SHARES IN THE COMPANY MAY NOT BE SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED TO, OR BE HELD BY, US PERSONS (AS DEFINED HEREIN).

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

The Directors of the Company, whose names appear under the section "Directory" of this Prospectus are the persons responsible for the information contained in this Prospectus and accept responsibility accordingly. 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 document is at the date hereof in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the importance of the information.

# **BARCLAYS PORTFOLIOS SICAV**

(A société d'investissement à capital variable incorporated in Luxembourg)

**PROSPECTUS** 

The date of this Prospectus is December 2023.

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### **BARCLAYS PORTFOLIOS SICAV**

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The main part of the Prospectus describes the nature of Barclays Portfolios SICAV (the "Company"), presents its general terms and conditions and sets out the management and investment parameters which apply to the Company as well as to the different Funds that comprise the Company.

For further information, please refer to the Table of Contents of this Prospectus.

The UCITS KIIDs or PRIIPs KIDs of the Funds, the latest annual report of the Company and any subsequent half-yearly reports are available at the registered office of the Company and will be sent free of charge to investors upon request. Such reports shall be deemed to form part of the Prospectus.

Statements made in this Prospectus are, except where otherwise stated, based on the law and practice currently in force in Luxembourg and are subject to changes therein.

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

It should be remembered that the Price of Shares and the income from them can go down as well as up and that investors may not receive, on redemption of their Shares, the amount that they invested.

The Board of Directors has taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated herein are true and accurate in all material respects at the date hereof and that there are no other material facts, the omission of which would make misleading any statement herein whether of fact or opinion. All the members of the Board of Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

All Shareholders are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by and are deemed to have notice of, the provisions of the Articles, copies of which are available upon request.

Prospective investors (which may include investors subscribing in their capacity as nominees, intermediaries, authorised participants or in other such capacities) should note that, by virtue of making an investment in the Company and the associated interactions with the Company and its affiliates and delegates (including completing the Application Form, and including the recording of electronic communications or phone calls where applicable), or by virtue of providing the Company with personal information on individuals connected with the investor (for example directors, trustees, employees, representatives, shareholders, investors, clients, beneficial owners or agents) such investors will be providing the Company and its affiliates and delegates with certain personal information related to individuals which constitutes personal data within the meaning of the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (the "GDPR").

Shareholders are advised to refer to the relevant sections of the Application Forms for further information regarding the following matters in relation to data protection:

- details on the personal information which constitutes personal data within the meaning of the GDPR which the investors may need to provide the Company or its delegates acting on its behalf with (the "Personal Data");
- identification of the entities which may act as data controller or processor in respect of this Personal Data;
- description of the lawful purposes for which the Personal Data may be used, namely (i) where this is necessary for the performance of the contract to purchase Shares in the Company; (ii) where this is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the Company is subject; and/or (iii) where this is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests of the Company or a third party and such legitimate interests are not overridden by the individual's interests, fundamental rights or freedoms;
- details on the transmission of Personal Data, including (if applicable) to entities located outside the European Economic
   Area;
- details of data protection measures taken by the Company;

- an outline of the various data protection rights of individuals as data subjects under the GDPR;
- information on the Company's policy for retention of Personal Data;
- contact details for further information on data protection matters.

Shares may be available in different Classes and may be available as Accumulation Shares and/or Distribution Shares. Details of the Funds and Share Classes on offer are set out in Appendix 2. Certain Funds and/or Share Classes may be offered in certain jurisdictions only. Investors should consult the Administrator, their relevant Intermediary or professional adviser as to availability of any Share in their jurisdictions.

The Directors do not anticipate that an active secondary market will develop in relation to the Shares.

The Directors have full discretion in deciding whether any Class of Shares will be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation in connection with the offering or placing of Shares other than those contained in this Prospectus and the reports referred to above and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Company. The delivery of this Prospectus (whether or not accompanied by the reports) or any issue of Shares shall not, under any circumstances, create any implication that the affairs of the Company have not changed since the date of this Prospectus.

The distribution of this Prospectus and the offering and placing of Shares in certain jurisdictions may be restricted and, accordingly, persons into whose possession this Prospectus comes are required by the Company to inform themselves about and to observe such restrictions.

This Prospectus does not constitute an offer or solicitation to anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorised or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

Potential investors should inform themselves as to:

- (a) the legal requirements within the countries of their nationality, residence, ordinary residence or domicile for the acquisition of Shares;
- (b) any foreign exchange restrictions or exchange control requirements which they might encounter on the acquisition or sale of Shares; and
- (c) the income tax and other taxation consequences which might be relevant to the acquisition, holding or disposal of Shares.

# **United Kingdom**

The Company is recognised under the Temporary Marketing Permissions Regime in the UK for the purposes of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended or re-enacted from time to time (the "Act") by virtue of Part XVII. The Company is registered with the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") under the product reference number 409017. The FCA's registered office is 12 Endeavour Square, London E20 1JN. Details of the Temporary Marketing Permissions Regime, which allows EEA-based firms to operate in the UK for a limited period while seeking full authorisation, are available on the Financial Conduct Authority's website.

UK investors are advised that the rules made by the FCA under the Act do not in general apply to the Company in relation to its investment business. In particular, the rules made under the Act for the protection of private customers (for example, those conferring rights to cancel or withdraw from certain investment agreements) do not apply, and the Financial Services Compensation Scheme will not be available, in connection with an investment in the Company. In addition, the protections available under the Financial Ombudsman Service will not be available in connection with an investment in the Company.

Any advice or recommendation which may be given or offered by this Prospectus does not relate to products and services of the Management Company or the Investment Manager, but to those of the Company.

Any investor wishing to make a complaint regarding any aspect of the Company, or its operations may do so by contacting directly the Administrator.

### Additional information for UK investors

The Company will maintain facilities at the offices of the Investment Manager, 1 Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HP

pursuant to Chapter 9 of the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the United Kingdom, at which Shareholders may:

- (1) inspect, free of charge, and obtain, at no more than a reasonable charge, copies in English of:
  - (a) the Articles; and
  - (b) any instrument amending the Articles;
- (2) inspect, free of charge, and obtain free of charge, copies in English of:
  - (a) the latest Prospectus;
  - (b) the latest UCITS KIIDs or PRIIPs KIDs; and
  - (c) the latest annual and half-yearly reports;
- (3) obtain information in English about Prices of Shares in the Company;
- (4) redeem or arrange for redemption of Shares in the Company and obtain payment; and
- (5) submit a written complaint to the Company.

The prior consent of the Directors is required in respect of each application for Shares and the granting of such consent does not confer on investors a right to acquire Shares in respect of any future or subsequent application.

### **United States**

The Shares have not been, and will not be, registered under the 1933 Act (see "Definitions") or the securities laws of any of the states of the United States. The Company is not and will not be registered as an investment company under the 1940 Act (see "Definitions"). Investment in Shares by or on behalf of US Persons (see "Definitions") is not permitted. Shares may not at any time be offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a US Person. Any issue, sale or transfer in violation of this restriction will not be binding and void *ab initio* upon the Company and may constitute a violation of US law.

Shares may not be issued or transferred other than to a person who, in writing to the Company, shall, among other things, (A) represent that such person is not a US Person and is not purchasing such Shares for the account or benefit of a US Person, (B) shall agree to notify the Company promptly if, at any time while they remain a holder of any Share, such person should become a US Person or shall hold any Shares for the account or benefit of a US Person, and (C) shall agree to indemnify the Company from and against any losses, damages, costs or expenses arising in connection with a breach of the representations and agreement set forth above.

If, at any time, a Shareholder shall become a US Person or shall hold any Shares on behalf of a US Person, that Shareholder shall notify the Company immediately.

