irish equities may be subject to Irish dividend withholding tax at a rate of 25%. However, the Company can make a declaration to the payer that it is a collective investment undertaking beneficially entitled to the dividends which will entitle the Company to receive such dividends without deduction of Irish dividend withholding tax.

### **Stamp Duty**

No stamp duty is payable in Ireland on the issue, transfer, repurchase or redemption of Shares in the Company. Where any subscription for or redemption of Shares is satisfied by the in specie transfer of securities, property or other types of assets, Irish stamp duty may arise on the transfer of such assets.

No Irish stamp duty will be payable by the Company on the conveyance or transfer of stock or marketable securities provided that the stock or marketable securities in question have not been issued by a company registered in Ireland and provided that the conveyance or transfer does not relate to any immovable property situated in Ireland or any right over or interest in such property or to any stocks or marketable securities of a company (other than a company which is an investment undertaking within the meaning of Section 739B (1) of the Taxes Act (that is not an Irish Real Estate Fund within the meaning of Section 739K of the Taxes Act) or a “qualifying company” within the meaning of Section 110 of the Taxes Act) which is registered in Ireland.

## **Shareholders Tax**

### *Shares which are held in a Recognised Clearing System*

Any payments to a Shareholder or any encashment, redemption, cancellation or transfer of Shares held in a Recognised Clearing System will not give rise to a chargeable event in the Company (there is however ambiguity in the legislation as to whether the rules outlined in this paragraph with regard to Shares held in a Recognised Clearing System, apply in the case of chargeable events arising on a deemed disposal, therefore, as previously advised, Shareholders should seek their own tax advice in this regard). Thus the Company will not have to deduct any Irish taxes on such payments regardless of whether they are held by Shareholders who are Irish Residents or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland, or whether a non-resident Shareholder has made a Relevant Declaration. However, Shareholders who are Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland or who are not Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland but whose Shares are attributable to a branch or agency in Ireland may still have a liability to account for Irish tax on a distribution or encashment, redemption or transfer of their Shares.

To the extent any Shares are not held in a Recognised Clearing System at the time of a chargeable event (and subject to the discussion in the previous paragraph in relation to a chargeable event arising on a deemed disposal), the following tax consequences will typically arise on a chargeable event.

### *Shareholders who are neither Irish Residents nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland*

The Company will not have to deduct tax on the occasion of a chargeable event in respect of a Shareholder if (a) the Shareholder is neither Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland, (b) the Shareholder has made a Relevant Declaration on or about the time when the Shares are applied for or acquired by the Shareholder and (c) the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct. In the absence of either a Relevant Declaration (provided in a timely manner) or the Company satisfying and availing of equivalent measures (see paragraph headed "Equivalent Measures" below) tax will arise on the happening of a chargeable event in the Company regardless of the fact that a Shareholder is neither Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland. The appropriate tax that will be deducted is as described below.

To the extent that a Shareholder is acting as an Intermediary on behalf of persons who are neither Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland no tax will have to be deducted by the Company on the occasion of a chargeable event provided that either (i) the Company satisfied and availed of the equivalent measures or (ii) the Intermediary has made a Relevant Declaration that he/she is acting on behalf of such persons and the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct.

Shareholders who are neither Irish Residents nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland and either (i) the Company has satisfied and availed of the equivalent measures or (ii) such Shareholders have made Relevant Declarations in respect of which the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct, will not be liable to Irish tax in respect of income from their Shares and gains made on the disposal of their

Shares. However, any corporate Shareholder which is not Irish Resident and which holds Shares directly or indirectly by or for a trading branch or agency in Ireland will be liable to Irish tax on income from their Shares or gains made on disposals of the Shares.

Where tax is withheld by the Company on the basis that no Relevant Declaration has been filed with the Company by the Shareholder, Irish legislation provides for a refund of tax only to companies within the charge to Irish corporation tax, to certain incapacitated persons and in certain other limited circumstances.

#### *Shareholders who are Irish Residents or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland*

Unless a Shareholder is an Exempt Irish Investor and makes a Relevant Declaration to that effect and the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct (or unless the Shares are purchased by the Courts Service), tax at the rate of 41% (25% where the Shareholder is a company and an appropriate declaration is in place) will be required to be deducted by the Company from any distribution to the Shareholder or on any gain arising to the Shareholder on an encashment, redemption, cancellation, transfer or deemed disposal (see below) of Shares .

An automatic exit tax applies for Shareholders who are Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland (and that are not Exempt Irish Investors) in respect of Shares held by them in the Company at the ending of a Relevant Period. Such Shareholders (both companies and individuals) will be deemed to have disposed of their Shares (“deemed disposal”) at the expiration of that Relevant Period and will be charged to tax at the rate of 41% (25% where the Shareholder is a company and an appropriate declaration is in place) on any deemed gain (calculated without the benefit of indexation relief) accruing to them based on the increased value (if any) of the Shares since purchase or since the previous exit tax applied, whichever is later.

For the purposes of calculating if any further tax arises on a subsequent chargeable event, credit is given for any tax paid as a result of the preceding deemed disposal. Where the tax arising on the subsequent chargeable event is greater than that which arose on the preceding deemed disposal, the Company will have to deduct the difference. Where the tax arising on the subsequent chargeable event is less than that which arose on the preceding deemed disposal, the Company will refund the Shareholder for the excess (subject to the paragraph headed “15% threshold” below).

#### 10% Threshold

The Company will not have to deduct tax (“exit tax”) in respect of this deemed disposal where the value of the chargeable shares (i.e. those Shares held by Shareholders to whom the declaration procedures do not apply) in the Company (or Fund being an umbrella scheme) is less than 10% of the value of the total Shares in the Company (or the Fund) and the Company has made an election to report certain details in respect of each affected Shareholder to the Irish Revenue Commissioners (the “Affected Shareholder”) in each year that the de minimus limit applies. In such a situation the obligation to account for the tax on any gain arising on a deemed disposal will be the responsibility of the Shareholder on a self-assessment basis (“self-assessors”) as opposed to the Company or Fund (or their service

providers). The Company is deemed to have made the election to report once it has advised the Affected Shareholders in writing that it will make the required report.

#### 15 % Threshold

As previously stated where the tax arising on the subsequent chargeable event is less than that which arose on the preceding deemed disposal (e.g. due to a subsequent loss on an actual disposal), the Company will refund the Shareholder the excess. Where however immediately before the subsequent chargeable event, the value of chargeable shares in the Company (or Fund being an umbrella scheme) does not exceed 15% of the value of the total Shares, the Company may elect to have any excess tax arising repaid directly by the Irish Revenue Commissioners to the Shareholder. The Company is deemed to have made this election once it notifies the Shareholder in writing that any repayment due will be made directly by the Irish Revenue Commissioners on receipt of a claim by the Shareholder.

#### *Other*

To avoid multiple deemed disposal events for multiple Shares an irrevocable election under Section 739D(5B) can be made by the Company to value the Shares held at the 30<sup>th</sup> June or 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year prior to the deemed disposal occurring. While the legislation is ambiguous, it is generally understood that the intention is to permit a fund to group shares in six month batches and thereby make it easier to calculate the exit tax by avoiding having to carry out valuations at various dates during the year resulting in a large administrative burden.

The Irish Revenue Commissioners have provided updated investment undertaking guidance notes which deal with the practical aspects of how the above calculations/objectives will be accomplished.

Shareholders (depending on their own personal tax position) who are Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland may still be required to pay tax or further tax on a distribution or gain arising on an encashment, redemption, cancellation, transfer or deemed disposal of their Shares. Alternatively they may be entitled to a refund of all or part of any tax deducted by the Company on a chargeable event.

#### *Equivalent Measures*

As detailed in prior paragraphs, no Irish tax should arise on an investment undertaking with regard to chargeable events in respect of a Shareholder who was neither Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland at the time of the chargeable event, provided that a Relevant Declaration was in place and the investment undertaking was not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein was no longer materially correct. In the absence of such a Relevant Declaration, there is a presumption that the Shareholder is Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland.

As an alternative to the above requirement to obtain Relevant Declarations from Shareholders, Irish tax legislation also include provision for “equivalent measures”. In brief, these provisions provide that where the investment undertaking is not actively marketed to Shareholders that are Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland, appropriate equivalent measures are put in place by the investment undertaking to

ensure that such Shareholders are not Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland and the investment undertaking has received approval from the Irish Revenue Commissioners in this regard; then, there should be no requirement for the investment undertaking to obtain Relevant Declarations from Shareholders.

#### *Personal Portfolio Investment Undertaking*

Special rules apply to the taxation of Irish Resident individuals or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland individuals who hold shares in an investment undertaking, where it is considered a personal portfolio investment undertaking (“PPIU”) in respect of the particular investor. Essentially, an investment undertaking will be considered a PPIU in relation to a specific investor where that investor can influence the selection of some or all of the property held by the investment undertaking either directly or through persons acting on behalf of or connected to the investor. Depending on individuals’ circumstances, an investment undertaking may be considered a PPIU in relation to some, none or all individual investors (i.e. it will only be a PPIU in respect of those individuals’ who can “influence” selection). Any gain arising on a chargeable event in relation to an investment undertaking which is a PPIU in respect of an individual, will be taxed at the rate of 60%. Specific exemptions apply where the property invested in has been widely marketed and made available to the public or for non-property investments entered into by the investment undertaking. Further restrictions may be required in the case of investments in land or unquoted shares deriving their value from land.

#### **Reporting**

Pursuant to Section 891C of the Taxes Act and the Return of Values (Investment Undertakings) Regulations 2013, the Company is obliged to report certain details in relation to Shares held by investors to the Irish Revenue Commissioners on an annual basis. The details to be reported include the name, address and date of birth if on record of, and the value of the Shares held by, a Shareholder. In respect of Shares acquired on or after 1 January 2014, the details to be reported also include the tax reference number of the Shareholder (being an Irish tax reference number or VAT registration number, or in the case of an individual, the individual’s PPS number) or, in the absence of a tax reference number, a marker indicating that this was not provided. No details are to be reported in respect of Shareholders who are;

- Exempt Irish Investors (as defined above);
- Shareholders who are neither Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland (provided the relevant declaration has been made); or
- Shareholders whose Shares are held in a Recognised Clearing System.

#### **Capital Acquisitions Tax**

The disposal of Shares may be subject to Irish gift or inheritance tax (Capital Acquisitions Tax). However, provided that the Company falls within the definition of investment undertaking (within the meaning of Section 739B (1) of the Taxes Act), the disposal of Shares by a Shareholder is not liable to Capital Acquisitions Tax provided that (a) at the date of the gift or inheritance, the donee or successor is neither domiciled nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland; (b) at the date of the disposition, the Shareholder

disposing (“disponer”) of the Shares is neither domiciled nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland; and (c) the Shares are comprised in the gift or inheritance at the date of such gift or inheritance and at the valuation date.

With regard to Irish tax residency for Capital Acquisitions Tax purposes, special rules apply for non-Irish domiciled persons. A non-Irish domiciled donee or disponer will not be deemed to be resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland at the relevant date unless;

- i) that person has been resident in Ireland for the 5 consecutive years of assessment immediately preceding the year of assessment in which that date falls; and
- ii) that person is either resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland on that date.

## **United Kingdom Taxation**

### *The Company*

The Directors intend that the affairs of the Company should be managed and conducted so that it does not become resident in the UK for UK taxation purposes. Accordingly, and provided that the Company is not trading in the UK through a fixed place of business or agent situated therein that constitutes a “permanent establishment” for UK taxation purposes and that all its trading transactions in the UK are carried out through a broker or investment manager acting as an agent of independent status in the ordinary course of its business, the Company will not be subject to UK corporation tax or income tax on its profits. The Directors and the Investment Manager each intend that the respective affairs of the Company and the Investment Manager are conducted so that these requirements are met, insofar as this is within their respective control. However, it cannot be guaranteed that the necessary conditions will at all times be satisfied.

Certain interest and other amounts received by the Company which have a UK source may be subject to withholding or other taxes in the UK.

### *UK Investors*

Subject to their personal circumstances, Shareholders resident in the UK for taxation purposes will be liable to UK income tax or corporation tax in respect of dividends or other distributions of an income nature made by the Company, whether or not such dividends or distributions are reinvested, together with their share of income retained by a reporting fund (as to which see below). The nature of the charge to tax and any entitlement to a tax credit in respect of such dividends or distributions will depend on a number of factors which may include the composition of the relevant assets of the relevant Fund and the extent of a Shareholder’s interest in that Fund.

The Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations 2009 (the “Offshore Funds Regulations”) set out the regime for the taxation of investments in offshore funds (as defined in the UK Taxation (International and Other Provisions) Act 2010 (“TIOPA 2010”)) which operates by reference to whether a fund opts into a reporting regime (“reporting funds”) or not (“non-reporting funds”). If an investor who is resident in the UK for taxation purposes holds an interest in an offshore fund that does not have reporting fund status

throughout the period during which the investor holds that interest, any gain accruing to the investor upon the sale, redemption or other disposal of that interest (including a deemed disposal on death) will be taxed at the time of such sale, redemption or other disposal as income (“offshore income gains”) and not as a capital gain. Investors in reporting funds are subject to tax on the share of the reporting fund’s income attributable to their holding in the fund, whether or not distributed, and any gains on disposal of their holding would be taxed as capital gains. Investors in non-reporting funds would not be subject to tax on income retained by the non-reporting fund.

The Shares will constitute interests in an offshore fund. The Directors may consider whether it would be appropriate to apply to the UK HM Revenue & Customs in respect of some or all Classes of Shares in some or all Funds for recognition as a reporting fund. Details of the Directors’ intentions in relation to reporting fund status will be provided in the relevant Supplement. The effect of obtaining and maintaining such status for a particular Class of Shares would be that any gains on disposal of such Shares would be taxed as capital gains. However, there can be no guarantee that reporting fund status will be obtained and maintained for any Class of Shares in relation to which an application is made. Were such reporting fund status subsequently to be withdrawn, any gains arising to Shareholders that held their Shares in an affected accounting period and who were resident in the UK on a sale, redemption or other disposal of these Classes of Shares (including a deemed disposal on death) would be taxed as offshore income gains rather than capital gains. Any gains arising to Shareholders resident in the UK on a sale, redemption or other disposal of Shares of a Class which does not have reporting fund status (including a deemed disposal on death) will be taxed as offshore income gains rather than capital gains.

Persons within the charge to UK corporation tax should note that the regime for the taxation of most corporate debt contained in the UK Corporation Tax Act 2009 (the “loan relationships regime”) provides that, if at any time in an accounting period of such a person, that person holds an interest in an offshore fund within the meaning of the relevant provisions of the Offshore Funds Regulations and TIOPA 2010, and there is a time in that period when that fund fails to satisfy the “qualifying investments” test, the interest held by such a person will be treated for that accounting period as if it were rights under a creditor relationship for the purposes of the loan relationships regime. An offshore fund fails to satisfy the qualifying investments test at any time when more than 60 per cent. of its assets by market value (excluding cash awaiting investment) comprise “qualifying investments”. Qualifying investments include government and corporate debt securities, cash on deposit, certain derivative contracts and holdings in other collective investment schemes which at any time in the accounting period of the person holding the interest in the offshore fund do not themselves satisfy the qualifying investments test. The Shares will constitute such interests in an offshore fund and on the basis of the investment policies of certain Funds, such a Fund could fail to satisfy the qualifying investments test. In that eventuality, the Shares in that Fund will be treated for corporation tax purposes as within the loan relationships regime with the result that all returns on the Shares in that Fund in respect of such a person’s accounting period (including gains, profits and losses) will be taxed or relieved as an income receipt or expense on a “fair value accounting” basis. Accordingly, such a person who acquires Shares in the Company may, depending on its own circumstances, incur a charge to corporation tax on an unrealised increase in the value of its holding of Shares (and, likewise, obtain relief against corporation tax for an unrealised reduction in the value of its holding of Shares). In 2013, the United Kingdom Government consulted on the future of the loan relationships regime, including proposals potentially to reform this aspect of the

regime.