Shares may not be acquired or owned by, or acquired with the assets of:

- (i) any retirement plan subject to Title I of the United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act 1974, as amended ("ERISA"); or
- (ii) any individual retirement account or plan subject to Section 4975 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
- (iii) any entity, including a fund of funds or other collective investment vehicle, a master trust established for one or more pension plans, or an insurance company pooled separate account whose underlying assets constitute plan assets by reason of the level of investment in the entity by plans described in clause (i) or (ii) above, and
- (iv) the general account of an insurance company to the extent that such account would be deemed a "benefit plan investor" within the meaning of ERISA;

which are hereinafter collectively referred to as "ERISA plans".

A prospective investor will be required at the time of acquiring Shares to represent that such an investor is not acquiring the Shares with the assets of an ERISA plan (as defined above).

Where the Company becomes aware that any Shares are directly or beneficially owned by any person in breach of the above restrictions, the Company may compulsorily redeem such Shares as set out in the Articles.

### **France**

The Company is authorised for sale of certain of the Funds and/or Share Classes in France under the provisions of the Directive.

### Guernsey

This Prospectus may not be distributed or circulated, directly or indirectly, and the offer of Shares in the Company may not be made, to any persons in the Bailiwick of Guernsey other than:

- 1) by a person licensed to do so by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission under the Protection of Investors (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2020 (as amended) (the POI Law); or
- 2) by a person that is not a Bailiwick of Guernsey body or an individual ordinarily resident in the Bailiwick of Guernsey and that person:
  - (a) carries on that activity in or from within the Bailiwick of Guernsey in a manner in which it is permitted to carry it on in or from within, and under the law of, a designated jurisdiction which, in the opinion of the States of Guernsey Policy & Resources Committee, affords in relation to activities of that description adequate protection to investors (**Designated Jurisdiction**);
  - (b) has its main place of business in that Designated Jurisdiction and does not carry on any restricted activity from a permanent place of business in the Bailiwick of Guernsey;
  - (c) is recognised as a national of that Designated Jurisdiction by its law (and has provided evidence of the same); and
  - (d) has given prior written notice to the Guernsey Financial Services Commission of the date from which it intends to carry on that activity in or from within Guernsey (by completion of a "Form EX" and submission of the requisite documentation) and complied with certain requirements applicable to an applicant for a licence and the Guernsey Financial Services Commission has issued confirmation of the exemption; or
- 3) to those persons regulated by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission as licensees under the POI Law, the Banking Supervision (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2020 (as amended), the Insurance Business (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2002 (as amended), the Insurance Managers and Insurance Intermediaries (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2002 (as amended) or the Regulation of Fiduciaries, Administration Business and Company Directors etc (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2020 (as amended) and the person carrying on such activity satisfies items (2)(a) to (c) above and has given written notice to the Guernsey Financial Services Commission of the date from which it intends to carry out the promotional activity; or
- 4) as otherwise permitted by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission.

Barclays Bank Plc, Jersey Branch and Barclays Bank Plc, Guernsey Branch are responsible for promotion within the Bailiwick of Guernsey and hold licences under the POI Law.

# **Ireland**

The Company is approved by the Central Bank of Ireland to market its Shares to the public in Ireland under the provisions of the Directive.

Barclays Bank Ireland PLC, Private Bank division, will perform the services of facility agent in Ireland and will maintain facilities at One Molesworth Street, Dublin 2, Ireland during normal business hours where:

- (a) a Shareholder may redeem its, his or her Shares and from which payment of the redemption proceeds may be obtained;
- (b) information can be obtained about each Fund's most recently published Price per Share; and
- (c) copies of the latest Prospectus, the latest UCITS KIIDs or PRIIPs KIDs and the annual and semi-annual reports of the Company will be made available to investors.

Barclays Bank Ireland PLC will also forward any dividend payment requests or any complaints relating to the Company to the Administrator.

#### Isle of Man

The Company is a recognised scheme in the Isle of Man under paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the Collective Investments Schemes Act 2008. This Prospectus is the Isle of Man offering document prepared in accordance with the Collective Investment Schemes (Recognised Schemes) Regulations 2015 and contains the information as specified in Appendix 2 of the Schedule to the Authorised Collective Investment Schemes Regulations 2010. The Isle of Man investors in the Company are not protected by any statutory arrangements. The address in the Isle of Man at which facilities for participants and the public, and facilities for submitting complaints will be maintained is: Barclays Bank PLC, Isle of Man Branch, Eagle Court, 25 Circular Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 1AD. Attn: the Country Manager. This is also the name and address of the representative of the Company in the Isle of Man who can accept service of notices and other documents on the Company's behalf.

### Japan

The Company is authorised for sale of certain of the Funds and/or Share Classes in Japan.

### Jersey

The Jersey Financial Services Commission (the "Commission") has granted consent to the circulation in Jersey of an offer of Shares in the Company pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Control of Borrowing (Jersey) Order 1958, as amended. The Commission is protected by the Control of Borrowing (Jersey) Law 1947, as amended, against liability arising from the discharge of its functions under that law. A licence has been granted to Barclays Bank Plc, Jersey Branch to act as distributor in Jersey in respect of the Company. Barclays Bank Plc, Jersey Branch has been registered as a fund services business provider under the Financial Services (Jersey) Law 1998 by the Commission. The Commission is protected by the Financial Services (Jersey) Law 1998 against liability arising from the discharge of its functions under that law.

#### Malta

The Company is authorised for sale of certain of the Funds and/or Share Classes in Malta under the provisions of the Directive.

### **Portugal**

As the Company qualifies as an UCITS pursuant to the Directive, it falls within the scope of the passporting regime therein foreseen. Accordingly, the Funds and/or Share Classes may be marketed in Portugal provided the requirements set in articles 91 to 96 of the Directive and 196 to 201-A of the Regime Geral dos Organismos de Investimento Colectivo, approved by the Lei 16/2015, de 24 de Fevereiro are met.

Besides meeting the above mentioned requirements, the marketing of the Funds and/or Shares Classes must also comply, among other, with the EU and Portuguese regulations on marketing communications (namely those set by Regulation (EU) 2019/1156 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 and on ESMA Guidelines dated from 2.08.2021 and Comissão do Mercado de Valores Mobiliários's Regulation 2/2015) as well as, where an investment service subject to (and not exempted from) MiFID 2 is provided, to the rules of such MiFID 2 and the Portuguese rules that were enacted in order to transpose it.

A summary of Portuguese provisions governing the marketing requirements for a non-Portuguese UCITS to be allowed to be distributed in Portugal, dated from 25.01.2022, may be found in the Comissão do Mercado de Valores Mobiliários (the Portuguese Securities and Markets Authority) website: <a href="https://www.cmvm.pt">www.cmvm.pt</a>.

# Spain

The Company is authorised for sale of certain of the Funds and/or Share Classes in Spain under the provisions of the Directive.

For the purpose of the distribution of the Shares of the Company in Spain, the Company has sent a notification letter to the *Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores* (CNMV) in accordance with the provisions of the Directive, the Spanish Law 35/2003 on Collective Investment Schemes, the Spanish Royal Decree 1082/2012 and Circular CNMV 2/2011.

The UCITS KIID or PRIIPs KIDs related to the Shares of the Company has been translated into Spanish language in accordance with the provisions of the Directive.

It is intended that application may be made in other jurisdictions to enable the Shares of the Company to be marketed freely in these jurisdictions.

Persons who receive this Prospectus must inform themselves of, and observe, all applicable restrictions with respect to the acquisition or disposition of securities under applicable securities legislation. Investors are urged to consult with independent legal and tax advisers prior to soliciting an offer to buy the securities described hereunder.

# Generally

This Prospectus may be translated into other languages. Any such translation shall only contain the same information and have the same meaning as the English language Prospectus. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between the English language Prospectus and the Prospectus in another language, the English language Prospectus will prevail, except to the extent (but only to the extent) that it is required by 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.

Investors should read and consider the risk discussion under "Risk Factors" before investing in the Company.

Potential investors should note that all or part of a Fund's fees and expenses may be charged to the capital of the Fund. Where such a policy is applied, it will have the effect of lowering the capital value of a Shareholder's investment (see "Fees and Expenses").

The Net Asset Value per Share is expected to fluctuate over time with the performance of the relevant Fund's investments. A Shareholder may not fully recover its initial investment when it chooses to redeem its Shares or upon compulsory redemption if the redemption price at the time of such redemption is less than the subscription price paid by such Shareholder.

The value of investments and income derived therefrom, and the Price of Shares may fall as well as rise and investors may not recoup the original amount invested in a Fund.

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# **DEFINITIONS**

"Accumulation Shares", "Acc Shares" and "Accum Shares"	shares of the Company which do not distribute dividends to Shareholders.
"Administrator"	Northern Trust Global Services SE and/or such other person as may be appointed, in accordance with the requirements of the CSSF, to provide administration services to the Company.
"Auditors"	PricewaterhouseCoopers, société coopérative, réviseur d'entreprises agréé, Luxembourg.
"Articles"	the articles of incorporation of the Company, as amended from time to time.
"Barclays Group"	the Investment Manager and other members of the same group of companies for the purposes of section 262 Companies Act 1985 of the United Kingdom.
"Base Currency"	in relation to a Fund, means the currency in which the Fund is valued, as the same may be amended from time to time by the Directors.
"Board of Directors"	the board of directors of the Company.
"Board of Directors of the Management Company"	the board of directors of the Management Company.
"Business Day"	a full day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on which banks in Luxembourg and England are open for business, and such other day or days as the Directors may from time to time determine.
"Class" or "Share Class"	a class of Shares in the Company.
"Class A Shares"	Class A Distribution Shares and/or Class A Accumulation Shares.
"Class B Shares"	Class B Distribution Shares and/or Class B Accumulation Shares.
"Class C Shares"	Class C Distribution Shares and/or Class C Accumulation Shares.
"Class D Shares"	Class D Distribution Shares and/or Class D Accumulation Shares.
"Class G Shares"	Class G Distribution Shares and/or Class G Accumulation Shares.
"Class H Shares"	Class H Distribution Shares/or Class H Accumulation Shares.
"Class I Shares"	Class I Distribution Shares and/or Class I Accumulation Shares.
"Class K Shares"	Class K Distribution Shares and/or Class K Accumulation Shares.
"Class R Shares"	Class R Distribution Shares and/or Class R Accumulation Shares.
"Class Y Shares"	Class Y Distribution Shares and/or Class Y Accumulation Shares.
"Class Z Shares"	Class Z Distribution Shares and/or Class Z Accumulation Shares.

"CSSF" Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier.

"Company" Barclays Portfolios SICAV.

"Currency Hedging Manager" the Investment Manager and/or such other person as may be appointed, in accordance with the

requirements of the CSSF, to provide currency hedging services to the Company or any of the

Funds.

"Dealing Cut-off Time" specific time on a day for a Fund as detailed in Appendix 3.

"Dealing Day" any Business Day unless otherwise specified in the Appendix 3 for a Fund.

"Depositary" Northern Trust Global Services SE, or such other person as may be appointed, with the prior

approval of the CSSF, to act as depositary to the Company.

"Directive" Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the co-

ordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for

collective investment in transferable securities as may be amended from time to time.

"Direct Investments" Investments by a Fund which are not shares/units of a collective investment scheme.

"Directors" the directors of the Company.

"Distributor" Any person or entity as may be appointed by the Lead Distributor (as defined below) to distribute

or arrange for the distribution of Shares.

"Distribution Shares" and "Dist

Shares"

Shares of the Company which distribute dividends to Shareholders.

"Duties and Charges" in relation to any Fund, all stamp and other duties, taxes, governmental charges, brokerage, bank

charges, interest, depositary or sub-custodian charges (relating to sales and purchases), transfer fees, registration fees and other duties, costs and charges whether in connection with the original acquisition, increase or decrease of the assets of the relevant Fund or the creation, issue, sale, conversion or repurchase of Shares or the sale or purchase of Investments but shall not include any commission payable to agents on sales and purchases of Shares or any commission, taxes, charges or other costs which may have been taken into account in ascertaining the Net

Asset Value of Shares in the relevant Fund.

"Eligible State" includes any EU Member State, any member state of the OECD, any member state of the

European Economic Area, and any other state which the Board of Directors deems appropriate

with regard to the investment objective of each Fund.

"EU" European Union.

"EU Member State" means a member state of the EU, at any given time. The states that are contracting parties to

the agreement creating the European Economic Area other than the member states of the EU, within the limits set forth by this agreement and related acts, are considered as equivalent to

the member states of the European Union.

"Euro", "EUR", and "€" the single European currency unit referred to in Council Regulation (EC) No. 974/98 on 3 May

1998 on the introduction of the Euro.

"Exchange Traded Funds"	listed collective investment undertakings that seek to reflect the performance of a chosen index and which trade on one or more major stock exchanges.
"FCA"	the Financial Conduct Authority or its successor authority in the United Kingdom.
"FCA Rules"	the rules of the FCA, as may be amended from time to time.
"Fund"	a portfolio of assets established (with the prior approval of the CSSF) for one or more Classes which is invested in accordance with the investment objectives applicable to such portfolio. The current Funds of the Company are set out in Appendix 2.
"Hedged Share Classes"	such Class or Classes of Shares of a Fund denominated in any currency other than the Base Currency of that Fund.
"Institutional Investors"	institutional investors within the meaning of Chapter 23 of the 2010 Law as interpreted from time to time by the CSSF.
"Intermediary"	a Distributor and/or any sales agent and/or intermediary appointed by it.
"Investment"	any investment which is permitted by the Regulations and the Articles.
"Investment Manager"	Barclays Investment Solutions Limited and/or such other person as may be appointed by the Management Company, with the consent of the Company and in accordance with the requirements of the CSSF, to provide investment management services to the Company or any of the Funds.
"Investment Restrictions"	the general investment restrictions applicable to all Funds as set out in Appendix 1.
"Lead Distributor"	Barclays Investment Solutions Limited and/or such other person as may be appointed by the Management Company, with the consent of the Company and in accordance with the requirements of the CSSF, to provide distribution services to the Company
"Management Company"	FundRock Management Company S.A.
"MiFID 2"	the EU's re-cast Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (2014/65/EU) (the "MiFID 2 Directive"), delegated and implementing EU regulations made thereunder, laws and regulations introduced by Member States of the EU to implement the MiFID 2 Directive, and the EU's Markets in Financial Instruments Regulation (600/2014).
"Minimum Holding"	a holding of Shares of any Class having an aggregate value of such minimum amount as set out herein.
"Minimum Redemption"	a minimum redemption (whether initial or subsequent) for Shares of any Class as set out herein.
"Minimum Subscription"	a minimum subscription (whether initial or subsequent) for Shares of any Class as set out herein.
"Net Asset Value"	the net asset value of the Company, a Fund or a Class (as the context may require) determined in accordance with the Articles.
"Net Asset Value Per Share"	the Net Asset Value divided by the number of Shares of the relevant Fund. Where there is more

than one Class per Fund, the Net Asset Value per Share per Class will be the Net Asset Value

attributable to each Class divided by the number of Shares in issue in that Class.

"Net Redemption Position" the positi

the position on any Dealing Day when total redemptions exceed total subscriptions.

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the position on any Dealing Day when total subscriptions exceed total redemptions.

"OECD"

the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

"Permitted Non-UCITS Fund"

a collective investment undertaking which does not qualify as a UCITS, but in which a Luxembourg UCITS is authorised to invest pursuant to the Regulations.

"Price"

as defined in the section headed "Single Pricing" in this Prospectus.

"PRIIPS KID"

the key information document(s) in respect of the relevant Share Class.

"Qualified Holder"

(A) any person, corporation or entity other than (i) a US Person; (ii) an ERISA plan; (iii) any person, corporation or entity which cannot acquire or hold Shares without breaching the law or requirement of any country or governmental authority; (iv) any person, corporation or entity who is precluded from holding Shares or whom the Directors reasonably believe to be precluded from holding Shares (for example because such person, corporation or entity does not confirm or up-date its recorded address in spite of specific request(s) to this effect) or whose acquisition or holding of Shares, in the opinion of the Directors, might result in the Company incurring any liability to taxation or suffering any other pecuniary disadvantage which the Company might not otherwise have incurred or suffered; or (v) a depositary, nominee, or trustee for any person, corporation or entity described in (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above; and (B) in the case of Class I Shares, Institutional Investors.