### *Anti-avoidance*

Individuals resident in the United Kingdom for taxation purposes should note that Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the UK Income Tax Act 2007 contains anti-avoidance provisions dealing with the transfer of assets to overseas persons that may in certain circumstances render such individuals liable to taxation in respect of undistributed income profits of the Company.

Persons resident in the United Kingdom for taxation purposes should note the provisions of section 13 of the United Kingdom Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 ("section 13"). Section 13 could be material to any such person who has an interest in the Company as a "participator" for United Kingdom taxation purposes (which term includes a shareholder) at a time when any gain accrues to the Company (such as on a disposal of any of its investments) which constitutes a chargeable gain or an offshore income gain if, at the same time, the Company is itself controlled in such a manner and by a sufficiently small number of persons as to render the Company a body corporate that would, were it to have been resident in the United Kingdom for taxation purposes, be a "close" company for those purposes. The provisions of section 13 would result in any such person who is a Shareholder being treated for the purposes of United Kingdom taxation as if a part of any chargeable gain or offshore income gain accruing to the Company had accrued to that person directly, that part being equal to the proportion of the gain that corresponds to that person's proportionate interest in the Company. No liability under section 13 could be incurred by such a person, however, in respect of a chargeable gain or an offshore income gain accruing to the Company if the aggregate proportion of that gain that could be attributed under section 13 both to that person and to any persons connected with him for United Kingdom taxation purposes does not exceed one quarter of the gain. In addition, section 13 does not apply where the asset giving rise to the gain was neither disposed of nor acquired or held as part of a scheme or arrangements having a tax avoidance main purpose. In the case of Shareholders who are individuals domiciled outside the United Kingdom, section 13 applies subject to the remittance basis in particular circumstances.

Companies resident in the United Kingdom for taxation purposes should note the "controlled foreign companies" legislation contained in Part 9A of TIOPA 2010 (the "CFC rules"). The CFC rules could in particular be material to any company that has (either alone or together with persons connected or associated with it for United Kingdom taxation purposes) an interest in 25 per cent or more of the "chargeable profits" of the Company if the Company is controlled (as "control" is defined in section 371RA of TIOPA 2010) by persons (whether companies, individuals or others) who are resident in the United Kingdom for taxation purposes or is controlled by two persons taken together, one of whom is resident in the United Kingdom for tax purposes and has at least 40 per cent of the interests, rights and powers by which those persons control the Company, and the other of whom has at least 40 per cent and not more than 55 per cent of such interests, rights and powers. The effect of the CFC rules could be to render such companies liable to United Kingdom corporation tax by reference to their proportionate interest in the chargeable profits of the Company. The chargeable profits of the Company

do not include any capital gains.

### *Transfer taxes*

Transfers of Shares will not be liable to UK stamp duty unless the instrument of transfer is executed within the UK when the transfer will be liable to UK ad valorem stamp duty at the rate of 0.5 per cent of the consideration paid rounded up to the nearest £5. No UK stamp duty reserve tax is payable on transfers of Shares, or agreements to transfer Shares.

The preceding paragraphs, which are intended as a general guide only and do not constitute tax advice, are based on current UK tax legislation and what is understood to be the current practice of the UK HM Revenue & Customs as at the date of this Prospectus. If a Shareholder is in any doubt as to their taxation position or if a Shareholder is subject to tax in any jurisdiction in addition to or other than the UK, they should consult an appropriate professional adviser immediately. It should be noted that the levels and bases of, and reliefs from, taxation can change.

### **Compliance with US reporting and withholding requirements**

The foreign account tax compliance provisions (“**FATCA**”) of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act 2010 represent an expansive information reporting regime enacted by the United States (“**US**”) aimed at ensuring that Specified US Persons with financial assets outside the US are paying the correct amount of US tax. FATCA will generally impose a withholding tax of up to 30% with respect to certain US source income (including dividends and interest) and gross proceeds from the sale or other disposal of property that can produce US source interest or dividends paid to a foreign financial institution (“**FFI**”) unless the FFI enters directly into a contract (“**FFI agreement**”) with the US Internal Revenue Service (“**IRS**”) or alternatively the FFI is located in a IGA country (please see below). An FFI agreement will impose obligations on the FFI including disclosure of certain information about US investors directly to the IRS and the imposition of withholding tax in the case of non-compliant investors. For these purposes the Company would fall within the definition of a FFI for the purpose of FATCA.

In recognition of both the fact that the stated policy objective of FATCA is to achieve reporting (as opposed to being solely the collecting of withholding tax) and the difficulties which may arise in certain jurisdictions with respect to compliance with FATCA by FFIs, the US developed an intergovernmental approach to the implementation of FATCA. In this regard the Irish and US Governments signed an intergovernmental agreement (“Irish IGA”) on the 21st December 2012 and provisions were included in Finance Act 2013 for the implementation of the Irish IGA and also to permit regulations to be made by the Irish Revenue Commissioners with regard to registration and reporting requirements arising from the Irish IGA. In this regard, the Irish Revenue Commissioners (in conjunction with the Department of Finance) have issued Regulations – S.I. No. 292 of 2014 which is effective from 1 July 2014. Supporting Guidance Notes have been issued by the Irish Revenue Commissioners and are updated on ad-hoc basis.

The Irish IGA is intended to reduce the burden for Irish FFIs of complying with FATCA by simplifying the compliance process and minimising the risk of withholding tax. Under the Irish IGA, information

about relevant US investors will be provided on an annual basis by each Irish FFI (unless the FFI is exempted from the FATCA requirements) directly to the Irish Revenue Commissioners. The Irish Revenue Commissioners will then provide such information to the IRS (by the 30<sup>th</sup> September of the following year) without the need for the FFI to enter into a FFI agreement with the IRS. Nevertheless, the FFI will generally be required to register with the IRS to obtain a Global Intermediary Identification Number commonly referred to as a GIIN.

Under the Irish IGA, FFIs should generally not be required to apply 30% withholding tax. To the extent the Company does suffer US withholding tax on its investments as a result of FATCA, the Directors may take any action in relation to an investor's investment in the Company to ensure that such withholding is economically borne by the relevant investor whose failure to provide the necessary information or to become a participating FFI gave rise to the withholding.

Each prospective investor should consult their own tax advisor regarding the requirements under FATCA with respect to their own situation.

### **Common Reporting Standard**

On 14 July 2014, the OECD issued the Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information ("**the Standard**") which therein contains the Common Reporting Standard ("**CRS**"). This has been applied in Ireland by means of the relevant international legal framework and Irish tax legislation. Additionally, on 9 December 2014, the European Union adopted EU Council Directive 2014/107/EU, amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation ("**DAC2**") which, in turn, has been applied in Ireland by means of the relevant Irish tax legislation.

The main objective of the CRS and DAC2 is to provide for the annual automatic exchange of certain financial account information between relevant tax authorities of participating jurisdictions or EU member states.

The CRS and DAC2 draw extensively on the intergovernmental approach used for the purposes of implementing FATCA and, as such, there are significant similarities between the reporting mechanisms. However, whereas FATCA essentially only requires reporting of specific information in relation to Specified US Persons to the IRS, the CRS and DAC2 have significantly wider ambit due to the multiple jurisdictions participating in the regimes.

Broadly speaking, the CRS and DAC2 will require Irish Financial Institutions to identify Account Holders (and, in particular situations, Controlling Persons of such Account Holders) resident in other participating jurisdictions or EU member states and to report specific information in relation to these Account Holders (and, in particular situations, specific information in relation to identified Controlling Persons) to the Irish Revenue Commissioners on an annual basis (which, in turn, will provide this information to the relevant tax authorities where the Account Holder is resident). In this regard, please note that the Company will be considered an Irish Financial Institution for the purposes of the CRS and DAC2.

For further information on the CRS and DAC2 requirements of the Company, please refer to the below “CRS/DAC2 Data Protection Information Notice”.

Shareholders and prospective investors should consult their own tax advisor regarding the requirements under CRS/DAC2 with respect to their own situation.

#### *CRS/DAC2 Data Protection Information Notice*

The Company hereby confirms that it intends to take such steps as may be required to satisfy any obligations imposed by (i) the Standard and, specifically, the CRS therein, as applied in Ireland by means of the relevant international legal framework and Irish tax legislation and (ii) DAC2, as applied in Ireland by means of the relevant Irish tax legislation, so as to ensure compliance or deemed compliance (as the case may be) with the CRS and the DAC2 from 1 January 2016.

In this regard, the Company is obliged under Section 891F and Section 891G of the Taxes Act and regulations made pursuant to those sections to collect certain information about each Shareholder’s tax arrangements (and also collect information in relation to relevant Controlling Persons of specific Shareholders).

In certain circumstances the Company may be legally obliged to share this information and other financial information with respect to a Shareholder’s interests in the Company with the Irish Revenue Commissioners (and, in particular situations, also share information in relation to relevant Controlling Persons of specific Shareholders). In turn, and to the extent the account has been identified as a Reportable Account, the Irish Revenue Commissioners will exchange this information with the country of residence of the Reportable Person(s) in respect of that Reportable Account.

In particular, information that may be reported in respect of a Shareholder (and relevant Controlling Persons, if applicable) includes name, address, date of birth, place of birth, account number, account balance or value at year end (or, if the account was closed during such year, the balance or value at the date of closure of the account), any payments (including redemption and dividend/interest payments) made with respect to the account during the calendar year, tax residency(ies) and tax identification number(s).

Shareholders (and relevant Controlling Persons) can obtain more information on the Company’s tax reporting obligations on the website of the Irish Revenue Commissioners (which is available at <http://www.revenue.ie/en/business/aeoi/index.html>) or the following link in the case of CRS only: <http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/>

All capitalised terms above, unless otherwise defined above, shall have the same meaning as they have in the Standard or DAC2 (as applicable).

## **Mandatory Disclosure Rules**

Council Directive (EU) 2018/822 (amending Directive 2011/16/EU), commonly referred to as “DAC6”, became effective on 25 June 2018. Relevant Irish tax legislation has since been introduced to implement this Directive in Ireland.

DAC6 creates an obligation for persons referred to as “intermediaries” to make a return to the relevant tax authorities of information regarding certain cross-border arrangements with particular characteristics, referred to as “hallmarks” (most of which focus on aggressive tax planning arrangements). In certain circumstances, instead of an intermediary, the obligation to report may pass to the relevant taxpayer of a reportable cross-border arrangement.

The transactions contemplated under the prospectus may fall within the scope of DAC6 and thus may qualify as reportable cross-border arrangements. If that were the case, any person that falls within the definition of an “intermediary” (this could include the Administrator, the legal and tax advisers of the Company, the Investment Manager, the Manager etc.) or, in certain circumstances, the relevant taxpayer of a reportable cross-border arrangement (this could include Shareholder(s)) may have to report information in respect of the transactions to the relevant tax authorities. Please note that this may result in the reporting of certain Shareholder information to the relevant tax authorities.

Shareholders and prospective investors should consult their own tax advisor regarding the requirements of DAC6 with respect to their own situation.

## **Pillar 2 Rules**

In line with the OECD and EU requirements, Ireland has recently introduced Pillar 2 rules. Pillar 2 seeks to ensure that large groups incur a minimum 15% effective tax rate on their profits in each jurisdiction in which they operate.

It is important to note that the Pillar 2 rules only apply to;

- a) members of multinational groups (“MNE Groups”) and large-scale domestic groups with consolidated revenues of at least €750 million in at least two of the four years preceding the current accounting period; or
- b) Entities that do not fall into (a) above but that, on a standalone basis, have revenue that exceeds €750m in at least two of the four years preceding the current accounting period.

Furthermore, even to the extent the above criteria are met by an Irish regulated fund, there are wide exclusions from the rules for investment funds. In this regard, the vast majority of Irish regulated funds should fall to be considered investment funds for these purposes.

Therefore, it is not expected that the Pillar 2 rules should have any material impact on the Company.

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

## 6. GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. Incorporation, Registered Office and Share Capital

- (a) The Company was incorporated in Ireland on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 as an investment company with variable capital with limited liability under registration number 491099. The Company has no subsidiaries.
- (b) The registered office and business address of the Company is as stated in the Directory at the front of the Prospectus.
- (c) Clause 3 of the Memorandum of Association of the Company provides that the Company's sole object is the collective investment in either of both transferable securities and other liquid financial assets referred to in Regulation 45 of the UCITS Regulations of capital raised from the public and the Company operates on the principle of risk spreading.
- (d) The authorised share capital of the Company is 500,000,000,000 Shares of no par value and 300,000 Shares redeemable non-participating shares of no par value issued at €1.00 (or its currency equivalent) each. Non-participating Shares do not entitle the holders thereof to any dividend and on a winding up entitle the holders thereof to receive the consideration paid up thereon but do not otherwise entitle them to participate in the assets of the Company. The Directors have the power to allot Shares in the capital of the Company on such terms and in such manner as they may think fit. There are 300,000 redeemable, non-participating Shares currently in issue.

### 2. Variation of Share Rights and Pre-Emption Rights

- (a) The rights attaching to the Shares issued in any Class or Fund may, whether or not the Company is being wound up, be varied or abrogated with the consent in writing of the Shareholders of three-quarters of the issued Shares of that Class or Fund, or with the sanction of an ordinary resolution passed at a general meeting of the Shareholders of that Class or Fund.
- (b) A resolution in writing signed by all the Shareholders and holders of Non-Participating Shares for the time being entitled to attend and vote on such resolution at a general meeting of the Company shall be as valid and effective for all purposes as if the resolution had been passed at a general meeting of the Company duly convened and held and if described as a special resolution shall be deemed to be a special resolution.
- (c) The rights attaching to the Shares shall not be deemed to be varied by the creation, allotment or issue of any further Shares ranking *pari passu* with Shares already in issue.
- (d) There are no rights of pre-emption upon the issue of Shares in the Company.

### 3. Voting Rights

The following rules relating to voting rights apply:-

- (a) Fractions of Shares do not carry voting rights.
- (b) Every Shareholder or holder of non-participating shares present in person or by proxy who votes on a show of hands shall be entitled to one vote.
- (c) The chairman of a general meeting of a Fund or Class or any Shareholder of a Fund or Class present in person or by proxy at a meeting of a Fund or Class may demand a poll. The chairman of a general meeting of the Company or at least two members present in person or by proxy or any Shareholder or Shareholders present in person or by proxy representing at least one tenth of the Shares in issue having the right to vote at such meeting may demand a poll.
- (d) On a poll every Shareholder present in person or by proxy shall be entitled to one vote in respect of each Share held by him and every holder of non-participating shares shall be entitled to one vote in respect of all non-participating shares held by him. A Shareholder entitled to more than one vote need not cast all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.
- (e) In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is demanded shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- (f) Any person (whether a Shareholder or not) may be appointed to act as a proxy; a Shareholder may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion.
- (g) Any instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the registered office, not less than 48 hours before the meeting or at such other place or by such other means and by such time as is specified in the notice convening the meeting. The Directors may at the expense of the Company send by post or otherwise to the Shareholders instruments of proxy (with or without prepaid postage for their return) and may either leave blank the appointment of the proxy or nominate one or more of the Directors or any other person to act as proxy.
- (h) To be passed, ordinary resolutions of the Company or of the Shareholders of a particular Fund or Class will require a simple majority of the votes cast by the Shareholders voting in person or by proxy at the meeting at which the resolution is proposed. Special resolutions of the Company or of the Shareholders of a particular Fund or Class will require a majority of not less than 75% of the Shareholders present in person or by proxy and voting in general meeting in order to pass a special resolution including a resolution to amend the Articles of Association.