"Reference Currency"

in relation to a Share Class, means the currency in which the Share Class is denominated, as the same may be amended from time to time by the Directors.

"Regulated Market"

a market defined in Article 4, item 1.21 of MiFID 2 or any other market which is regulated, operates regularly and is recognised and open to the public in an Eligible State.

"Regulations"

the 2010 Law as well as any present or future related Luxembourg laws or implementing regulations, circulars and CSSF's positions.

"REIT" and "Real Estate
Investment Trust"

an entity that is dedicated to owning, and in most cases, managing real estate. This may include, but is not limited to, real estate in the residential, commercial and industrial sectors. Certain REITs may also engage in real estate financing transactions and other real estate development activities. A closed-ended REIT, the units of which are listed on a Regulated Market may qualify as a transferable security listed on a Regulated Market thereby qualifying as an eligible investment for a UCITS under the 2010 Law in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of 8 February 2008. The legal structure of a REIT, its investment restrictions, and the regulatory and taxation regimes to which it is subject will differ depending on the jurisdiction in which it is established.

"Share"

a share of no par value in the Company issued in respect of any Fund.

"Shareholder"

the registered holder of a Share.

"Sterling", "£", and "GBP"

the lawful currency of the United Kingdom.

"Sub-Investment Manager"

BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited and/or such other person as may be appointed by the Investment Manager to provide investment management services in respect of some or all of the assets of a Fund.

"Sustainability Factor"

any environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

"Sustainability Risk"

any environmental, social or governance event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of the investments made by a Fund.

"UCI"

another "undertaking for collective investment" within the meaning of Article 1, paragraph (2), points a) and b) of the Directive.

"UCITS"

an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities established pursuant to the Directive.

"UCITS KIIDs"

the key investor information document(s) in respect of the relevant Share Class.

"United Kingdom" and "UK"

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

"United States" and "US"

The United States of America, including its states, commonwealths, territories, possessions and the District of Columbia.

"US Dollars", "US\$", and "USD"

the lawful currency of the United States.

"US Person"

shall have the following definition:

(a) a citizen or resident (including a "green card" holder) of the United States; (b) a partnership, corporation, limited liability company or similar entity, organised or incorporated under the laws of the United States or having its principal place of business in the United States, or an entity taxed as such or subject to filing a tax return as such under the United States federal income tax laws; (c) any estate or trust the executor, administrator or trustee of which is a US Person unless, (1) in the case of trusts of which any professional fiduciary acting as trustee is a US Person, a trustee who is not a US Person has sole or shared investment discretion with respect of trust assets and no beneficiary of the trust (and no settler if the trust is revocable) is a US Person; (2) in the case of estates of which any professional fiduciary acting as executor or administrator is a US Person, 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 the estate is governed by foreign law; (d) any estate the income of which arises from sources outside of the United States, is not effectively connected to a US trade or business and is includible in gross income for purposes of computing United States income tax payable by it; (e) any agency or branch of a foreign entity located in the United States; (f) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust, and one or more US Persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (g) any discretionary account or non-discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary located within or outside the United States for the benefit or account of a US Person; (h) 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, except that 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 shall not be deemed a

US Person; (i) any firm, corporation or other entity, regardless of citizenship, domicile, situs or residence if, under the income tax laws of the United States from time to time in effect, any proportion of the income thereof would be taxable to a US Person even if not distributed, other than a passive foreign investment company; (j) any partnership, corporation or other entity if (A) organised or incorporated under the laws of any foreign jurisdiction; and (B) owned or formed by a US Person or Persons principally for the purpose of investing in securities not registered under the US Securities Act of 1933 (including but not limited to Shares of the Fund), 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; (k) any employee benefit plan unless such employee benefit plan is established and administered in accordance with the law of a country other than the United States and customary practices and documentation of such country; (I) a pension plan unless such pension plan is for the employees, officers or principals of an entity organised and with its principal place of business outside the United States and (m) any entity organised principally for passive investment such as a commodity pool, investment company or other similar entity (other than a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of an entity organised and with its principal place of business outside the United States) (1) in which United States persons who are not qualified eligible persons (as defined in Regulation 4.7 under the US Commodity Exchange Act) hold units of participation representing in the aggregate 10% or more of the beneficial interest in the entity; or (2) which has as a principal purpose the facilitating of investment by a United States person in a commodity pool with respect to which the operator is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-United States persons; and (n) any other person or entity whose ownership of shares or solicitation for ownership of shares the Company, acting through their officers or directors, shall determine may violate any securities law of the United States or any state or other jurisdiction thereof.

"US Person" shall not include any person or entity, notwithstanding the fact that such person or entity may come within any of the categories referred to above, as to whom the Company, acting through its officers or directors, shall determine that ownership of shares or solicitation for ownership of shares shall not violate any securities law of the United States or any state or other jurisdiction thereof.

"Valuation Point" specific time on each Dealing Day for a Fund as detailed in Appendix 3.

"YEN" the lawful currency of Japan.

"1933 Act" the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"1940 Act" the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

"2010 Law" the amended Luxembourg law of 17 December 2010 relating to undertakings for collective

investment.

All references to the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.

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# **BARCLAYS PORTFOLIOS SICAV**

# INTRODUCTION

Barclays Portfolios SICAV is an open-ended investment company with multiple compartments or Funds ("société d'investissement à capital variable" (SICAV) à compartiments multiples) (referred to as "Funds") governed by Luxembourg law, and, in particular, the provisions of Part I of the 2010 Law. The Company has appointed FundRock Management Company S.A. as its management company.

The Company was incorporated for an indefinite period on 13 October 2006. The Articles were published in the official gazette "Mémorial C, Recueil des Sociétés et Associations du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg" on 25 October 2006. The Company is registered with the Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés of Luxembourg under number B120390. The Articles were amended for the last time with effect from 24 April 2020 pursuant to resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors on 4 May 2020 and acknowledged by a Luxembourg public notary on 27 July 2020. Such an amendment is published in the Recueil électronique des sociétés et associations¹ of 29 October 2020. The Company's capital shall at all times be equal to the value of its total net assets. The minimum capital required by law is €1,250,000 or its equivalent. The Company has been authorised by the CSSF as a UCITS.

The Company is structured as an umbrella fund in that different Funds thereof may be established with the prior approval of the CSSF. The Funds established as at the date of this Prospectus are listed in Appendix 2.

In addition, each Fund may have more than one Share Class allocated to it. The Shares of each Class allocated to a Fund will rank *pari* passu with each other in all respects except as to all or any of the following:

- currency of denomination of the Class (and hedging policy applicable to that currency);
- dividend policy;
- the level of fees and expenses to be charged;
- the Minimum Subscription, Minimum Holding and Minimum Redemption applicable; and
- any other element(s) and/or characteristic(s) to be decided by the Directors from time to time in accordance with the Regulations.

The assets of each Fund will be separate from one another and will be invested in accordance with the investment objectives and policies applicable to each such Fund.

Details of all Classes on offer for each Fund are set out in Appendix 2.

Any investor wishing to make a complaint regarding any aspect of the Company or its operation may file complaints free of charge with the Management Company in an official language of its home country.

Investors can access the complaints handling procedure on the Management Company's website at: <a href="https://www.fundrock.com/complaints-policy/">https://www.fundrock.com/complaints-policy/</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As from 1 June 2016, the *Recueil électronique des sociétés et associations* replaced the *Mémorial*.

# INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, INVESTMENT POLICIES AND INVESTOR AND RISK PROFILES

#### General

A Fund may invest predominantly, although not exclusively, in units or shares of collective investment undertakings and such a Fund will therefore be a "fund of funds". In addition, a Fund may also invest predominantly in Direct Investments and will therefore be a "traditional fund". Details of the specific investment objective, investment policy and investor and risk profile of each Fund are set out in the Fund Specific Details in Appendix 3.

Fund.

A Fund may, when not invested in collective investment undertakings, invest in any other eligible Investment.

For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby confirmed that any of the "collective investment undertakings" in which the Funds may invest shall, unless provided otherwise, comply with paragraph 1(A) (iv) of Appendix 1.

The Base Currency of the Funds is set out in the Fund Specific Details in Appendix 3 and the Funds are valued in the relevant Base Currency. The Funds may, however, invest in assets denominated in currencies other than the Base Currency. The Investment Manager may, but is not obliged, to seek to hedge the exposure of the Fund to currencies other than the Base Currency to provide an element of protection against currency fluctuation.

The Company may offer within a Fund, several Classes with the same characteristics but denominated in different currencies than the Fund's Base Currency. The Reference Currencies of the Share Classes may be Sterling, Euro, US Dollar or YEN. Euro, US Dollar, and YEN denominated Shares are hedged against the Base Currency. Investor should refer to the section "Risk Factors" for specific risk considerations applicable to Euro, US Dollar and YEN denominated Shares. Details of all Classes on offer for each Fund are set out in Appendix 2.

### **Past Performance**

Information on the past performance of each Class or Fund (if any), as updated on an annual basis, is contained in the Key Investor Information Documents.

# **Use of Derivatives for Investment Purposes**

In order to achieve each Fund's investment objective as stated above, the Company is permitted to use a wide range of derivatives for investment purposes, including, but not limited to the following:

- Futures
- FX Forward contracts
- Options
- Swaps
- Credit default swaps
- Contracts for difference
- Swaptions

The Company may also invest in structured notes which contain embedded derivatives and in the latter case, a prudent approach will be undertaken whereby the whole exposure to the structured note is deemed to be derivative exposure.

Financial derivative instruments used by a Fund will be subject to the conditions of, and within the limits laid down by, the Regulations and will only be used in conjunction with a risk management process as notified to the CSSF. Only financial derivative instruments provided for in such risk management process will be utilised. The Company intends to use derivative instruments for non-complex strategies.

# **Efficient Portfolio Management**

The Company may, on behalf of each Fund and subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down in the Regulations, employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and money market instruments provided that such techniques and instruments are used for efficient portfolio management purposes or to provide protection against exchange risk. Such techniques and instruments are set out in Appendix 1 and may include, but are not limited to, engaging in transactions in financial derivative instruments such as futures, forwards, options, swaps, swaptions as well as securities lending and repurchase transactions. New techniques and instruments may be developed which may be suitable for use by the Company and the Company (subject as aforesaid) may employ such techniques and instruments in accordance with the Regulations.

# **Currency Hedging**

The Funds may issue Classes of Shares denominated in different currencies. With respect to the Hedged Share Classes, the Currency Hedging Manager will employ techniques and instruments, including financial derivative instruments intended to provide protection against exposure to currency fluctuation risk, in particular against movements of the currency in which the Hedged Share Classes are denominated against movements in the Base Currency of the relevant Fund. While the Currency Hedging Manager will attempt to hedge against this currency exposure, there can be no guarantee that the value of the Hedged Share Classes will not be affected by the value of their relevant Reference Currency relative to the Base Currency of the relevant Fund. The hedging strategy will aim to protect the holders of these Reference Currency Classes in circumstances where the value of these Reference Currency Classes may benefit as a result of a decline in the value of these Reference Currencies relative to the Base Currency of the relevant Fund.

All gains/losses which may be made by the Hedged Share Classes as a result of such hedging transactions together with the costs of such transactions will accrue to the relevant Class or Classes. The Reference Currency of the Class will be hedged to the Base Currency of the Fund to the extent that the notional value of the hedges in each Hedged Share Class shall not exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Hedged Share Class. All such transactions will be clearly attributable to the relevant Hedged Share Class and the currency exposures of the different Hedged Share Classes will not be combined or offset. The Currency Hedging Manager does not intend to have under-hedged or over-hedged positions, however due to market movements and factors outside the control of the Currency Hedging Manager, under-hedged and over-hedged positions may arise from time to time. The Currency Hedging Manager will limit hedging to the extent of the relevant Hedged Share Class Reference Currency exposure and shall monitor such hedging on an ongoing basis to ensure that such hedging shall not be below 95% of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Hedged Share Class and to review hedged positions when they come near to any of these limits so as to increase/reduce such hedging appropriately.

# **Investment Restrictions**

Investment of the assets of each Fund must comply with the general investment restrictions applicable to all Funds as set out in Appendix 1.

The Directors may also, from time to time, impose such further investment restrictions as may be compatible with or be in the interests of the Shareholders in order to comply with the laws and regulations of the countries where Shareholders of the Company are located or the Shares are marketed.

The Company will not take legal or management control of any of the entities in which its underlying investments are made.

### **Sustainable Finance**

Pursuant to EU Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (the "SFDR"), the Company is required to disclose the manner in which Sustainability Risks are integrated into the investment decision and the results of the assessment of the likely impacts of Sustainability Risks on the returns of the Funds.

Unless specified in the relevant investment policy, the Funds are considered as falling within the scope of Article 6 of the SFDR as they do not promote Sustainability Factors and do not maximize portfolio alignment with Sustainability Factors. The Funds however remain exposed to Sustainability Risks. Such Sustainability Risks are integrated into the investment decision making and risk monitoring to the extent that they represent a potential or actual material risks and/or opportunities to maximizing the long-term risk-adjusted

#### returns.

The impacts following the occurrence of a Sustainability Risk may be numerous and vary depending on the specific risk, region and asset class. The Sustainability Risks generally revolve around the following themes:

- corporate governance malpractices (e.g., board structure, executive remuneration);
- shareholder rights (e.g., election of directors, capital amendments);
- changes to regulation (e.g., greenhouse gas emissions restrictions, governance codes);
- physical threats (e.g., extreme weather, climate change, water shortages);
- brand and reputational issues (e.g., poor health & safety records, cyber security breaches);
- supply chain management (e.g., increase in fatalities, lost time injury rates, labour relations);
- work practices (e.g., observation of health, safety and human rights provisions).

In general, where a Sustainability Risk occurs in respect of an asset, there will be a negative impact on, or entire loss of, its value. As such, for a company in which a Fund invests, this may be because of damage to its reputation resulting in a consequential fall in demand for its products or services, loss of key personnel, exclusion from potential business opportunities, increased costs of doing business and/or increased cost of capital. A company may also suffer the impact of fines and other regulatory sanctions. The time and resources of the company's management team may be diverted from furthering its business into dealing with the Sustainability Risk event, including changes to business practices and dealing with investigations and litigation. Sustainability Risks events may also give rise to loss of assets and/or physical loss including damage to real estate and infrastructure. The utility and value of assets held by companies to which the relevant Fund is exposed may also be adversely impacted by a Sustainability Risk event.

A Sustainability Risk event may arise and impact a specific investment or may have a broader impact on an economic sector, geographical or political region or country. For instance, sector and geographic Sustainability Risk events may have an impact on the investment value of the sovereign fixed income exposure of a Fund.

In particular, it is expected that each of the Funds be exposed to a various range of Sustainability Risks resulting from their individual strategy and exposures to specific sectors, issuers and asset classes. Nevertheless, given the high level of diversification and risk-spreading of the Funds, and except otherwise mentioned in the relevant Fund's Appendix, it is not anticipated that the Sustainability Risks to which each Fund may be exposed cause a material impact on their respective returns. Where deemed relevant, additional information and details on the Funds' Sustainability Risk(s) will be included in the relevant Appendix.

# **Principal adverse impact**

Principal adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors are not currently considered. The situation will however be reviewed going forward and any necessary disclosures included in future versions of the Prospectus and/or published on www.barclaysinvestments.com, as required.