#### **4. Meetings**

- (a) The Directors may convene extraordinary general meetings of the Company at any time. The Directors shall convene an annual general meeting within nine months of the end of each Accounting Period.
- (b) Not less than twenty one days' notice of every annual general meeting and any meeting convened for the passing of a special resolution must be given to Shareholders and fourteen days' notice must be given in the case of any other general meeting.
- (c) Two Members present either in person or by proxy shall be a quorum for a general meeting provided that the quorum for a general meeting convened to consider any alteration to the Class rights of Shares shall be two Shareholders holding or representing by proxy at least one third of the issued Shares of the relevant Fund or Class. If within half an hour after the time appointed for a meeting a quorum is not present the meeting, if convened on the requisition of or by Shareholders, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same time, day and place in the next week or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Directors may determine and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the Members present shall be a quorum and in the case of a meeting of a Fund or Class convened to consider the variation of rights of Shareholders in such Fund or Class the quorum shall be one Shareholder holding Shares of the Fund or Class in question or his proxy. All general meetings will be held in Ireland.
- (d) The foregoing provisions with respect to the convening and conduct of meetings shall save as otherwise specified with respect to meetings of Funds or Classes and, subject to the Act, have effect with respect to separate meetings of each Fund or Class at which a resolution varying the rights of Shareholders in such Fund or Class is tabled.

#### **5. Reports and Accounts**

The Company will prepare an annual report and audited accounts as of 31 December in each year and a half-yearly report and unaudited accounts as of 30 June in each year. The audited annual report and accounts will be published within four months of the Company's financial year end and its semi-annual report will be published within two months of the end of the half year period and in each case will be offered to subscribers before conclusion of a contract and supplied to Shareholders free of charge on request and will be available to the public at the offices of the Administrator. The periodic reports and the Articles of Association may be obtained from the offices of the Administrator free of charge.

#### **6. Communications and Notices to Shareholders**

Communications and Notices to Shareholders or the first named of joint Shareholders shall be deemed to have been duly given as follows:

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Delivery by Hand	:	The day of delivery or next following working day if delivered outside usual business hours.
Post	:	48 hours after posting.
Fax	:	The day on which a positive transmission receipt is received.
Electronically	:	The day on which the electronic transmission has been sent to the electronic information system designated by a Shareholder.
Publication of Notice or Advertisement of Notice	:	The day of publication in a daily newspaper circulating in the country or countries where shares are marketed.

## 7. Transfer of Shares

- (a) Transfers of Shares may be effected in writing in any usual or common form, signed by or on behalf of the transferor and every transfer shall state the full name and address of the transferor and transferee.
- (b) The Directors may from time to time specify a fee for the registration of instruments of transfer provided that the maximum fee may not exceed 5% of the Net Asset Value of the Shares subject to the transfer on the Dealing Day immediately preceding the date of the transfer.

The Directors may decline to register any transfer of Shares if:-

- (i) in consequence of such transfer the transferor or the transferee would hold a number of Shares less than the Minimum Holding;
- (ii) all applicable taxes and/or stamp duties have not been paid in respect of the instrument of transfer;
- (ii) the instrument of transfer is not deposited at the registered office of the Company or such other place as the Directors may reasonably require, accompanied by the certificate for the Shares to which it relates, such evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer, such relevant information and declarations as the Directors may reasonably require from the transferee including, without limitation, information and declarations of the type which may be requested from an applicant for Shares in the Company and such fee as may from time to time be specified by the Directors for the registration of any instrument of transfer; or

- (iv) they are aware or reasonably believe the transfer would result in the beneficial ownership of such Shares by a person in contravention of any restrictions on ownership as set out herein or might result in legal, regulatory, pecuniary, taxation or material administrative disadvantage to the Company or the relevant Fund or Class or Shareholders as a whole.
- (c) The registration of transfers may be suspended for such periods as the Directors may determine provided always that each registration may not be suspended for more than 30 days.

## **8. Directors**

The following is a summary of the principal provisions in the Articles of Association relating to the Directors:

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by an ordinary resolution of the Company in general meeting, the number of Directors shall not be less than two nor more than nine.
- (b) A Director need not be a Shareholder.
- (c) The Articles of Association contain no provisions requiring Directors to retire on attaining a particular age or to retire on rotation.
- (d) A Director may vote and be counted in the quorum at a meeting to consider the appointment or the fixing or variation of the terms of appointment of any Director to any office or employment with the Company or any company in which the Company is interested, but a Director may not vote or be counted in the quorum on a resolution concerning his own appointment.
- (e) The Directors of the Company for the time being are entitled to such remuneration as may be determined by the Directors and disclosed in the Prospectus and may be reimbursed all reasonable travel, hotel and other expenses incurred in connection with the business of the Company or the discharge of their duties and may be entitled to additional remuneration if called upon to perform any special or extra services to or at the request of the Company.
- (f) A Director may hold any other office or place of profit under the Company, other than the office of Auditor, in conjunction with his office of Director on such terms as to tenure of office or otherwise as the Directors may determine.
- (g) No Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company as vendor, purchaser or otherwise, nor shall any contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the Company in which any Director is in any way interested be liable to be avoided, nor shall any Director who is so interested be liable to account to the Company for any profit realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of such Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established, but the nature of his interest must be declared by him at the meeting of the Directors at which the proposal to enter into the contract or agreement is first considered or, if the Director in question was not at the date of that meeting interested in the

proposed contract or arrangement, at the next Directors' meeting held after he becomes so interested. A general notice in writing given to the Directors by any Director to the effect that he is a member of any specified company or firm and is to be regarded as interested in any contract or arrangement which may thereafter be made with that company or firm is deemed to be a sufficient declaration of interest in relation to any contract or arrangement so made.

- (h) A Director may not vote in respect of any resolution or any contract or arrangement or any proposal whatsoever in which he has any material interest or a duty which conflicts with the interests of the Company and shall not be counted in the quorum at a meeting in relation to any resolution upon which he is debarred from voting unless the Directors resolve otherwise. However, a Director may vote and be counted in quorum in respect of any proposal concerning any other company in which he is interested directly or indirectly, whether as an officer or shareholder or otherwise, provided that he is not the holder of 5 per cent or more of the issued shares of any class of such company or of the voting rights available to members of such company. A Director may also vote and be counted in the quorum in respect of any proposal concerning an offer of Shares in which he is interested as a participant in an underwriting or sub-underwriting arrangement and may also vote in respect of the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity in respect of money lent by the Director to the Company or in respect of the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt obligation of the Company for which the Director has assumed responsibility in whole or in respect of the purchase of directors' and officers' liability insurance.
  
- (i) The office of a Director shall be vacated in any of the following events namely:-
  - (a) if he resigns his office by notice in writing signed by him and left at the registered office of the Company;
  - (b) if he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;
  - (c) if he becomes of unsound mind;
  - (d) if he is absent from meetings of the Directors for six successive months without leave expressed by a resolution of the Directors and the Directors resolve that his office be vacated;
  - (e) if he ceases to be a Director by virtue of, or becomes prohibited or restricted from being a Director by reason of, an order made under the provisions of any law or enactment;
  - (f) if he is requested by a majority of the other Directors (not being less than two in number) to vacate office; or
  - (g) if he is removed from office by ordinary resolution of the Company.

## **9. Directors' Interests**

- (a) None of the Directors has or has had any direct interest in the promotion of the Company or in any transaction effected by the Company which is unusual in its nature or conditions or is significant to the business of the Company up to the date of this Prospectus or in any contracts or arrangements of the Company subsisting at the date hereof other than:

Thomas Naughton is a Member and Shareholder in the Company. Tony Morris is Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Investment Manager and is a Member and Shareholder of the Company.

- (b) Save as described above, no present Director or any connected person has any interests beneficial or non-beneficial in the share capital of the Company.
- (c) None of the Directors has a service contract with the Company nor are any such service contracts proposed.

## **10. Winding Up**

- (a) The Company or where relevant a Fund may be wound up if:
- (i) At any time after the first anniversary of the incorporation of the Company or the establishment of a Fund, the Net Asset Value of the Company or a Fund falls below €5 million on each Dealing Day for a period of six consecutive weeks and the Shareholders of the Company or where relevant Fund resolve by ordinary resolution to wind up the Company or the Fund;
  - (ii) Within a period of three months from the date on which (a) the Depositary notifies the Company of its desire to retire in accordance with the terms of the Depositary Agreement and has not withdrawn notice of its intention to so retire, (b) the appointment of the Depositary is terminated by the Company in accordance with the terms of the Depositary Agreement, or (c) the Depositary ceases to be approved by the Central Bank to act as a depositary; no new Depositary has been appointed, the Directors shall instruct the Secretary to forthwith convene an extraordinary general meeting of the Company at which there shall be proposed an ordinary resolution to wind up the Company. Notwithstanding anything set out above, the Depositary's appointment shall only terminate on revocation of the Company's authorisation by the Central Bank or on the appointment of a successor depositary;
  - (iii) The Shareholders of the Company or where relevant Fund resolve by ordinary resolution that the Company or a Fund by reason of its liabilities cannot continue its business and that it be wound up;
  - (iv) The Shareholders of the Company or where relevant Fund resolve by special resolution to wind up the Company or Fund.

- (b) In the event of a winding up, the liquidator shall firstly apply the assets of each Fund in such manner and order as he thinks fit in satisfaction of creditors' claims.
- (c) The liquidator shall apply the assets of each Fund in satisfaction of liabilities incurred on behalf of or attributable to such Fund and shall not apply the assets of any Fund in satisfaction of any liabilities incurred on behalf of or attributable to any other Fund.
- (d) The assets available for distribution among the Shareholders shall be applied in the following priority:-
  - (i) firstly, in the payment to the Shareholders of each Class or Fund of a sum in the Base Currency (or in any other currency selected and at such rate of exchange as determined by the liquidator) as nearly as possible equal to the Net Asset Value of the Shares of the relevant Class or Fund held by such Shareholders respectively as at the date of commencement of winding up;
  - (ii) secondly in the case of the winding up of the Company, in the payment to the holders of non-participating shares of sums up to the consideration paid in respect thereof provided that if there are insufficient assets to enable such payment in full to be made, no recourse shall be had to the assets comprised within any of the Funds;
  - (iii) thirdly, in the payment to the Shareholders of each Class or Fund of any balance then remaining in the relevant Fund, in proportion to the number of Shares held in the relevant Class or Fund; and
  - (iv) fourthly in the case of the winding up of the Company, any balance then remaining and not attributable to any Fund or Class shall be apportioned between the Funds and Classes pro-rata to the Net Asset Value of each Fund or Class immediately prior to any distribution to Shareholders and the amounts so apportioned shall be paid to Shareholders pro-rata to the number of Shares in that Fund or Class held by them.
- (e) The liquidator may, with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company or where relevant Fund, divide among the Shareholders (pro rata to the value of their respective shareholdings in the Company or where relevant Fund) in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company or where relevant Fund and whether or not the assets shall consist of property of a single kind provided that any Shareholder shall be entitled to request the sale of any asset or assets proposed to be so distributed and the distribution to such Shareholder of the cash proceeds of such sale. The costs of any such sale shall be borne by the relevant Shareholder. The liquidator may, with like authority, vest any part of the assets of the Company or where relevant Fund in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of Shareholders as the liquidator shall think fit and the liquidation of the Company or Fund may be closed and the Company or the Fund dissolved, provided that no Shareholder shall be compelled to accept any asset in respect of which there is any liability. Further the liquidator may with like authority transfer the whole or part of the assets of the Company or Fund to a company or collective investment scheme (the

“Transferee Company”) on terms that Shareholders in the Company or where relevant Fund shall receive from the Transferee Company shares or units in the Transferee Company of equivalent value to their shareholdings in the Company or the Fund.

- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision contained in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, should the Directors at any time and in their absolute discretion resolve that it would be in the best interests of the Shareholders to wind up the Company or where relevant a Fund, the Secretary shall forthwith at the Directors' request convene an extraordinary general meeting of the Company or Fund at which there shall be presented a proposal to appoint a liquidator to wind up the Company or Fund and if so appointed, the liquidator shall distribute the assets of the Company or Fund in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.

## **11. Indemnities and Insurance**

The Directors (including alternates), Secretary and other officers of the Company and its former directors and officers shall be indemnified by the Company against losses and expenses to which any such person may become liable by reason of any contract entered into or any act or thing done by him as such officer in the discharge of his duties (other than in the case of fraud, negligence or wilful default). The Company acting through the Directors is empowered under the Articles of Association to purchase and maintain for the benefit of persons who are or were at any time Directors or officers of the Company insurance against any liability incurred by such persons in respect of any act or omission in the execution of their duties or exercise of their powers.

## **12. General**

- (a) As at the date of this Prospectus, the Company has no loan capital (including term loans) outstanding or created but unissued nor any mortgages, charges, debentures or other borrowings or indebtedness in the nature of borrowings, including bank overdrafts, liabilities under acceptances (other than normal trade bills), acceptance credits, finance leases, hire purchase commitments, guarantees, other commitments or contingent liabilities.
- (b) The Company does not have, nor has it had since incorporation, any employees.
- (c) The Company does not intend to purchase or acquire nor agree to purchase or acquire any property.
- (d) The rights conferred on Shareholders by virtue of their shareholdings are governed by the Articles of Association, the general law of Ireland and the Act.
- (e) The Company is not engaged in any litigation or arbitration and no litigation or claim is known by the Directors to be pending or threatened against the Company.
- (f) The Company has no subsidiaries.

- (g) Dividends which remain unclaimed for six years from the date on which they become payable will be forfeited. On forfeiture such dividends will become part of the assets of the Fund to which they relate. No dividend or other amount payable to any Shareholder shall bear interest against the Company.
- (h) No person has any preferential right to subscribe for any authorised but unissued capital of the Company.

### **13. Material Contracts**

- (a) *Management Agreement* between the Company and the Manager dated 7 January, 2022, as same may be amended from time to time, under which the Manager was appointed to provide certain management, marketing and investment management services to the Company. The Management Agreement may be terminated by either party on giving not less than ninety days prior written notice to the other party or such shorter period as may be agreed by the Company not less than thirty days. The Management Agreement may also be terminated forthwith by either party giving notice in writing to the other party upon certain breaches or upon the insolvency of a party (or upon the happening of a like event). The Management Agreement provides that the Company shall hold harmless and indemnify the Manager, its employees, delegates and agents against all actions, proceedings, claims, damages, costs, demands and expenses including, without limitation, legal and professional expenses on a full indemnity basis which may be brought against, suffered or incurred by the Manager, its employees, delegates or agents in the performance of its duties under the terms of the agreement other than due to the wilful default, fraud or negligence of the Manager, its employees, delegates or agents in the performance of the Manager's obligations thereunder and / or the performance of its regulatory obligations in its capacity as manager of the Company.
- (b) *Amended and Restated Investment Management Agreement* between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager dated 7 January, 2022, as may be amended, supplemented or novated from time to time, under which the Investment Manager was appointed as investment manager and distributor of the relevant Fund's assets subject to the overall supervision of the Directors. The Investment Management Agreement may be terminated by either party on 6 months' written notice or forthwith by notice in writing in certain circumstances such as the insolvency of either party or unremedied breach after notice. The Investment Manager has the power to delegate its duties in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements. The Agreement provides that the Company shall out of the relevant Fund's assets indemnify the Investment Manager and its delegates, agents and employees against and hold it harmless from any actions, proceedings, damages, claims, costs, demands and expenses including legal and professional expenses brought against or suffered or incurred by the Investment Manager in the performance of its duties other than due to the negligence, fraud, bad faith or wilful default of the Investment Manager in the performance of its obligations.
- (c) *Amended and Restated Administration Agreement* between the Company, the Manager, and the Administrator dated 7 January, 2022, as may be amended, supplemented or novated from time

to time, under which the latter was appointed as Administrator to manage and administer the affairs of the Company, subject to the terms and conditions of the Administration Agreement and subject to the overall supervision of the Directors. The Administration Agreement shall continue in effect for three years from launch of the Company. Thereafter, unless otherwise terminated the Administration Agreement shall be renewed automatically for successive one (1) year periods. The Administration Agreement may be terminated only by either party by providing the other party ninety (90) days' prior written notice, by mutual agreement of the parties, upon the provision of thirty (30) days' prior written notice on breach of the Administration Agreement, or immediately upon the termination of the Company. The Administrator has the power to delegate its duties with the prior approval of the Central Bank. The Agreement provides that the Company shall out of the Company's assets indemnify the Administrator and its delegates, agents and employees against and hold it harmless from any actions, proceedings, damages, claims, costs, demands and expenses including legal and professional expenses brought against or suffered or incurred by the Administrator in the performance of its duties other than due to the negligence, fraud, bad faith or wilful default of the Administrator in the performance of its obligations.