Unless specified in the relevant investment policy, the investments underlying the Funds do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

# **Dividend Policy**

Shares in the Company may be available as Distribution Shares or Accumulation Shares. However, both types of Share are not offered in every jurisdiction. Prospective investors/Shareholders should consult their relevant Intermediary for more information and investors should consider their own tax position as to whether Distribution or Accumulation Shares are most suitable for them. The Share Classes which are currently available for each Fund are listed in Appendix 2.

### **Distribution Shares**

The Directors are empowered to declare and pay dividends on the Distribution Shares in the Company within the limits established by the 2010 Law.

It is intended that the Funds will declare and pay dividends to Shareholders holding Distribution Shares on the basis and frequency

set out in Appendix 3.

The Directors may change the frequency with which the Funds declare or pay dividends, for instance, the Directors may propose not to declare dividends during a period following the launch of a Fund.

The Directors may elect to make distributions out of net income and net realised capital gains if circumstances so warrant. Dividends payable to Shareholders will be paid to the Shareholder's nominated bank account by way of electronic transfer or such other means as the Directors may determine.

Any dividend paid on a Share that is not being claimed will not earn interest and, if not claimed within five years of the payment date, shall be forfeited to the benefit of the relevant Fund.

# **Equalisation in relation to Distribution Shares**

The purchase price of the Shares contains two elements: capital – which reflects the value of the underlying investments of the Fund, and income – which reflects the income being earned by the Fund from those investments. This means that investors buying Shares, buy a percentage of income and the corresponding portion of the purchase price (the equalisation payment) will be notionally credited to an equalisation account.

When the first dividend is paid to holders of Shares on which an equalisation payment has been made on purchase, such dividend will contain an equalisation element, which is averaged for the period and which will be quoted on the distribution statement referred to below.

Depending upon the tax situation of each Shareholder, the portion of a dividend distribution made out of the equalisation account may, for tax purposes, be treated as a repayment of capital and therefore not be assessable for income tax. It may, however, depending upon the relevant Shareholder's residence and circumstances, be deducted from the cost of his holding for any capital gains tax purposes.

The amount paid to each Shareholder out of the relevant equalisation account shall be calculated by dividing the aggregate of all equalisation payments standing to the credit of the relevant equalisation account by the number of outstanding Shares of the relevant Fund in respect of which first distribution payments are made ("Group 2" Shares).

Immediately after the period end in respect of which the first distribution payment is made, the Group 2 Shares become Group 1 Shares (being all Shares of the relevant class except Group 2 Shares), and all future dividend payments in respect of these Group 1 Shares will be in the form of income, without any equalisation. Shares bought after this period end will then again be designated as Group 2 Shares as described above. The Group 1 Shares and the Group 2 Shares do not constitute different classes of Shares but are merely used for differentiation for equalisation purposes.

In order to enable Shareholders to optimise their tax situation, registered Shareholders will be sent a distribution statement indicating the part of the distribution received by the Shareholder out of the equalisation account.

# **Accumulation Shares**

Investment income and profits, if any, earned with respect to Accumulation Shares will be retained and will be reinvested on behalf of Shareholders and reflected in each Accumulation Share.

## **Equalisation in relation to Accumulation Shares**

The Funds do not account for equalisation in relation to Accumulation Shares with "reporting fund" status (which is discussed below) but they do so in relation to Distribution Shares with "reporting fund" status. However, in order to maintain some parity of UK tax treatment for UK Shareholders, the Funds calculate equalisation, in respect of Shares acquired during each accounting year of the Company and publish the equalisation amount in the reports required to be made to investors under the Offshore Funds Regulations discussed further below.

### **RISK FACTORS**

### Introduction

The discussion below is of general nature and is intended to describe various risk factors which may be associated with an investment in the Shares of a Fund to which the attention of investors is drawn. See also the relevant Fund Specific Details in Appendix 3 for a discussion of any risks particular to that Fund. However, these are not intended to be exhaustive and there may be other considerations that should be taken into account in relation to an investment. Investors should consult their own legal, tax, accounting, financial and other advisors before considering an investment in the Shares of a particular Fund. What factors will be of relevance to the Shares of a particular Fund will depend upon a number of interrelated matters including, but not limited to, the nature of the Shares, the Fund's Investments and the techniques used to gain exposure to the Investments.

No investment should be made in the Shares of a particular Fund until careful consideration of all those factors has been made.

- 1. A prospective investor should be aware that Investments are subject to normal market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities. There is no assurance that any appreciation in the value of Investments will occur or that the investment objectives of any Fund will actually be achieved. The value of Investments and the income derived therefrom and the Price of Shares may fall as well as rise and therefore investors may not recoup the original amount invested in a Fund. Changes in exchange rates between currencies or the conversion from one currency to another may also cause the value of the investments to diminish or increase. Any investment should be viewed as medium to long term. An investment in a Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors. An investment may decline in value and should only be made by those persons who are able to sustain a total loss on their investment.
- 2. An investment in the Shares involves risks. These risks may include or relate to, among others, equity market, bond market, foreign exchange, interest rate, credit, market volatility and political risks and any combination of these and other risks. Some of these risk factors are briefly discussed below. Investors should understand the risks associated with an investment in the Shares and should only reach an investment decision after careful consideration with their legal, tax, accounting, financial and other advisors of (i) the suitability of an investment in the Shares in the light of their own particular financial, fiscal and other circumstances, (ii) the information set out in this Prospectus and the relevant Fund Specific Details, (iii) the nature of the Investments, and (iv) the risks associated with the use by the Fund of derivative techniques (if applicable).
- 3. An investment in the Shares should only be made after assessing the direction, timing and magnitude of potential future changes in the value of the Investments, as the return of any such investment will be dependent, inter alia, upon such changes.
- 4. Risk factors may occur simultaneously and/or may compound each other resulting in an unpredictable effect on the value of the Shares. No assurance can be given as to the effect that any combination of risk factors may have on the value of the Shares.

# Segregation of Funds

5. The Company is a single legal entity incorporated as an "umbrella fund" comprised of separate Funds. While the provisions of the 2010 Law provide for segregated liability between Funds resulting in the rights and claims of creditors and counterparties of a Fund arising in respect of the creation, operation or liquidation of such Fund to be limited to the assets allocated to that Fund, these provisions have yet to be tested in foreign courts, in particular, in satisfying local creditors' claims and a creditor or counterparty might seek to attach or seize assets of a Fund in satisfaction of an obligation owed in relation to another Fund in a jurisdiction which would not recognise the principle of segregation of liability between Funds.

# No segregation of Share Classes

6. Under Luxembourg law, there is no legal segregation of assets and liabilities between Share Classes of the same Fund. In the event that, for any reason, assets allocated to a Share Class become insufficient to pay for the liabilities allocated to that Share Class, the assets allocated to other Share Classes of the Fund will be used to pay for those liabilities. As a result, the Net Asset Value of the other Share Classes may also be reduced.

### Valuation of the Investments

7. Investors in the Shares should be aware that such an investment involves assessing the risk of an Investment and, where applicable, an Investment linked to an underlying and the techniques used to link the Investment to an underlying. The value of the underlying and the Investments and the value of the techniques used to link them may vary over time and may increase or decrease by reference to a variety of factors which may include, amongst others, corporate actions, macro-economic factors and speculation.

### **Exchange Rates**

- 8. Investors in the Shares should be aware that an investment in the Shares may involve exchange rate risks. For example (i) an underlying may directly or indirectly provide exposure to a number of different currencies of emerging market or developed countries; (ii) the underlying and/or the Investments may be denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency; (iii) the Shares may be denominated in a currency other than the currency of the investor's home jurisdiction; and/or (iv) the Shares may be denominated in a currency other than the currency in which an investor wishes to receive his monies. Exchange rates between currencies are determined by factors of supply and demand in the international currency markets, which are influenced by macro-economic factors (such as the economic development in the different currency areas, interest rates and international capital movements), speculation and central bank and government intervention (including the imposition of currency controls and restrictions). Fluctuations in exchange rates may affect the value of the Shares.
- 9. Depending on an investor's currency of reference, currency fluctuations between an investor's currency of reference and the Base Currency of the relevant Fund may adversely affect the value of an investment in the Fund.

#### **Interest Rate**

- 10. Investors in the Shares should be aware that an investment in the Shares may involve interest rate risk in that there may be fluctuations in the currency of denomination of the Investments and/or the Shares.
- 11. Interest rates are determined by factors of supply and demand in the international money markets which are influenced by macro-economic factors, speculation and central bank and government intervention. Fluctuations in interest rates of the currency in which the Shares are denominated and/or fluctuations in interest rates of the currency or currencies in which the Investments are denominated may affect the value of the Shares.

# **Market Volatility**

12. Market volatility reflects the degree of instability and expected instability of the performance of the Shares, the underlying and/or the Investments, and/or the techniques to link the Investments to the underlying, where applicable. The level of market volatility is not purely a measurement of the actual volatility but is largely determined by the prices for instruments which offer investors protection against such market volatility. The prices of these instruments are determined by forces of supply and demand in the options and derivatives markets generally. These forces are, themselves, affected by factors such as actual market volatility, expected volatility, macro-economic factors and speculation.

# **Counterparty Risk**

13. Counterparty risk refers to the risk of loss for a Fund resulting from the fact that the counterparty to a transaction entered into by the Fund may default on its contractual obligations. There can be no assurance that an issuer or counterparty will not be subject to credit or other difficulties leading to a default on its contractual obligations and the loss of all or part of the amounts due to the Fund. This risk may arise at any time the assets of a Fund are deposited, extended, committed, invested or otherwise exposed through actual or implied contractual agreements. For instance, counterparty risk may arise when a Fund has deposited cash with a financial institution or invests into debt securities and other fixed income instruments. Counterparty risk may also arise when a Fund enters into OTC financial derivative instruments.

# Credit Risk

14. Bonds or other debt securities involve credit risk to the issuer which may be evidenced by the issuer's credit rating. Securities which are subordinated and/or have a lower credit rating are generally considered to have a higher credit risk and a greater possibility of default than more highly rated securities. Investors in the Shares should be aware that such an investment may

involve credit risk, this also applies to any Fund whose performance is linked to an underlying as this will generally include bonds or other debt instruments. Changes in the financial condition of an issuer, changes in economic and political conditions in general, or changes in economic and political conditions specific to an issuer, are all factors that may have an adverse impact on an issuer's credit quality and security values. In the event that any issuer of bonds or other debt securities experiences financial or economic difficulties, this may affect the value of the relevant securities (which may be zero) and any amounts paid on such securities (which may be zero). This may in turn affect the Net Asset Value per Share. A Fund will be exposed to a credit risk on parties with whom it trades and may also bear the risk of settlement default. In the event of a bankruptcy or other default, the relevant Fund could experience both delays in liquidating the underlying securities and losses, including a possible decline in value of the underlying securities during the period when the relevant Fund seeks to enforce its rights thereto. This will have the effect of reducing levels of capital and income in the Fund and may give rise to a lack of access to income during this period together with the expense of enforcing the Fund's rights.

# **Credit Ratings**

15. Credit ratings are assigned by rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's (S&P). It is important to understand the nature of credit ratings in order to understand the nature of the securities. The level of a credit rating is an indication of the probability that (in the opinion of the rating agency) payments will be made on the relevant bond(s) or other obligation(s) to which the credit rating relates. Bonds with a rating of AAA, AA, A or BBB by S&P are called "investment grade" bonds and this indicates that the risk of a failure to repay amounts is limited. While credit ratings can be a useful tool for financial analysis, they are not a guarantee of quality or a guarantee of future performance in relation to the relevant obligations. Ratings assigned to securities by rating agencies may not fully reflect the true risks of an investment. Ratings may also be withdrawn at any time.

# **Custody Risk**

- 16. The Funds' assets are safekept by the Depositary or its sub-custodians (which may not be part of the same group of companies as the Depositary) and Shareholders are exposed to the risk of the Depositary or its sub-custodian not being able to fully meet its obligation to return in a short time frame all of the assets of the Funds held at the Depositary or a sub-custodian in the case of its insolvency. Securities of the Funds will normally be identified in the Depositary's or sub-custodian's books as belonging to the Funds and will be segregated from the Depositary or the sub-custodian's assets. This provides protection for the Funds' assets in the event of the insolvency of either the Depositary or its sub-custodian but does not exclude the risk that the assets will not be returned promptly in the event of insolvency.
- 17. The Funds' assets may also be pooled with the securities of other clients of the Depositary or sub-custodian. In this circumstance, if there were problems with the settlement or custody of any security in the pool then, subject to the 2010 Law, the loss would be spread across all clients in the pool and would not be restricted to the client whose securities were subject to loss.
- 18. Where securities are held with a sub-custodian of the Depositary or by a securities depositary or clearing system, such securities may be held by such entities in client omnibus accounts and in the event of a default by any such entity, where there is an irreconcilable shortfall of such securities, the Funds may have to share that shortfall on a *pro-rata* basis. Securities may be deposited with clearing brokers which the Depositary is not obliged to appoint as its sub-custodians and in respect of the acts or defaults of which the Depositary shall have no liability.
- 19. In addition, a Sub-Fund may be required to place assets outside of the Depositary and the sub-custodian's safekeeping network in order for the Funds to trade in certain markets. In such circumstances the Depositary remains responsible for the proper selection and supervision of the persons safekeeping such assets in the relevant markets in accordance with the 2010 Law. In such markets, Shareholders should note that there may be delays in settlement and/or uncertainty in relation to the ownership of a Sub-Fund's investments which could affect the Funds' liquidity and which could lead to investment losses.
- 20. Cash held on deposit with a Depositary or its sub-custodian is not segregated from the assets of the Depositary or its sub-custodian and is held at the risk of the Funds.

# **Liquidity Risk**

21. Certain types of assets or securities may be difficult to buy or sell, particularly during adverse market conditions. This may

affect the ability to obtain prices for the components of the Underlying and may therefore affect the value of the Underlying. This may in turn affect the Net Asset Value per Share. In case of a large redemption request, the Funds may consequently not be able to sell certain assets to meet the redemption requirement or may not be able to sell certain assets at levels close to current valuation price.

- 22. Listing on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange will not necessarily increase liquidity to investors.
- 23. Prospective investors are reminded that in certain circumstances their right to redeem Shares may be suspended (see under the heading "Temporary Suspensions" in this Prospectus).

### **Operational Risk**

24. Operational risk means the risk of loss for the Funds resulting from inadequate internal processes and failures in relation to people and systems of the Funds, the Management Company, and/or its agents and service providers, or from external events, and includes legal and documentation risk and risk resulting from the trading, settlement and valuation procedures operated on behalf of the Funds.

### Exposure to the Euro and the Eurozone

- 25. The "Eurozone" is an economic and monetary union of 19 EU Member States that have adopted the Euro as their common currency and sole legal tender. The success of the Euro and the Eurozone is therefore dependant on the general economic and political condition of each EU Member State, as well as each state's credit worthiness and the willingness of the members to remain committed to monetary union and support for the other members. Currently, there are widely held concerns in the market regarding the credit risk associated with certain sovereigns, including some EU Member States states of the Eurozone, and the continued viability of the Eurozone. Risk to the Company includes the possibility of exit of individual countries from the Euro, full breakup of the Eurozone or other circumstances which may result in the emergence or reintroduction of national currencies.
- 26. Default by any state on its Euro debts or a material decline in the credit rating of any Eurozone state could have a material negative impact on the Company and its investments. A number of the Funds may operate in Euro and/or may hold Euro denominated assets either directly or as collateral and may experience a reduction of the value and/or liquidity of their investments as a result of events in the Eurozone regardless of the measures the Investment Manager, the Sub-Investment Manager(s), or the Directors may seek to take to reduce this risk.
- 27. In addition, the Management Company and/or the Company's counterparties, banks, custodians, and service providers may have direct or indirect exposure to these countries or currency and a default or credit decline could impact their ability to meet their obligations to and/or perform services for the Company. In the event of one or more EU Member States exiting the Eurozone, or the abandonment of the Euro entirely, there may be material negative impact on some or all Funds and the value of investments, including risk of redenomination from Euro into another currency, possible capital controls and legal uncertainty as to the ability to enforce obligations and debts.
- 28. Prospective shareholders should inform themselves as to the risks surrounding the Eurozone crisis and the associated risk of an investment in the Company, taking into account the uncertainty as to how the Eurozone crisis and more general global economic situation will continue to evolve.