- (d) *Depository Agreement* between the Company and the Depository dated 22 December, 2010, as amended and restated on 31 March, 2016 and as may be amended, supplemented or novated from time to time, under which the Depository was appointed as depository of the Company's assets subject to the overall supervision of the Directors. The Depository Agreement may be terminated by either party on 90 days written notice (or such other lesser period agreed between the parties) or forthwith by notice in writing in certain circumstances such as the insolvency of either party or unremedied breach after notice provided that the Depository shall continue to act as depository until a successor depository approved by the Central Bank is appointed by the Company or the Company's authorisation by the Central Bank is revoked. The Depository has the power to delegate its duties but its liability will not be affected by the fact that it has entrusted to a third party some or all of the assets in its safekeeping. The Depository Agreement provides that the Company shall hold harmless and indemnify the Depository against all losses, liabilities, demands, damages, costs, claims or expenses (including reasonable legal and professional expenses) arising therefrom which may be brought against, suffered or incurred by the Depository by reason of its performance of its duties under the terms of the Depository Agreement (other than to the extent that it relates to loss for which the Depository is liable by reason of (i) loss of financial instruments held in custody (unless the loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond the control of the Depository) and/or (ii) the Depository's negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations under the UCITS Regulations.

#### **14. Documents Available for Inspection**

Copies of the following documents, which are available for information only and do not form part of this document, may be inspected at the registered office of the Company in Ireland during normal business hours on any Business Day or at the offices of the Sponsoring Brokers for a period of at least 14 days from the date of this Prospectus:-

- (a) The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company (copies may be obtained free of charge from the Manager or the Administrator).
- (b) The Act and the UCITS Regulations.
- (c) The material contracts detailed above.
- (d) Once published, the latest annual and half yearly reports of the Company (copies of which may be obtained from the Administrator free of charge).

Copies of the Prospectus together with the Supplement(s) and Key Investor Documents may also be obtained by Shareholders from the Administrator or the Manager.

## Appendix I - Investment Restrictions

1	Permitted Investments
1.1	Investments of a UCITS are confined to: Transferable securities and money market instruments which are either admitted to official listing on a stock exchange in a Member State or non-Member State or which are dealt on a market which is regulated, operates regularly, is recognised and open to the public in a Member State or non-Member State.
1.2	Recently issued transferable securities which will be admitted to official listing on a stock exchange or other market (as described above) within a year.
1.3	Money market instruments, other than those dealt on a regulated market.
1.4	Units of UCITS.
1.5	Units of AIFs.
1.6	Deposits with credit institutions.
1.7	Financial derivative instruments.
2	Investment Restrictions
2.1	A UCITS 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	<p>Recently Issued Transferable Securities: Subject to paragraph (2) the Company shall not invest any more than 10% of assets of a UCITS in securities of the type to which Regulation 68(1)(d) of the UCITS Regulations apply.</p> <p>Paragraph (1) does not apply to an investment by the Company in US Securities known as “Rule 144 A securities” provided that;</p> <p>(a) the relevant securities have been issued with an undertaking to register the securities with the SEC within 1 year of issue; and</p> <p>(b) the securities are not illiquid securities i.e. they may be realised by the UCITS within 7 days at the price, or approximately at the price, which they are valued by the UCITS.</p>
2.3	A UCITS 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	Subject to the prior approval of the Central Bank the limit of 10% (in 2.3) is raised to 25% in the case of bonds that are issued by a credit institution which has its registered office in a Member State and is subject by law to special public supervision designed to protect bond-holders. If a UCITS invests more than 5% of its net assets in these bonds issued by one issuer, the total value of these investments may not exceed 80% of the net asset value of the UCITS.
2.5	The limit of 10% (in 2.3) is raised to 35% if the transferable securities or money market instruments are issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities or by a non-Member State or public international body of which one or more Member States are members.
2.6	The transferable securities and money market instruments referred to in 2.4. and 2.5 shall not be taken into account for the purpose of applying the limit of 40% referred to in 2.3.
2.7	The Company shall not invest more than 20% of its assets in deposits made with the same body.
2.8	The risk exposure of a UCITS to a counterparty to an 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; or 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 authorised in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Australia or New Zealand.
2.9	Notwithstanding paragraphs 2.3, 2.7 and 2.8 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: investments in transferable securities or money market instruments; deposits, and/or counterparty risk exposures arising from OTC derivatives transactions.
2.10	The limits referred to in 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 above may not be combined, so that exposure to a single body shall not exceed 35% of net assets.
2.11	Group companies are regarded as a single issuer for the purposes of 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9. However, a limit of 20% of net assets may be applied to investment in transferable securities and money market instruments within the same group.
2.12	A UCITS may invest up to 100% of net assets in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by any Member State, its local authorities, non-Member States or public international body of which one or more Member States are members.  The individual issuers must be listed in the prospectus and may be drawn from the following list: OECD Governments (provided the relevant issues are investment grade), Government of the People's Republic of China, Government of Brazil (provided the issues are of investment grade),

	<p>Government of India (provided the issues are of investment grade), Government of Saudi Arabia (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, Export-Import Bank.</p> <p>The UCITS must hold securities from at least 6 different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30% of net assets.</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Investment in Collective Investment Schemes (“CIS”)</b>
3.1	A UCITS may not invest more than 20% of net assets in any one CIS.
3.2	Investment in AIFs may not, in aggregate, exceed 30% of net assets.
3.3	The CIS are prohibited from investing more than 10 per cent of net assets in other open-ended CIS.
3.4	When a UCITS invests in the units of other CIS that are managed, directly or by delegation, by the UCITS management company or by any other company with which the UCITS management company is linked by common management or control, or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, that management company or other company may not charge subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of the UCITS investment in the units of such other CIS.
3.5	Where by virtue of investment in the units of another investment fund, the Company, an investment manager or an investment advisor receives a commission on behalf of the UCITS (including a rebated commission), the Company shall ensure that the relevant commission is paid into the property of the UCITS.
3.6	<p>Investment by a Fund in another Fund of the Company is subject to the following additional provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investment must not be made in a Fund which itself holds shares in other Funds within the Company; and</li> <li>- The investing Fund may not charge an annual management fee in respect of that portion of its assets invested in other Funds within the Company (whether such fee is paid directly at the investing fund level, indirectly at the receiving fund level or a combination of both), such that there shall be no double charging of the annual management fee to</li> </ul>

the investing fund as a result of investments in the receiving fund. This provision is also applicable to the annual fee charged by the investment manager where such fee is paid directly out of the assets of the Fund.

<b>4</b>	<b>Index Tracking UCITS</b>
4.1	A UCITS may invest up to 20% of net assets in shares and/or debt securities issued by the same body where the investment policy of the UCITS is to replicate an index which satisfies the criteria set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and is recognised by the Central Bank
4.2	The limit in 4.1 may be raised to 35%, and applied to a single issuer, where this is justified by exceptional market conditions.
<b>5</b>	<b>General Provisions</b>
5.1	An investment company, ICAV or 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.
5.2	A UCITS may acquire no more than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 10% of the non-voting shares of any single issuing body;</li> <li>(ii) 10% of the debt securities of any single issuing body;</li> <li>(iii) 25% of the units of any single CIS;</li> <li>(iv) 10% of the money market instruments of any single issuing body.</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: The limits laid down in (ii), (iii) and (iv) 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.</p>
<b>5.3</b>	5.1 and 5.2 shall not be applicable to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities;</li> <li>(ii) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a non-Member State;</li> <li>(iii) transferable securities and money market instruments issued by public international bodies of which one or more Member States are members;</li> <li>(iv) shares held by a UCITS in the capital of a company incorporated in a non-member State which invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuing bodies having their registered offices in that State, where under the legislation of that State such a holding represents the only way in which the UCITS can invest in the securities of issuing bodies of that State. This waiver is applicable only if in its investment policies the company from the non-Member State complies with the limits laid down in 2.3 to 2.11, 3.1, 3.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5 and 5.6, and provided that where these limits are exceeded, paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6 below are observed.</li> </ul>

	(v) Shares held by an investment company or investment companies or ICAV or ICAVs 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.
5.4	UCITS need not comply with the investment restrictions herein when exercising subscription rights attaching to transferable securities or money market instruments which form part of their assets.
5.5	The Central Bank may allow recently authorised UCITS to derogate from the provisions of 2.3 to 2.12, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1 and 4.2 for six months following the date of their authorisation, provided they observe the principle of risk spreading.
5.6	If the limits laid down herein are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of a UCITS, or as a result of the exercise of subscription rights, the UCITS must adopt as a priority objective for its sales transactions the remedying of that situation, taking due account of the interests of its unitholders.
5.7	Neither an investment company, ICAV nor a management company or a trustee acting on behalf of a unit trust or a management company of a common contractual fund, may carry out uncovered sales of: transferable securities; money market instruments <sup>1</sup> ; units of investment funds; or financial derivative instruments.
5.8	A UCITS may hold ancillary liquid assets.
<b>6</b>	<b>Financial Derivative Instruments ('FDIs')</b>
6.1	The UCITS global exposure relating to FDI must not exceed its total net asset value.
6.2	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/Guidance. (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.)
6.3	UCITS may invest in FDIs dealt in over-the-counter (OTC) provided that: The counterparties to over-the-counter transactions (OTCs) are institutions subject to prudential

<sup>1</sup> Any short selling of money market instruments by UCITS is prohibited

	supervision and belonging to categories approved by the Central Bank.
6.4	Investment in FDIs are subject to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank.

The Funds will adhere to any investment or borrowing restrictions and any criteria necessary to obtain and/or maintain any credit rating in respect of any Shares or Class or Fund in the Company, subject to the UCITS Regulations.

It is intended that the Funds shall have the power (subject to the prior approval of the Central Bank) to avail itself of any change in the investment and borrowing restrictions laid down in the UCITS Regulations which would permit investment by the Funds in securities, derivative instruments or in any other forms of investment in which investment is at the date of this Prospectus restricted or prohibited under the UCITS Regulations.

## Appendix II - Recognised Exchanges

The following is a list of regulated stock exchanges and markets on which a Fund's investments in securities and financial derivative instruments other than permitted investment in unlisted securities and OTC derivative instruments, will be listed or traded. The exchanges and markets are listed in accordance with the regulatory criteria as defined in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities (and OTC derivative instruments investment in securities and derivative instruments) will be restricted to the stock exchanges and markets listed below. The Central Bank does not issue a list of approved stock exchanges or markets.

(i) any stock exchange which is:-

- located in any Member State of the European Union; or
- located in any Member State of the European Economic Area (European Union, Norway and Iceland); or
- located in any of the following countries:-

Australia  
Canada  
Hong Kong  
Japan  
New Zealand  
Switzerland  
United Kingdom  
United States of America

(ii) any of the following stock exchanges or markets:-

Argentina	-	Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires
Argentina	-	Bolsa de Comercio de Cordoba
Argentina	-	Bolsa de Comercio de Rosario
Bahrain	-	Bahrain Stock Exchange
Bangladesh	-	Dhaka Stock Exchange
Bangladesh	-	Chittagong Stock Exchange
Bermuda	-	Bermuda Stock Exchange
Botswana	-	Botswana Stock Exchange
Brazil	-	Bolsa de Valores do Rio de Janeiro
Brazil	-	Bolsa de Mercadorias e Futuros
Chile	-	Bolsa de Comercio de Santiago
Chile	-	Bolsa Electronica de Chile

China (Peoples' Rep. of – Shanghai)	-	Shanghai Stock Exchange
China (Peoples' Rep. of – Shenzhen)	-	Shenzhen Stock Exchange
Colombia	-	Bolsa de Bogota
Colombia	-	Bolsa de Medellin
Colombia	-	Bolsa de Occidents
Croatia	-	Zagreb Stock Exchange
Egypt	-	Cairo and Alexandria Stock Exchange
Ghana	-	Ghana Stock Exchange
India	-	Bangalore Stock Exchange
India	-	Delhi Stock Exchange
India	-	Mumbai Stock Exchange
India	-	National Stock Exchange of India
Indonesia	-	Indonesia Stock Exchange
Israel	-	Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange
Jordan	-	Amman Stock Exchange
Kazakhstan (Rep. Of)	-	Central Asian Stock Exchange
Kazakhstan (Rep. Of)	-	Kazakhstan Stock Exchange
Kenya	-	Nairobi Stock Exchange
Lebanon	-	Beirut Stock Exchange
Malaysia	-	Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange
Mauritius	-	Stock Exchange of Mauritius
Mexico	-	Bolsa Mexicana de Valores
Morocco	-	Societe de la Bourse des Valeurs de Casablanca
Namibia	-	Namibian Stock Exchange
Nigeria	-	Nigerian Stock Exchange
Pakistan	-	Islamabad Stock Exchange
Pakistan	-	Karachi Stock Exchange
Pakistan	-	Lahore Stock Exchange
Peru	-	Bolsa de Valores de Lima
Philippines	-	Philippine Stock Exchange
Singapore	-	Singapore Stock Exchange
South Africa	-	JSE Securities Exchange
South Korea	-	Korean Stock Exchange
	-	KOSDAQ Market
Sri Lanka	-	Colombo Stock Exchange
Taiwan (Republic of China)	-	Taiwan Stock Exchange Corporation
Thailand	-	Stock Exchange of Thailand
Turkey	-	Istanbul Stock Exchange

Ukraine	-	Ukrainian Stock Exchange
Uruguay	-	Electronica de Valores de Montevideo
Venezuela	-	Caracas Stock Exchange
Venezuela	-	Venezuela Electronic Stock Exchange
Vietnam	-	Ho Chi Minh Stock Exchange
	-	Hanoi Securities Trading Center
Zambia	-	Lusaka Stock Exchange

(iii) any of the following markets:

Moscow Exchange

the market organised by the International Securities Market Association;

the money market institutions as described in the FCA Handbook, as amended from time to time;

AIM - the Alternative Investment Market in the UK regulated and operated by the London Stock Exchange;

JASDAQ in Japan.

NASDAQ in the United States;

The market in US government securities conducted by primary dealers regulated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York;

The OTC market in the United States regulated by the Financial Industry Regulation Authority (also described as the OTC market in the United States conducted by primary and secondary dealers regulated by the Securities and Exchanges Commission and by the National Association of Securities Dealers (and by banking institutions regulated by the US Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Reserve System or Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation);

The French market for Titres de Créances Négotiables (OTC market in negotiable debt instruments);

the OTC market in Canadian Government Bonds, regulated by the Investment Industry Regulatory Organisation of Canada.

SESDAQ (the second tier of the Singapore Stock Exchange.)

(iv) All stock exchanges listed in (i) and (ii) above on which permitted financial derivative

instruments may be listed or traded and the following derivatives exchanges:

All derivatives exchanges in a Member State of the European Economic Area (European Union, Norway and Iceland) or an OECD Member Country;

in the United States of America, the

- American Stock Exchange
- Chicago Stock Exchange
- Chicago Board of Trade;
- Chicago Board Options Exchange;
- Chicago Mercantile Exchange;
- USFE (US Futures Exchange);
- Intercontinental Exchange Futures US;
- Intercontinental Exchange Inc;
- New York Mercantile Exchange;
- New York Stock Exchange
- Philadelphia Stock Exchange
- SIX Swiss Exchange US

in Canada, the

- Montreal Exchange
- Toronto Stock Exchange

in China, the Shanghai Futures Exchange;

in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Futures Exchange;

in Japan, the

- Osaka Securities Exchange;
- Tokyo Financial Exchange;
- Tokyo Stock Exchange;

in Singapore, on the

- Singapore Exchange;
- Singapore Commodity Exchange.

In Switzerland, on the

- Swiss Options & Financial Futures Exchange
- EUREX

- the Taiwan Futures Exchange;
- Kuala Lumpur Options and Financial Futures Exchange;
- Jakarta Futures Exchange;

- Korea Futures Exchange;
- Osaka Mercantile Exchange;
- Tokyo International Financial Futures Exchange;
- Australian Stock Exchange;
- Sydney Futures Exchange;
- the Bolsa de Mercadorias & Futuros, Brazil;
- the Mexican Derivatives Exchange (MEXDER);
- the South African Futures Exchange;

For the purposes only of determining the value of the assets of a Fund, the term “Recognised Exchange” shall be deemed to include, in relation to any derivatives contract utilised by a Fund, any organised exchange or market on which such contract is regularly traded.

### Appendix III - Definition of US Person

Pursuant to Rule 902(k) of Regulation S promulgated under the 1933 Act:

- (1) "US person" means:
- (i) any natural person resident in the United States;
  - (ii) any partnership or corporation organised or incorporated under the laws of the United States;
  - (iii) any estate of which any executor or administrator is a US person;
  - (iv) any trust of which any trustee is a US person;
  - (v) any agency or branch of a foreign entity located in the United States;
  - (vi) 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;
  - (vii) any discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary organised, incorporated, or (if an individual) resident in the United States; and
  - (viii) any partnership or corporation if:
    - (A) organised or incorporated under the laws of any foreign jurisdiction; and
    - (B) formed by a US person principally for the purpose of investing in securities not registered under the 1933 Act, unless it is organised or incorporated, and owned, by accredited investors (as defined in Rule 501(a) under the 1933 Act) who are not natural persons, estates or trusts.
- (2) The following are not "US persons":
- (i) 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 organised, incorporated, or (if an individual) resident in the United States;
  - (ii) any estate of which any professional fiduciary acting as executor or administrator is 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;
  - (iii) any trust of which any professional fiduciary acting as trustee is 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;

- (iv) 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;
- (v) any agency or branch of a US person located outside the United States 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; and
- (vi) 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 organisations, their agencies, affiliates and pension plans.

**Appendix IV – List of sub-custodial agents appointed by the Depository**

The Depository has appointed the following entities as sub-custodians in each of the markets set forth below. This list may be updated from time to time and is available upon request in writing from the Depository.

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>SUB-CUSTODIAN</b>	<b>DEPOSITARIES</b>
AUSTRALIA	HSBC BANK AUSTRALIA LIMITED FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED (HSBC)	ASX Settlement Austraclear
CANADA	RBC INVESTOR SERVICES TRUST FOR ROYAL BANK OF CANADA (RBC)	CDS
CHINA*	HSBC BANK (CHINA) COMPANY LIMITED FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED (HSBC)  BANK OF CHINA LIMITED  CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK CORPORATION  CITIBANK (CHINA) CO., LTD. FOR CITIBANK N.A.  INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED  STANDARD CHARTERED BANK (CHINA) LIMITED FOR STANDARD CHARTERED BANK	CSDCC- Shanghai Branch & Shenzhen Branch CCDC SCH
HONG KONG	THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED (HSBC)  STANDARD CHARTERED BANK (HONG KONG) LIMITED FOR STANDARD CHARTERED BANK	CMU HKSCC
INDIA*	CITIBANK, N.A. - MUMBAI BRANCH  THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING	CDSL NSDL RBI

	CORPORATION LIMITED (HSBC)-INDIA BRANCH	
INDONESIA	CITIBANK, N.A. - JAKARTA BRANCH  STANDARD CHARTERED BANK, INDONESIA BRANCH	BI KSEI
MALAYSIA*	HSBC BANK MALAYSIA BERHAD (HBMB) FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LTD. (HSBC)  STANDARD CHARTERED BANK MALAYSIA BERHAD FOR STANDARD CHARTERED BANK	BMD BNM
NEW ZEALAND	THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATON LIMITED (HSBC) - NEW ZEALAND BRANCH	NZCSD
PAKISTAN*	STANDARD CHARTERED BANK (PAKISTAN) LIMITED FOR STANDARD CHARTERED BANK	CDC SBP
PHILIPPINES*	THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED (HSBC) - PHILIPPINE BRANCH	PDTC RoSS
SINGAPORE	THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED (HSBC) - SINGAPORE BRANCH  DBS BANK LTD (DBS)  STANDARD CHARTERED BANK (SINGAPORE) LIMITED FOR STANDARD CHARTERED BANK	CDP MAS
SOUTH KOREA*	THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED - KOREA BRANCH  CITIBANK KOREA INC. FOR CITIBANK, N.A.  KEB HANA BANK	KSD
TAIWAN*	HSBC BANK (TAIWAN) LIMITED FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED (HSBC)	CBC TDCC

	STANDARD CHARTERED BANK (TAIWAN) LIMITED FOR STANDARD CHARTERED BANK	
THAILAND	THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED (HSBC) - THAILAND BRANCH	TSD
TRANSNATIONAL (EUROCLEAR)	BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN & CO. (BBH&CO.)	Euroclear
UNITED KINGDOM	HSBC BANK PLC  CITIBANK, N.A., LONDON BRANCH	Euroclear UK & Ireland Ltd. DCC

\* In these markets, cash held by clients is a deposit obligation of the subcustodian. For all other markets, cash held by clients is a deposit obligation of BBH & Co. or one of its affiliates.

## Appendix V – Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect Schemes

The Fund may invest in China A shares through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme and/or the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme (collectively, the “**Connect Scheme**”). The Fund may also invest in China H shares. China H shares are issued by issuers which are incorporated in China and traded on the Hong Kong stock exchange.

The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (“**HKEx**”), Shanghai Stock Exchange (“**SSE**”) and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (“**ChinaClear**”) and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme is a securities trading and clearing links programme developed by HKEx, Shenzhen Stock Exchange (“**SZSE**”) and ChinaClear. The aim of the Connect Scheme is to achieve mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong.

The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme enables Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the relevant Fund) to invest in certain eligible China A shares listed on the SSE (“**SSE Securities**”) through their Hong Kong brokers and a securities trading service company established by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“**SEHK**”) under the Northbound Trading Link, subject to the rules of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme.

The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme enables Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the relevant Fund) to invest in certain eligible China A shares listed on the SZSE (“**SZSE Securities**”) through their Hong Kong brokers and a securities trading service company established by SEHK under the Northbound Trading Link, subject to the rules of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme.

### Eligible Securities

#### (i) Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme

SSE Securities, as of the date of this Prospectus, 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 Renminbi (“**RMB**”); and
- (b) SSE-listed shares which are included in the “risk alert board” (as described in the listing rules of the SSE).

#### (ii) Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme

SZSE Securities, as of the date of this Prospectus, include all the constituent stocks from time to time of the SZSE Component Index and SZSE Small/Mid Cap Innovation Index which have a market capitalisation of not less than RMB 6 billion, 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; and
- (b) SZSE-listed shares which are included in the “risk alert board” or under delisting arrangement.

At the initial stage of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme, investors eligible to trade shares that are listed on the ChiNext Board of the SZSE (“**ChiNext Board**”) under Northbound trading will be limited to institutional professional investors (which the Fund will qualify as such) as defined in the relevant Hong Kong rules and regulations.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review.

#### Trading Quota

Trading under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme is subject to a daily quota (“**Daily Quota**”). Northbound Shanghai Trading Link under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme, Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link under the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme, Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme and Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are respectively subject to a separate set of Daily Quota.

The Daily Quota limits the maximum net buy value of cross-boundary trades under each of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme each day. The Northbound Daily Quota is currently set at RMB13 billion for each of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme.

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

#### Settlement and Custody

Under the Connect Scheme, 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 the Connect Scheme are issued in scripless form, so investors will not hold any physical China A shares. Hong Kong and overseas investors who have acquired SSE Securities or SZSE Securities through Northbound trading should maintain the SSE Securities or SZSE 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 and SZSE Securities held in its omnibus stock account in ChinaClear, ChinaClear as the share registrar for SSE and SZSE listed companies will still treat HKSCC as one of the shareholders when it handles corporate actions in respect of such SSE Securities and SZSE Securities.

HKSCC will monitor the corporate actions affecting SSE Securities and SZSE 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-/SZSE-listed companies usually announce their annual general meeting/extraordinary general meeting information about two to three weeks 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 will trade and settle SSE Securities and SZSE Securities in RMB only. Hence, the Fund will need to use RMB to trade and settle SSE Securities and SZSE Securities.

Further information about the Connect Scheme is available online at the website:

<http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/csm/chinaConnect.asp?LangCode=en>

The Fund shall be allowed to trade SSE Securities and SZSE Securities through the Northbound Trading Link of the Connect Scheme, subject to applicable rules and regulations issued from time to time.

#### **Risks associated with Investments in the People's Republic of China (PRC)**

##### *Political and/or Regulatory Risk*

The value of the Fund's assets may be affected by political and regulatory uncertainties such as

international and Chinese political developments and changes in governmental policies in areas including taxation, foreign investment, currency repatriation, currency fluctuation and foreign exchange control. In addition, there is a greater degree of governmental involvement in and control over the economy in mainland China than in more developed markets. The Chinese Government exerts considerable influence on the development of the Chinese stock market. From time to time, official measures may be taken that affect listed companies and their market prices in China and overseas (such as measures discussed in the third paragraph under the heading of “*Developmental State of the Chinese Stock Markets*” below).

The fiscal and monetary system of China is underdeveloped relative to Western countries and this may affect the stability of the economy and its financial markets.

#### *Legal and/or Accounting Risk*

The legal system in mainland China is still in a developmental stage. Although a legal framework is in place to govern companies and the securities markets, the interpretation and enforcement of laws involve significant uncertainty. It should be noted that the legal infra-structure and accounting, auditing and reporting standards in China and other markets in which the Fund may invest may not provide the same degree of investor protection or information to investors as would generally apply in more developed countries. In particular, the laws governing insolvency and shareholder protection in mainland China are significantly less developed than in established jurisdictions.

#### *Liquidity Risk*

The substantially smaller size and lower trading volumes of the markets for Chinese equity and debt securities compared to equity and debt securities in companies on more developed securities markets may result in a potential lack of liquidity and increased volatility.

This may affect the price at which the Fund may liquidate positions to meet redemption requests or other funding requirements. In particular, investors should expect that investment in Chinese companies registered with the SSE and the SZSE may be highly volatile.

#### *Market Risk*

Investors should be aware of the risks associated with investing in emerging markets such as mainland China. The securities of companies in which the Fund may invest are exposed to the risks of high rates of inflation, high interest rates, currency depreciation and fluctuation and also changes in taxation legislation and interpretation that may affect the Fund’s income and the value of investments.

Specifically, investors should be aware that the Chinese economy is in transition from a centrally planned economy to a more market-oriented economy. Over the course of the past two decades and following China’s accession to WTO in December 2001, the PRC government has been

reforming the economic and political systems of the PRC. It is likely that the reform will continue to be uneven across regions and industry sectors. There is no assurance that all of the companies whose securities are held by the Fund will benefit consistently from such reforms, that economic activity will continue to grow at recent rates or that the economic policies adopted by the Chinese government will be conducive to long-term economic growth. China's opening of markets will result in increased competition, which may have an adverse effect on the performance of these companies.

Many of the PRC economic reforms are unprecedented or experimental and are subject to adjustment and modification, and such adjustment and modification may not always have a positive effect on foreign investment.

#### *PRC Tax*

As a result of investing in securities of Chinese companies, the Fund may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by the PRC government. 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.

Investors should be aware that changes in the PRC taxation legislation could affect the amount of income which may be derived, and the amount of capital returned, from the investments of the Fund. Laws governing taxation will also continue to change and may contain conflicts and ambiguities.

It is possible that the current tax laws, regulations and practice in the PRC will change, including the possibility of taxes being applied retrospectively, and that such changes may result in higher or lower taxation on PRC investments than currently contemplated. Various tax reform policies have been implemented by the PRC government in recent years, and existing tax laws and regulations may be revised or amended in the future. There is a possibility that the current tax laws, regulations and practice in the PRC will be changed with retrospective effect in the future and any such change may have either an adverse or a positive effect on the asset value of the Fund. Moreover, there is no assurance that tax incentives currently offered to foreign companies, if any, will not be abolished and the existing tax laws and regulations will not be revised or amended in the future. Any changes in tax policies may reduce the after-tax profits of the companies in the PRC which the Fund may invest in, thereby reducing the income from, and/or value of the Shares. Investors may be advantaged or disadvantaged depending on the final rules of the relevant PRC tax authorities, the level of tax provision accrued by the Fund and when they subscribed and/or redeemed their Shares in/from the Fund.

#### *Developmental State of the Chinese Stock Markets*

China A shares are securities that are listed and traded on the SSE and/or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange and are denominated and traded in RMB. The Shenzhen and Shanghai stock markets

were established in April, 1991 and July, 1991 respectively and should be regarded as developing stock markets. The Shanghai stock market may be subject to periods of high price volatility, illiquidity, settlement problems and changes in government policy or regulation.

The Chinese government has issued rules allowing qualified foreign institutional investors to invest in China A shares, government bonds, convertible bonds, corporate bonds that are listed on the stock exchanges in the PRC and other financial instruments approved by the China Securities Regulatory Commission. Due to regulatory restraints, the Fund is not currently permitted to invest in China A shares (other than via the Connect Scheme) but it may invest indirectly in the China A share market by purchasing participation notes. Indirect investments in China A shares markets by purchasing equity-related instruments will usually be made in US Dollars and not in RMB. The Fund will be exposed to fluctuations in the exchange rate between U.S. Dollars and RMB.

#### *Accuracy of Information*

Whilst reasonable care has been taken to check the accuracy of the information contained in this Supplement, the quality and limited availability of official data published by the PRC government and government agencies and information on PRC businesses and industries are generally not equivalent to that of more developed countries. Given the inherent uncertainty of the source material, investors should be aware that the accuracy and completeness of statistical data and other factual statements relevant to the PRC contained in this Supplement, including information concerning actual and proposed macro-economic, fiscal, legal and other matters, cannot be guaranteed.

#### *Custody Risk in respect of Chinese Securities*

The custodial and/or settlement systems of some of the Chinese markets or exchanges on which the Fund may invest may not be fully developed, and therefore the assets of the Fund which are traded in such markets and which have been entrusted to sub-custodians, in circumstances where the use of such sub-custodians is necessary, may be exposed to risks. Such risks include (but are not limited to): (a) a non-true delivery versus payment settlement; (b) a physical market, and as a consequence the circulation of forged securities; (c) poor information in regards to corporate actions; (d) registration process that impacts the availability of the securities; (e) lack of appropriate legal/fiscal infrastructure devices; and (f) lack of compensation/risk fund with the central depository.

As mentioned above, custodians or sub-custodians may be appointed in the Chinese market for the purpose of safekeeping assets in the market. The assets of the Fund may be exposed to custodial risk. For example, in case of the liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of a custodian or sub-custodian, the Fund may take a longer time to recover its assets. In circumstances such as the retroactive application of legislation of and fraud or improper registration of title, the Fund may even be unable to recover all of its assets. The costs borne by the Fund in investing and holding investments in such markets will be generally higher than in organized securities markets.

## **Risks associated with the Connect Scheme**

The Connect Scheme is subject to quota limitations which may restrict the Fund's ability to invest in China A shares through the Connect Scheme on a timely basis and as a result, the Fund's ability to access the China A share market (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) may be adversely affected.

Trading under the Connect Scheme is subject to the Daily Quota. The Daily Quota may change and consequently affect the number of permitted buy trades on the Northbound Trading Link. The Fund does not have exclusive use of the Daily Quota and such quota is utilised on a "first come – first served" basis. Therefore, quota limitations may restrict the Fund's ability to invest in or dispose of SSE Securities and SZSE Securities (together "**China Connect Securities**") through the Connect Scheme on a timely basis.

### *Clearing and Settlement Risk*

The HKSCC and ChinaClear have established the clearing links and each becomes a participant of each other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-border trades. For cross-border 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.

The Fund's rights and interests in China Connect Securities will be exercised through HKSCC exercising its rights as the nominee holder of China Connect Securities credited to HKSCC's omnibus account with ChinaClear. The relevant measures and rules in relation to the Connect Scheme generally provide for the concept of a "nominee holder" and recognise the investors including the Fund as the "beneficial owners" of China Connect Securities.

However, the precise nature and rights of an investor as the beneficial owner of China Connect Securities through HKSCC as nominee is less well defined under PRC law. There is lack of a clear definition of, and distinction between, "legal ownership" and "beneficial ownership" under PRC law. Therefore, the Fund's assets held by HKSCC as nominee (via any relevant brokers' or custodians' accounts in CCASS) may not be as well protected as they would be if it were possible for them to be registered and held solely in the name of the Fund.

In connection to this, in the event of a default, insolvency or bankruptcy of a custodian or broker, the Fund may be delayed or prevented from recovering its assets from the custodian or broker, or its estate, and may have only a general unsecured claim against the custodian or broker for those assets.

In the remote event of any settlement default by HKSCC, and a failure by HKSCC to designate securities or sufficient securities in an amount equal to the default such that there is a shortfall of securities to settle any China Connect Securities trades, ChinaClear may deduct the amount of that

shortfall from HKSCC's omnibus account with ChinaClear, such that the Fund may share in any such shortfall.

As previously discussed, HKSCC is the nominee holder of the China Connect Securities acquired by investors. As a result, in the remote event of a bankruptcy or liquidation of HKSCC, the China Connect Securities may not be regarded as the general assets of HKSCC under the laws of Hong Kong, and will not be available to the general creditors of HKSCC on its insolvency. In addition, as a Hong Kong incorporated company, any insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings against HKSCC will be initiated in Hong Kong and be subject to Hong Kong law. In such circumstances, ChinaClear and the courts of mainland China will regard the liquidator of HKSCC appointed under Hong Kong law as the entity with the power to deal with the China Connect Securities in place of HKSCC.

Should the remote event of ChinaClear default occur and ChinaClear be 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 will in good faith, seek recovery of the outstanding China Connect Securities and monies from ChinaClear through available legal channels or through ChinaClear's liquidation. In that event, the Fund may suffer delay in the recovery process or may not be able to fully recover its losses from ChinaClear.

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

The Fund's investments through the Connect Scheme 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 Connect Securities through the Connect Scheme.

#### *Short Swing Profit Rule*

According to the PRC Securities Law, a shareholder of 5% or more of the total issued shares of a PRC listed company ("major shareholder") has to return any profits obtained from the purchase and sale of shares of such PRC listed company if both transactions occur within a six-month period. In the unlikely event that the Fund becomes a major shareholder of a PRC listed company by investing in China Connect Securities via the Connect Scheme, the profits that the Fund may derive from such investments may be limited, and thus the performance of the Fund may be adversely affected depending on the Fund's size of investment in China Connect Securities through the Connect Scheme.

#### *Participation in Corporate Actions and Shareholders' Meetings*

HKSCC will keep CCASS participants informed of corporate actions of China Connect Securities. Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Fund) will need to comply with the arrangement and deadline specified by their respective brokers or custodians (i.e. CCASS participants). The time for them to take actions for some types of corporate actions of China Connect Securities may

be as short as one business day only. Therefore, the Fund may not be able to participate in some corporate actions in a timely manner.

Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Fund) may hold China Connect Securities traded via the Connect Scheme through their brokers or custodians. Where the appointment of proxy/multiple proxies by a shareholder is prohibited by the articles of association of the China Connect Securities, the Fund may not be able to appoint a proxy/multiple proxies to attend or participate in shareholders' meetings in respect of China Connect Securities

#### *Regulatory Risk and Other China Specific Investment Requirements*

Any investments of the Fund through the Connect Scheme will be subject to rules and regulations promulgated by regulatory authorities and implementation rules made by the stock exchanges in the PRC and Hong Kong as well as other regulations applicable to the Connect Scheme including but not limited to trading restrictions, disclosure requirements and foreign ownership limits. The Fund may also be impacted by the right to suspend Northbound Trading Link if necessary for ensuring an orderly and fair market and that risks are managed prudently.

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 Connect Scheme, which may affect the Fund's investments in China Connect Securities.

The rules and regulations, in connection with the Connect Scheme, including the taxation of transactions involving China Connect Securities (see the section entitled "**PRC Tax**" above), are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. There can be no assurance that the Connect Scheme will not be abolished. A Fund investing in the PRC markets through the Connect Scheme may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

#### *Front-End Monitoring*

PRC regulations require that before an investor sells any shares, there should be sufficient shares in the investor's account; otherwise SSE or SZSE will reject the sell order concerned. SEHK will carry out pre-trade checking on China Connect Securities sell orders of its exchange participants (i.e. the stock brokers) to ensure there is no over-selling. If the Fund desires to sell China Connect Securities it holds, it will be required to transfer those China Connect Securities to the respective accounts of its brokers before the market opens on the day of selling ("trading day") unless its brokers can otherwise confirm that the Fund has sufficient shares in its account. 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 Connect Securities in a timely manner.

Alternatively, if the Fund maintains its China A shares with a custodian which is a custodian participant or general clearing participant participating in the CCASS, such Fund may request such custodian to open a special segregated account ("**SPSA**") in CCASS to maintain its holdings in

China A shares under the enhanced pre-trade checking model. Each SPSA will be assigned a unique “Investor ID” by CCASS for the purpose of facilitating the Connect Scheme system to verify the holdings of an investor such as the Fund. Provided that there is sufficient holding in the SPSA when a broker inputs the Fund’s sell order, the Fund will only need to transfer China A shares from its SPSA to its broker’s account after execution and not before placing the sell order and the Fund will not be subject to the risk of being unable to dispose of its holdings of China A shares in a timely manner due to failure to transfer China A shares to its brokers in a timely manner.

#### *Differences in Trading Day*

The Connect Scheme only operates on days when both the PRC and the Hong Kong stock markets are open for trading and when banks in both markets are open on the corresponding settlement days. It is therefore possible that there are occasions when it is a normal trading day for the PRC stock markets but the Fund cannot carry out any trading of the China Connect Securities. The Fund may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in China Connect Securities during the time when the Connect Scheme is not trading as a result.

#### *Recalling of Eligible Stocks*

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

#### *Risks associated with the Small and Medium Enterprise Board of the SZSE (“SME Board”) and/or the ChiNext Board*

A Fund investing through the Connect Scheme may invest in the SME Board and/or the ChiNext Board via the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect scheme. Investments in the SME board and/or ChiNext Board may result in significant losses for the Fund and its investors. The following additional risks apply:

*Higher fluctuation on stock prices* - Listed companies on the SME Board and/or ChiNext Board are usually of emerging nature with smaller operating scale. Hence, they are subject to higher fluctuation in stock prices and liquidity and have higher risks and turnover ratios than companies listed on the Main Board of the SZSE (“Main Board”).

*Over-valuation risk* - Stocks listed on SME Board and/or ChiNext Board may be overvalued and such exceptionally high valuation may not be sustainable. Stock price may be more susceptible to manipulation due to fewer circulating shares.

*Differences in regulation* - The rules and regulations regarding companies listed on ChiNext Board are less stringent in terms of profitability and share capital than those in the Main Board and SME

Board.

*Delisting risk* - It may be more common and faster for companies listed on the SME Board and/or ChiNext Board to delist. This may have an adverse impact on the Fund if the companies that it invests in are delisted.

**SUPPLEMENT 1 DATED 5 February 2026 to the Prospectus issued for Prusik Umbrella UCITS Fund Plc**

**Prusik Asian Equity Income Fund**

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to Prusik Asian Equity Income Fund (the "Fund"), a Fund of Prusik Umbrella UCITS Fund Plc (the "Company"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds authorised by the Central Bank on 22 December, 2010 as a UCITS pursuant to the UCITS Regulations. At the date of this Supplement, no other sub-fund exists in the Company.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 18 November, 2025 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein. This Supplement should also be read in conjunction with the relevant Key Investor Document.**

**Shareholders should note that all or part of the fees and expenses (including management fees) may be charged to the capital of the Fund which will have the effect of lowering the capital value of an investment. Thus, on redemption of holdings of such Shares, Shareholders may not receive back the full amount invested. The policy of charging fees and expenses to capital seeks to maximise distributions.**

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the Prospectus under the heading "Management and Administration" accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the 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 Supplement and in the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

Investment in the Fund is suitable only for those persons and institutions for whom such investment does not represent a complete investment program, who understand the degree of risk involved and believe that the investment is suitable based upon investment objectives and financial needs. Investors in the Fund should consider it as a medium to long term investment.

**An investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.** Investors should read and consider the section entitled "Risk Factors" before investing in the Fund.

## **1. Interpretation**

The expressions below shall have the following meanings:

"Business Day" means any day (except Saturday or Sunday) on which banks in Dublin are generally open for business or such other day or days as may be determined by the Directors and notified to Shareholders.

"Dealing Day" means every Business Day, or such other day or days as may be determined by the Directors, in conjunction with the Manager, and notified to Shareholders in advance provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day per fortnight.

“Dealing Deadline” means 5.00 p.m. Irish time 1 Business Day before any Dealing Day or such other time as the Directors, in conjunction with the Manager, may determine and notify to Shareholders in advance provided always that the Dealing Deadline is before than the Valuation Point.

“Minimum Subscription” means US\$10,000 or its currency equivalent for non-Dollar Classes.

“Index” means the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Gross Return USD Index.

“Valuation Point” means 11.00 a.m. (Irish time) on the Dealing Day.

All other defined terms used in this Supplement shall have the same meaning as in the Prospectus.

## 2. Classes of Shares

<b>Class</b>	<b>Initial Offer Period</b>	<b>Initial Offer Price</b>	<b>Management Fee</b>	<b>Performance Fee</b>
Class 1 A US Dollar Non-Distributing*	Closed	N/A	1% of the Net Asset Value of the Class	No
Class 1 B US Dollar Distributing*	Closed	N/A	1% of the Net Asset Value of the Class	No
Class 1 C Sterling Distributing*	Closed	N/A	1% of the Net Asset Value of the Class	No
Class 1 D Singapore Dollar Distributing*	Closed	N/A	1% of the Net Asset Value of the Class	No
Class E Sterling Distributing	Closed	N/A	No	No

Class 2 X US Dollar Distributing**	Closed	N/A	1% of the Net Asset Value of the Class	Yes
Class 2 Y Sterling Distributing**	Closed	N/A	1% of the Net Asset Value of the Class	Yes

Class 2 Z Singapore Dollar Distributing**	Closed	N/A	1% of the Net Asset Value of the Class	Yes
Class U Sterling (Unhedged) Distributing**	Closed	N/A	1% of the Net Asset Value of the Class	Yes
Class P Dollar Accumulating	Open	\$100	1% of the Net Asset Value of the Class	Yes
Class R Sterling (Unhedged) Accumulating	Open	£100	1% of the Net Asset Value of the Class	Yes

\*With effect from 30 November, 2012 Class 1A US Dollar Non-Distributing, Class 1B US Dollar Distributing, Class 1C Sterling Distributing and Class 1D Singapore Dollar Distributing were no longer available to new subscriptions. The closure to new subscriptions will not affect the redemption rights of Shareholders in these Share Classes. In addition, Shareholders will still be permitted to switch into other Share Classes in the Fund.

\*\*As at the date of the Supplement, Class 2 X US Dollar Distributing, Class 2Y Sterling Distributing, Class 2 Z Singapore Dollar Distributing and Class U Sterling (Unhedged) Distributing are available to new subscriptions. The Directors may, at their discretion, decide to close the Class 2 X US Dollar Distributing, Class 2Y Sterling Distributing, Class 2Z Singapore Dollar Distributing and Class U Sterling (Unhedged) Distributing to future investment. Shareholders in these Share Classes will be permitted to switch into other Share Classes denoted by (\*\*) only. For the avoidance of doubt, these Share Classes will not be permitted to switch into Share Classes denoted by (\*).

### 3. Base Currency and Hedged Classes

The Base Currency shall be US Dollars. The Net Asset Value per Share will be published and settlement and dealing will be effected in US Dollars for US Dollar Shares, Sterling for Sterling Shares and Singapore Dollars for Singapore Dollars Shares.

The Singapore Dollar and Sterling Share Classes are denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency, namely Sterling and Singapore Dollar. It is intended to hedge the value of these Shares against changes in the rate of exchange between the Base Currency and currency of denomination of the relevant class, however, the successful execution of a hedging strategy which mitigates exactly this risk cannot be assured.

The Class U Sterling (Unhedged) Distributing Class and the Class R Sterling (Unhedged) Accumulating will, however, not be hedged.

The Class 1A US Dollar Non-Distributing, Class 1B US Dollar Distributing, Class 2X US Dollar Distributing and Class P Dollar Accumulating are US Dollar denominated and accordingly match the Base Currency and therefore there is no requirement to perform hedging in respect of these Share Classes.

Foreign exchange transactions may be used for Class currency hedging purposes. Where a Class of Shares is outlined as being a hedged Class, that Class will be hedged against exchange rate fluctuation risks between the denominated currency of the Share Class and the Base Currency of Fund. Such hedging strategy shall be subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank.

Further information is set out in the Prospectus at the section entitled “**Hedged Classes**”. It should be noted that the successful execution of a hedging strategy which mitigates this currency risk exactly cannot be assured.

Where a Class is unhedged, a currency conversion will take place on subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and distributions at prevailing exchange rates normally obtained by the Fund’s administrator.

#### **4. Investment Objective**

The Fund’s investment objective is to generate a combination of income and capital growth primarily by investing in equities and other securities of companies operating in, and governmental issuers located in the Asian region and elsewhere. The Fund’s investment policy (as detailed below) represents the strategy that will be employed to engineer the Fund’s capital growth.

#### **5. Investment Policy**

The Fund will be primarily invested in companies operating in Asia including, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, China, India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines. This investment will not be restricted by the market capitalisation (size) of the companies invested in.

The Fund will pursue this objective by focusing principally on selecting investments in fundamentally sound businesses which the Investment Manager believes can be acquired at an attractive discount to their intrinsic value and generate above average dividend yields or dividend growth potential. Investments will be selected following in depth analysis of the company accounts and on the basis of generating total returns through dividends and capital growth.

The Fund may invest in and have direct access to China A shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect Schemes. The Fund may indirectly gain access to China A Shares by purchasing participation notes. The Fund may also invest in China H shares. China H shares are issued by issuers which are incorporated in China and traded on the Hong Kong stock exchange. Additional disclosures in respect of the Fund’s investments via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect Schemes are outlined at Appendix V of the Prospectus.

The Fund will generally seek to invest, on average, in companies (as referred to below) which have a higher dividend yield than the level then prevailing in the market of that sector or have dividend growth that is expected to be higher than the market. The Fund will also seek companies which the Investment Manager believes will achieve a growth in return to Shareholders in the medium term.

The Fund will pursue its investment objective primarily by taking long positions in publicly traded common stocks and other equity securities of Asian issuers. This Policy will also enable the Fund to invest in equity

securities of issuers outside of Asia in compliance with Appendix II hereto and in debt and other fixed-income securities of Asian and other issuers (also in compliance with Appendix II).

The Fund will aim for diversification across sectors in investments but may periodically concentrate its investments in particular industries such as financial services, healthcare and energy, geographic areas, types of securities and issuers. The Fund will have the ability to hold up to 100% of NAV in cash for any period of time the Investment Manager deems this prudent, for example in volatile market conditions. The Investment Manager will limit its investment in other Collective Investment Schemes (to gain access to securities as described above) to 10% of its Net Asset Value.

The Fund will utilise the following investment techniques in connection with its investment objective:

**Equity Securities:** The Fund will invest primarily in long positions in publicly traded common stocks and other equity securities of Asian issuers. In addition, the Fund may purchase equity securities that are part of an initial public offering of an Asian issuer (sometimes referred to as "IPOs" or "new issues"). This Policy will also enable the Fund to invest in equity securities of issuers outside of Asia in compliance with Appendix II hereto. Generally, securities of Asian companies will be purchased and sold on Recognised Markets and/or in the over-the-counter markets. The Fund may invest in American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) and Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs) and other equity related securities and instruments, which may be OTC or listed (subject to a maximum of 10% of NAV in unlisted securities), including convertible bonds, depository receipts as well as other securities such as preference shares issued by corporate issuers

**Debt Securities:** The Fund may invest in both short and long term Asian and foreign debt securities (such as fixed and/or floating rate bonds and notes and convertible bonds) of corporate issuers and government entities. The debt and other fixed-income securities in which the Fund may invest will be of investment grade.

**Flexibility:** While the Fund will invest primarily in publicly traded common equities, the Fund has broad and flexible investment authority. In order to maintain flexibility and to capitalise on investment opportunities as they arise, the Fund is not required to invest any particular percentage of its portfolio in any type of investment or region, and the amount of the Fund's portfolio which is invested in any type of investment, or which is weighted in different countries or different sectors can change at any time based on the availability of attractive market opportunities. Accordingly, the Fund's investments may at any time include positions in Asian and non-Asian publicly issued common stocks, Asian and non-Asian fixed income securities (which will principally be of investment grade), ADRs, preferred stocks and rights (i.e. call options) which are issued by a company to allow holders to subscribe for additional securities issued by that company.

Pending investment of the proceeds of a placing or offer of Shares or where market or other factors so warrant, the Company's assets may be invested in money market instruments, including but not limited to certificates of deposit, floating rate notes and fixed or variable rate commercial paper listed or traded on Recognised Markets and in cash deposits denominated in such currency or currencies as the Investment Manager may determine having consulted with the Investment Manager. **Investors should note the difference between the nature of a deposit and the nature of an investment in the Fund, in particular the risk that the principal invested in the Fund is capable of fluctuation and thus Shareholders may not have all of their principal returned to them on redemption. In addition, investment into the Fund will not benefit from any deposit protection scheme such as might be applicable to an investment in a deposit.**

The Fund may also invest in certain securities or markets, as described above, using forms of indirect investment including, participation notes on the underlying securities and Real Estate Investment Trusts

("REITS"), where such investment represents a more practical, efficient or less costly way of gaining exposure to the relevant security or market. Such indirect investment will be classified as if it represented the actual underlying security for the purposes of applying any investment restrictions applicable to the Fund.

The Fund may leverage itself through the use of derivatives, provided however that such leverage will not exceed an aggregate notional exposure of 100% of NAV.

The Fund may also, subject to the limits and conditions imposed by the Central Bank from time to time, invest in futures, options for efficient portfolio management purposes. Efficient portfolio management transactions relating to the assets of the Fund may be entered into by the Investment Manager with the one of the following aims: i) the reduction or stabilisation of risk; ii) the reduction of cost with no increase or a minimal increase in risk; iii) investing more efficiently than can be achieved by direct purchase of the underlying securities and iv) the generation of additional capital or income with no, or an acceptably low level of risk (relative to the expected return). In relation to efficient portfolio management operations, the Investment Manager will seek to ensure that the transaction is economically appropriate.

Futures would be used to gain exposure to positions in a more efficient manner. For example a single stock future could be used to provide the Fund with exposure to a single security and a future held synthetically short could be used to reduce risk against long positions. Index Futures could also be used to manage risk, for example an index future 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 futures may be used to change the maturity profile of the portfolio allowing the Investment Manager to lock in or unlock yields for three month interest rate periods at varying points in the future, or to create or liquidate longer term interest rate positions. Future rate agreements can be used to create or liquidate interest rate exposures for fixed periods at varying dates in the future. The Investment Manager may use futures contracts to equitise cash or as a means of gaining exposure to particular securities or markets on a short to medium term basis in advance of making a decision to purchase a particular security or to reallocate assets on a longer term basis. In addition, the Investment Manager may use futures to reduce exposure to a market in advance of raising cash from asset sales to fund redemptions from the Funds.

### *Financial Indices*

Exposures to the above referenced asset classes of equities, may be obtained through the use of derivative instruments the returns on which are referenced to the performance of financial indices provided the indices in question are sufficiently diversified, represent an adequate benchmark for the markets to which they refer, are published in an appropriate manner and, where required, have been cleared in advance by the Central Bank.

Financial indices to which exposures are taken must satisfy the criteria set down in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations relating to financial indices. Subject to compliance with those conditions, the Investment Manager has full discretion as to which financial indices to take exposure to in furtherance of the Fund's investment objective and policies. It is not possible to comprehensively list in this Supplement the actual indices to which exposure may be taken as they have not, as of the date of issue of this Supplement, been selected and they may change from time to time. A list of the indices which the Fund takes exposure to will be included in the annual report for the Company. Details of any financial indices used by the Fund will also be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Manager on request.

In any event, however, the financial indices to which the Fund may gain exposure will be rebalanced/adjusted

on a periodic basis (which will be set out in the annual report) 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. Active indices may pass on rebalancing costs and this will be included in the price of the index. Where the weighting of a particular constituent in the financial index exceeds the UCITS investment restrictions, the Investment Manager will as a priority objective look to remedy the situation taking into account the interests of Shareholders and the Fund.

Options could be held as long positions or synthetically short positions. Calls could be held to give exposure to underlying securities or indices of securities of the type described above. Puts could be held to hedge position exposure, for example index puts to hedge market risk in a single security or group of securities. Options on interest rates and currencies may also be used in order to protect the Fund from interest rate and foreign exchange risks. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Fund may purchase and write call and put options on securities and baskets of securities (including straddles), securities indices and currencies and enter into interest rate, currency, equity and bond index futures contracts and use options on such futures contracts (including straddles). Call options may be used to gain exposure to specific securities and put options, and synthetically short options may be used to hedge against downside risk. Options may also be purchased to hedge against currency and interest rate risk and the Investment Manager may write put options and covered call options to generate additional revenues for the Fund.

The list of Recognised Exchanges on which the Fund invests in securities and financial derivative instruments, other than permitted investments in unlisted securities and over the counter derivative instruments, will be listed or traded is set out in Appendix II to the Prospectus.

The Fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to the Index by virtue of the fact that it uses the Index for performance comparison purposes for all Share Classes of the Fund and the Performance Fees payable to the Investment Manager with respect to Class 2X US Dollar Distributing, Class 2Y Sterling Distributing, Class 2Z Singapore Dollar Distributing, Class U Sterling (Unhedged) Distributing, Class P Dollar Accumulating and Class R Sterling (Unhedged) Accumulating are calculated based on the performance of the Fund against the Index. However, the Index is not used to define the portfolio composition of the Fund or as a performance target and the Fund may be wholly invested in securities which are not constituents of the Index.

### ***Sustainability framework at the Investment Manager***

The Fund does not promote environmental or social characteristics, nor does the Fund have sustainable investment as investment objectives within the meaning of Articles 8 and 9 of SFDR, respectively. As a result, the Fund is considered to be a “non-ESG fund”.

The Investment Manager nevertheless believes that it is important for investors who are seeking to invest in Asian specific investment opportunities (such as the Fund), to consider issues of sustainability when researching investment opportunities in the region. As set out in the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (“SFDR”), “sustainability risk” means an environmental, social or governance (“ESG”) event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of an investment.

### ***Integration of Sustainability Risks***

As part of the Investment Manager's research process, the Investment Manager aims to understand the sustainability risks (the "Sustainability Risks") which might cause a material negative impact on the value of the Fund's investments.

Prior to investing in an investee company, or an issuer, a full investment case is prepared and distributed to the investment team within the Investment Manager. The research element of this investment case includes a specific section assessing the key Sustainability Risks which the investee company faces (where relevant) and, where necessary, the Investment Manager may subsequently plan engagement with the investee company with respect to the Sustainability Risk identified. The Investment Manager uses Bloomberg ESG ratings as a guide for highlighting which Sustainability Risks are most relevant for the proposed investment. However, the Investment Manager may also investigate additional areas of concern where appropriate. The potential investment is then subsequently debated by an internal Investment Committee (the "Investment Committee") within the Investment Manager whereby any concerns relating to Sustainability Risks and other risk factors will be discussed. Once a decision to invest is made, the analyst responsible for monitoring the investee company will continue to review the information on a periodic basis to assess whether the level of risk including Sustainability Risks faced by the investee company changes.

The Investment Manager uses both quantitative and qualitative measures to determine the Sustainability Risks facing the Fund's investments. To assist in determining the quantitative risks, the Investment Manager gathers data from both investee company disclosures and external data providers. Qualitative information will include discussions with the investment management team within the Investment Manager with respect to their experience of investing in investee companies which face similar Sustainability Risks. This information is then analysed to determine whether the Sustainability Risks facing the investee company preclude the Investment Manager from investing in the investee company on behalf of the Fund. The managing board and the risk committee of the Investment Manager discuss Sustainability Risks applicable to the investments of the Fund as and when required.

#### *Impact of Sustainability Risks on Returns*

The Investment Manager acknowledges that certain of the investments that may be made by the Fund may be negatively impacted by Sustainability Risks and that Sustainability Risks may impair the value of the investments made by the Fund. It is also acknowledged Sustainability Risks may arise and impact a specific investment made by the Fund or may have a broader impact on an economic sector, geographical regions, or countries which, in turn, may impact the Fund's investments.

The Investment Manager seeks to invest in companies which manage their activities in a way which minimises Sustainability Risks. However, the Investment Manager may also consider investing in companies that have greater Sustainability Risks if the Investment Manager believes the investee company's management of Sustainability Risks might improve in the future.

#### *Taxonomy Regulation*

The investments underlying a Fund do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

#### *Principal Adverse Impact Reporting*

As permitted under Article 4 of the SFDR, the Manager does not consider adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors on the basis that it is not a financial market participant that is required to do so given that the Manager does not have on its balance sheet an average number of employees exceeding 500 during the financial year. The Manager may choose at a later date to publish and maintain on its website the consideration of principal adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors.

## **7. Profile of a Typical Investor**

The typical investor in the Fund will be an investor which understands and appreciates the risks associated with investing in Shares of such funds as this. The decision to invest in the Fund should be determined by the attitude to risk, wish for income or growth, intended investment time horizon and in the context of the investor's overall portfolio.

## **8. Offer**

Class E, 2X, 2Y, 2Z and U Shares in the Fund will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

Class E Sterling Distributing Shares shall only be available for subscription by the categories of investor listed below or any nominee thereof:

- (i) the Investment Manager;
- (ii) employees, members or partners of the Investment Manager and their spouses/partners/family members; and
- (iii) Directors of the Company (which shall not include directors of the Manager) and their spouses/partners/family members.

### *Class P Dollar Accumulating and Class R Sterling (Unhedged) Accumulating*

The Initial Offer Period for Class P Dollar Accumulating and Class R Sterling (Unhedged) Accumulating started at 9am (Irish time) on 19 November 2025 and will conclude upon the earlier of: (i) the first investment by a Shareholder in such Class; or (ii) 5pm (Irish time) on 21 July 2026.

The Initial Offer Period may be shortened or extended by the Directors in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. Following the close of the Initial Offer Period, an investor may apply to subscribe for Shares in respect of each Dealing Day at the Net Asset Value per Share of the Class P Dollar Accumulating and Class R Sterling (Unhedged) Accumulating respectively calculated as at the Valuation Point in respect of the relevant Dealing Day.

## **9. Minimum Subscription and Minimum Transaction Size**

Each investor must subscribe the Minimum Subscription as set out in "Interpretation" above. A Shareholder may make subsequent subscriptions, conversions and redemptions, each subject to a minimum transaction size of US\$5,000 or its currency equivalent.

The Directors reserve the right to differentiate between Shareholders and to waive or reduce the Minimum Subscription and minimum transaction size for certain investors.

## **10. Application for Shares**

Applications for Shares may be made through the Administrator on behalf of the Fund. Applications accepted and received by the Administrator prior to the Dealing Deadline for any Dealing Day will be processed on that Dealing Day. Any applications received after the Dealing Deadline for a particular Dealing Day will be processed on the following Dealing Day unless the Directors in exceptional circumstances only and in their absolute discretion otherwise determines to accept one or more applications received after the Dealing Deadline for processing on that Dealing Day provided that such application(s) have been received prior to the Valuation Point for the particular Dealing Day.

Initial applications should be made by sending a signed Application Form obtained from the Administrator and such other supporting documentation (such as documentation relating to money laundering prevention checks) as may be required by the Directors or their delegate to the Administrator by facsimile or post.

Subsequent applications to purchase Shares following the initial subscription may be made to the Administrator by facsimile or via any other Administrator approved straight through processing (“STP”) means and such applications should contain such information as may be specified from time to time by the Directors or their delegate. Amendments to a Shareholder’s registration details and payment instructions will only be made following receipt of original written instructions from the relevant Shareholder.

The Shares will only be available to applicants who can confirm that they have received and read the relevant Key Investor Document prior to subscription. The application form contains a representation that an applicant has received and read the Key Investor Document.

#### *Fractions*

Subscription monies representing less than the subscription price for a Share will not be returned to the investor. Fractions of Shares will be issued where any part of the subscription monies for Shares represents less than the subscription price for one Share, provided however, that fractions shall not be less than 0.01 of a Share.

Subscription monies, representing less than 0.01 of a Share will not be returned to the investor but will be retained by the Company in order to defray administration costs.

#### *Method of Payment*

Subscription payments net of all bank charges should be paid by CHAPS, SWIFT or telegraphic or electronic transfer to the bank account specified in the Application Form enclosed with this Supplement. Other methods of payment are subject to the prior approval of the Directors. No interest will be paid in respect of payments received in circumstances where the application is held over until a subsequent Dealing Day.

#### *Currency of Payment*

Subscription monies are payable in US Dollars or Sterling for Class 1C, Class 2Y Shares and Class U Shares or SGD for Class 1D and E Shares, as is appropriate. However, the Fund may accept payment in such other currencies as the Investment Manager may agree at the prevailing exchange rate quoted by the Distributor. The cost and risk of converting currency will be borne by the investor.

#### *Timing of Payment*

Payment in respect of subscriptions must be received in cleared funds by the Depositary no later than 3 Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day provided that the Directors reserve the right to defer the issue of Shares until receipt of cleared subscription monies by the Fund. If payment in cleared funds in respect of a subscription has not been received by the relevant time, the Directors or their delegate may (and in the event of non-clearance of funds, shall) cancel the allotment and/or charge the investor interest at the 7 day London Interbank Offered Rate as fixed by the British Banking Association (LIBOR) + 1%, which will be paid into the Fund together with an administration fee of Stg£100, which is payable to the Directors. The Directors may waive either of such charges in whole or in part. In addition, the Directors have the right to sell all or part of the investor's holding of Shares in the Fund in order to meet such charges.

#### *Confirmation of Ownership*

Confirmation of each purchase of Shares will be sent to Shareholders within 48 hours of the purchase being made. Title to Shares will be evidenced by the entering of the investor's name on the Company's register of Shareholders and no certificates will be issued.

Any of the Investment Manager and the Administrator on behalf of the Fund may reject any application in whole or in part without giving any reason for such rejection in which event the subscription monies or any balance thereof will be returned without interest, expenses or compensation to the applicant by transfer to the applicant's designated account or by post at the applicant's risk.

#### **11. Redemption of Shares**

Redemption Notices should be made to the Administrator whose details are set out in the Prospectus on behalf of the Fund by facsimile or via any other Administrator approved STP means and should include such information as may be specified from time to time by the Directors or their delegate.

Any requests for redemption received after the Dealing Deadline for a Dealing Day will be processed on the next Dealing Day unless the Directors in exceptional circumstances only and in their absolute discretion determines otherwise and they are received prior to the Valuation Point. Redemption requests will only be accepted for processing where cleared funds and completed documents including documentation relating to money laundering prevention checks are in place from original subscriptions. Redemption Notices will only be accepted for processing on receipt of faxed or instructions via any other Administrator approved STP means where payment is made to the account of record. No redemption payment will be made from an investor holding until the subscription application form and all documentation required by or on behalf of the Fund (including any documents in connection with anti-money laundering procedures) has been received from the investor and the anti-money laundering procedures have been completed.

The minimum value of Shares which a Shareholder may redeem in any one redemption transaction is the minimum transaction size specified above.

The redemption price per Share shall be the Net Asset Value per Share. A redemption fee of 3% of the Net Asset Value per Share will be imposed on all Shares redeemed within one year of subscription. However, the Directors are empowered to charge a redemption fee of up to 3% of the Net Asset Value per Share and may exercise their discretion in this respect if they have reason to believe that any Shareholder requesting redemption is attempting any form of arbitrage on the yield of Shares in the Fund. In the event of a redemption fee being charged, Shareholders should view their investment as medium to long term. The redemption price

per Share will be published with the same frequency, and in the same media, as publication of the subscription price per Share.

#### *Method of Payment*

Redemption payments will be made to the bank account detailed on the Application Form or as subsequently notified to the Administrator. Redemption payments following processing of instruments received by telefax will only be made to the account of record of a Shareholder.

#### *Currency of Payment*

Shareholders will normally be repaid in the currency of the relevant Class. If, however, a Shareholder requests to be repaid in any other freely convertible currency, the necessary foreign exchange transaction may be arranged by the Administrator (at its discretion) on behalf of and for the account, risk and expense of the Shareholder.

#### *Timing of Payment*

Redemption proceeds in respect of Shares will be paid on/within 12 calendar days of the Dealing Deadline for the relevant Dealing Day provided that all the required documentation has been furnished to and received by the Administrator.

#### *Withdrawal of Redemption Requests*

Requests for redemption may not be withdrawn save with the written consent of the Company or its authorised agent or in the event of suspension of calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

#### *Compulsory/Total Redemption*

Shares of the Fund may be compulsorily redeemed and all the Shares may be redeemed in the circumstances described in the Prospectus under the sub-headings "Compulsory Redemption of Shares" and "Total Redemption of Shares".

## **12. Fees and Expenses**

The fees and expenses may be charged to the capital of the Fund, as a result, investors should note that capital may be eroded and that income will be achieved by forgoing the potential for future capital growth. The rationale for charging fees and expenses to capital is that the generation of income rather than capital growth is a priority of the Directors.

The fees and operating expenses of the Company are set out in detail under the heading "Fees and Expenses" in the Prospectus.

Investors should note that the investment management fees and expenses may be charged to the capital of the Fund. The charging of fees and expenses to the capital of the Fund may have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment and furthermore, the capital of the Fund may be eroded and "income" may be achieved by forgoing the potential for future capital growth.

The fees payable out of the Fund's assets to the Investment Manager are as follows:

#### *Manager's Fee*

Please refer to the sub-section of the Prospectus entitled "Manager's Fee"

#### *Investment Management Fees:*

The Investment Manager shall be entitled to charge a Management Fee at an annual rate of 1% of the net asset value for Class 1 A, 1 B, 1 C, 1 D, 2X, 2Y, 2Z, U, R and P Shares, calculated daily on the net asset value of the respective classes at each Valuation Point. Class E Sterling Distributing Shares shall not be charged a Management Fee.

Fees payable to the Investment Manager shall be accrued at each Valuation Point and shall be payable monthly in arrears. The Fund shall bear the cost of any value added tax applicable to any fees or other amounts payable to or by such nominee in the performance of their respective duties.

#### **Performance Fee (Class 2 X US Dollar Distributing, Class 2 Y Sterling Distributing, Class 2 Z Singapore Dollar Distributing, Class U Sterling (Unhedged) Distributing Class), Class P Dollar Accumulating and Class R Sterling (Unhedged) Accumulating)**

The Investment Manager will also be entitled to receive a performance fee (the "**Performance Fee**") in respect of the above-mentioned Share Classes out of the assets of the Fund as set forth below. The Performance Fee will be calculated in respect of the period ending on 31 December in each year (a "**Calculation Period**"). However, for the avoidance of doubt, the first Calculation Period in respect of the Class P Dollar Accumulating and Class R Sterling (Unhedged) Accumulating shall end on 31 December 2026. The Performance Fee will be deemed to accrue at each Valuation Point.

The Performance Fee in respect of each Share will be equal to 10% of the Net Percentage Outperformance (as defined below) by the relevant Class of the performance of the Index (the "**Index Performance**") during that Calculation Period multiplied by the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class as at the beginning of the Calculation Period. The Index is consistent with the Fund's investment policy. The Index Performance for each Calculation Period is the arithmetic difference between the level of the Index on the last Business Day of the previous Calculation Period and on the last Business Day of the current Calculation Period, expressed as a percentage. The relevant Class performance in respect of a Calculation Period is the arithmetic difference between the Net Asset Value per Share on the last Business Day of the previous Calculation Period and on the last Business Day of the current Calculation Period, expressed as a percentage (the "**Relevant Class Performance**").

The net percentage outperformance in respect of Calculation Periods where Relevant Class Performance is greater than Index Performance is the arithmetic difference between the Index Performance (expressed in GBP for the Class U Sterling (Unhedged) Distributing Class) and Relevant Class Performance, expressed as a percentage (the "**Net Percentage Outperformance**"). In respect of Calculation Periods where Relevant Class Performance is less than Index Performance, such underperformance, being the arithmetical difference between Relevant Class Performance and Index Performance expressed as a percentage (the "**Net Percentage Underperformance**"), will be carried forward. No Performance Fee will be payable in any Calculation Period until Relevant Class Performance measured against Index Performance has recovered any accumulated Net Percentage Underperformance from previous Calculation Periods. In the Calculation Period

in which any accumulated Net Percentage Underperformance is recovered, only that part of the Net Percentage Outperformance for such period as exceeds the accumulated Net Percentage Underperformance carried forward is taken into account for the purposes of calculating the Performance Fee payable for the Calculation Period. The Performance Fee will be payable in situations where the Net Asset Value of the Fund falls during the Calculation Period, provided that there has been a Net Percentage Outperformance of the Index over the Calculation Period.

The total Relevant Class Performance Fee paid to the Investment Manager will be equal to the Relevant Class Performance Fee per Share multiplied by the weighted average number of Shares of that Class in issue on Dealing Days in the period since the preceding payment date. However, for the avoidance of doubt, in the event the number of Shares in a Class in issue is less than the weighted average number of Shares of that Class in issue on Dealing Days in the period since the preceding payment date, the Relevant Class Performance Fee paid to the Investment Manager will be equal to the Relevant Class Performance Fee per Share multiplied by the number of Shares of that Class in issue.

The Performance Fee in respect of each Calculation Period will be calculated by reference to the Net Asset Value before deduction for any accrued Performance Fee provided that in doing so, it is in Shareholder's best interests. The Performance Fee will normally be payable to the Investment Manager in arrears within 14 days of the end of each Calculation Period. However, in the case of Shares redeemed during a Calculation Period, the accrued Performance Fee in respect of those Shares will be payable within one month from the date of redemption.

If the Investment Management Agreement is terminated during a Calculation Period, the Performance Fee in respect of the current Calculation Period will be calculated and paid as though the date of termination were the end of the relevant Calculation Period. This method of calculation is intended to ensure so far as possible that (i) any Performance Fee paid to the Investment Manager is charged only to those Shares which have appreciated in value, (ii) all holders of Shares of the same Class have the same amount per Share at risk in the Company and (iii) all Shares of the same Class have the same Net Asset Value per Share.

For the avoidance of doubt, no performance fee equalisation will be applied to the Class 2 X US Dollar Distributing, Class 2 Y Sterling Distributing, Class 2 Z Singapore Dollar Distributing, Class U Sterling (Unhedged) Distributing Shares, Class P Dollar Accumulating or the Class R Sterling Accumulating.

### Example of the Performance Fee calculation

	Class Performance	Index Performance	Net % Out-Performance	Year End NAV per Share	Performance Fee Charged	Net of Performance Fee NAV per Share
Year 1	-5%	0%	-5%	95	0	95
Year 2	5%	0%	5%	99.75	0 (due to underperformance in previous year)	99.75
Year 3	10%	5%	4.73%	109.73	0.473 per Share	109.2277

- In year 1, Class returns -5% and the Index returns 0%, which results in a net -5% underperformance of the Index ("**Net % Underperformance**"). As such, no performance fee will be charged for Year 1.

- In year 2, the Class returns 5% and the Index returns 0%, which results in a 5% Net Outperformance of the Class as against the Index. However, no performance fee will be payable for year 2 notwithstanding the positive return against the Index as a result of the Net % Underperformance in year 1.

- In year 3, the Class returns 10% and the Index returns 5%, which results in a 4.973% Net Outperformance of the Index. As there is no previous accumulated underperformance of the Class as against the Index, a performance fee of 10% is charged on the arithmetic difference between the Class performance as against the performance of the Index i.e. +4.73%. This results in a performance fee of 0.473 per Share  $((109.73 - 105) * 0.1)$ .

Information on the Fund's past performance measured against the Index is available at [www.prusikim.co.uk](http://www.prusikim.co.uk).

#### General

The Investment Manager may at its sole discretion agree with any Shareholder, to rebate, return and or remit any part of the Management and or Performance fees which are paid or payable to the Investment Manager.

The performance fee will be calculated by the Administrator and verified periodically by the Depositary and is formulated so as not to be open to the possibility of manipulation. Such performance fee will also be verified by the Auditors and by the Depositary following the annual audit of the Company.

**Where a performance fee is payable out of the Company it shall be calculated upon the increase in the Net Asset Value per Share during an Accounting Period. Net realised and unrealised capital gains and net realised and unrealised capital losses will be included in the Performance Fee calculation as at the**

end of the Period. As a result a Performance Fee may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised. A Performance Fee in respect of Class 2X, 2Y, 2Z, U, R and P Shares may be paid in times of negative performance e.g. Class 2X, 2Y, 2Z, U, R and P Shares have outperformed the Index Performance but overall have negative performance.

### **13. Dividends and Distributions**

The Directors have discretion from time to time to declare such dividends as may appear to them to be justified out of the net income accruing to the Fund in respect of each distributing Class of Shares of the Fund as indicated in the above section entitled "Classes of Shares".

As a consequence of the investment management fees and expenses being charged to the capital of the Fund, the capital may be eroded and the income of the Fund shall be achieved by foregoing the potential of future capital growth. Distributions made during the life of the Fund must therefore be understood as a type of capital reimbursement.

Dividends, if declared will normally be declared semi-annually on 31 December and 30 June and will be paid within two months of declaration. In circumstances where the Shareholder's anti-money laundering documentation is incomplete, the Administrator shall block the distribution payment.

Unless otherwise indicated by Shareholders by ticking the relevant box on the Application Form, all dividends will be automatically reinvested in the following manner:- any dividends on each distributing Class of Shares shall be paid by the Company into an account in the name of the Depositary for the account of the relevant Shareholders. The amount standing to the credit of this account shall not be an asset of the Fund and will be immediately transferred, pursuant to a standing instruction, from the aforementioned account, to be invested in the Fund. The Net Asset Value per Share will not change as a result of the above reinvestment process.

Dividends may be paid out of the net income of the Fund. Dividends which are not claimed or collected within six years of payment shall revert to and form part of the assets of the Fund. Dividends will be paid by telegraphic transfer.

Where the amount of any distribution payable to an individual Shareholder would be less than US\$100, such distribution shall be automatically re-invested in the manner set forth above, otherwise all dividend payments will be made to the account of record of the Shareholder. A preliminary charge or redemption fee shall not be deducted from such amount.

The Directors may at any time determine to change the policy of the Fund with respect to distribution. If the Directors so determine full details of any such change will be disclosed in an updated Prospectus or Supplement and all Shareholders will be notified in advance of such change becoming effective.

#### *Accumulating Classes of Shares*

In the case of Classes comprised of accumulating Shares, the net income and profits available for distribution will be accumulated and reflected in the Net Asset Value of the relevant Shares.

### **14. Reporting Fund Status**

The Shares in the Fund will constitute interests in an offshore fund. The Directors have successfully applied to the UK HM Revenue & Customs for recognition of each of the Class 1 A US Dollar Non-Distributing Class, the Class 1 B US Dollar Distributing Class, the Class 1 C Sterling Distributing Class and the Class 1 D

Singapore Dollar Distributing Class as a reporting fund from 31 December 2010 and in respect of later periods, of the Class E Sterling Distributing Class as a reporting fund for the accounting period ended 31 December 2011 and later periods, of each of the Class 2 X US Dollar Distributing Class, the Class 2 Y Sterling Distributing Class and the Class 2 Z Singapore Dollar Distributing Class for the accounting period ended 31 December 2012 and later periods and for the Class U Sterling (Unhedged) Distributing Class as a reporting fund for the period from 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 and later accounting periods. The Directors will apply to the UK HM Revenue & Customs for recognition of the Class P Dollar Accumulating and the Class R Sterling (Unhedged) Accumulating as a reporting fund from the for the accounting period ending 31 December 2025 and in respect of later periods.

## **15. Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the “Risk Factors” section in the Section of the Prospectus entitled “The Company”. The following risks also apply to the Fund:

### **Capital Erosion Risk**

As the fees and expenses of the Fund may be charged to the capital of the Fund, there is a greater risk of capital erosion Fund arising from the lack of potential for capital growth. Where the Fund experiences capital erosion, it is likely that the value of future returns would also be diminished.