### Real Estate

29. There are special risk considerations associated with an Investment in or linked to securities of companies principally engaged in the real estate industry. Securities such as closed-end REITS and the securities of companies principally engaged in the real estate industry may be subject to these risks. REITS are companies that acquire and/or develop real property for long term investment purposes. They invest the majority of their assets directly in real property and derive their income primarily from rents. These include: the cyclical nature of real estate values, risks related to general and local economic conditions, overbuilding and increased competition, increases in property taxes and operating expenses, demographic trends and variations in rental income, changes in zoning laws, casualty or condemnation losses, environmental risks, regulatory limitations on rents, changes in neighbourhood values, related party risks, changes in the appeal of properties to tenants, increases in interest rates and other real estate capital market influences. Generally, increases in interest rates will increase

the costs of obtaining financing, which could directly and indirectly decrease the value of the Investments. By investing in REITS through a Fund, the investor will bear not only his proportionate share of the management fees of the Fund but also indirectly, management expenses of the underlying REITS. REITS and distributions by REITS may be subject to withholding or other taxes imposed by the authorities in that market.

#### **REIT or Real Estate Investment Trust**

30. An entity that is dedicated to owning, and in most cases, managing real estate. This may include, but is not limited to, real estate in the residential, commercial and industrial sectors. Certain REITs may also engage in real estate financing transactions and other real estate development activities. A closed-ended REIT, the units of which are listed on a Regulated Market or another Regulated Market may qualify as a transferable security listed on a Regulated Market or another Regulated Market thereby qualifying as an eligible investment for a UCITS under the 2010 Law in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of 8 February 2008. The legal structure of a REIT, its investment restrictions, and the regulatory and taxation regimes to which it is subject will differ depending on the jurisdiction in which it is established.

### **Commodities**

31. Certain Funds may invest in commodity-related assets, in accordance with their investment objective. Such Funds will only take indirect exposure to commodities, by investing into eligible structured products such as commodity-linked notes, commodity ETFs, and/or derivative instruments referencing one or more commodity indices qualifying as financial indices under the Directive. Commodity related assets are highly volatile. In addition, prices of commodities are influenced by, among other things, various macro-economic factors such as changing supply and demand relationships, weather conditions and other natural phenomena, agricultural, trade, fiscal, monetary, and exchange control programmes and policies of governments (including government intervention in certain markets) and other unforeseeable events.

### **Emerging Market Assets**

- 32. Emerging markets tend to have a greater level of risk and volatility associated with them and to be less liquid than more established markets. Investors should consider whether or not investment in any Fund which may invest in or have an exposure to emerging markets is either suitable or should constitute a substantial part of the investors' portfolio.
- 33. The Net Asset Value, the marketability and the returns derived from a particular Fund's investments may be affected by uncertainties such as political or diplomatic developments, social and religious instability, changes in government policies, taxation and interest rates, currency conversion and repatriation, and other political and economic developments in law or regulations in emerging markets and, in particular, the risks of expropriation, nationalisation and confiscation of assets and changes in legislation relating to the level of foreign ownership. All of these facts may adversely affect the overall investment climate and, in particular investment opportunities for a Fund.
- 34. Companies in emerging markets may not be subject to:
  - (a) accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and disclosure requirements comparable to those applicable to companies in major markets; and
  - (b) the same level of government supervision and regulation of stock exchanges as countries with more advanced securities markets.

Accordingly, certain emerging markets may not afford the same level of investor protection as would apply in more developed jurisdictions.

- 35. The reliability of trading and settlement systems in some emerging markets may not be equal to that available in more developed markets, which may result in delays in realising investments.
- 36. Lack of liquidity and efficiency in some of the stock markets or foreign exchange markets in certain emerging markets may mean that from time to time the Investment Manager may experience more difficulty in purchasing or selling holdings of securities than it would in a more developed market.
- 37. There may be no obligation on the part of registration and tax authorities to make official copies of records available to third

parties. In addition, there may be no reliable commercial firms who at present could undertake a comprehensive credit analysis or who could search the records of notary publics to determine whether the assets of an enterprise have been pledged or are otherwise subject to a pledge or other security interest. Accordingly, the extent of due diligence of prospective companies in which a Fund may invest must in some cases be significantly limited as compared with the standards for due diligence in more developed markets.

- 38. The emerging markets in which a Fund may invest are considerably less regulated than many of the world's leading stock markets. In addition, market practices in relation to settlement of securities transactions and custody of assets in such markets can provide a material risk to a Fund. Furthermore, due to the local postal and banking systems, no guarantee can be given that all entitlements attaching to securities acquired by a Fund (including in relation to dividends), can be realised. None of the Company, the Depositary, the Investment Manager, the Administrator, or any of their agents makes any representation or warranty about, or any guarantee of the operation, performance or settlement, clearing and registration of transactions dealing in emerging markets.
- 39. Prospective investors should be aware that safe custody of securities in emerging markets involves risk and considerations which do not normally apply when settling transactions and providing safe custody services in more developed countries. In circumstances such as the insolvency of a sub-custodian or registrar, or retro-active application of legislation, the Company may not be able to establish title to investments made and may suffer losses as a result. The Company may find it impossible to enforce its rights against third parties.
- 40. Custody services are very often undeveloped and, although the Company will endeavour to put into place control mechanisms, including the selection of agents to register emerging markets securities on behalf of a Fund, there is a significant transaction and custody risk of dealing in securities of emerging markets.
- 41. The value of the assets of the Company will be affected by fluctuations in the value of the currencies in which the Company's investments are quoted or denominated relative to the Base Currency of the relevant Fund. Currency exchange rates in emerging markets may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time, in addition causing, together with other factors, the fluctuation of the Net Asset Value. Currency exchange rates may be affected by market perception of the relative merits of investment in emerging markets, actual and anticipated changes in interest rates, intervention by governments and certain banks or political developments. The Company may incur costs in connection with conversion between various currencies.

# Russia

42. Russia has weaker corporate governance, auditing, and financial reporting standards than those in developed markets, which could result in a less thorough understanding of the financial condition, results of operations and cash flow of companies in which a Fund may be invested in. Accordingly, an investment in a Russian corporate will not afford the same level of investor protection as would apply in more developed jurisdictions. Indeed, investments in Russia are subject to certain heightened risks with regard to the ownership and custody of securities. The ownership is evidenced by entries in the books of a company or its registrar (which is neither an agent nor responsible to the Depositary). No certificates representing ownership of such companies will be held by the Depositary or any of its local correspondents or in an effective central depository system. As a result of this system and the lack of effective state regulation and enforcement, the Fund could lose its registration and ownership of such securities through fraud, negligence state expropriation or even mere oversight. In addition, fixed income securities in Russia have an increased custodial risk associated with them as such securities are, in accordance with market practice, held in custody with institutions which may not have adequate insurance. In particular, investments in Russia shall be subject to a particular monitoring, notably in the light of the geopolitical situation and the potential impact on investments made by the Fund. As such, investments in Russia will be consequently monitored to ensure full compliance with all applicable international sanctions and requirements for the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing.

# Fixed Income Securities Risk

- 43. Funds which invest in fixed income securities will be subject to interest rate and credit risk, and the additional risks associated with securities such as high-yield securities or asset-backed securities.
- 44. Fixed income securities are subject to the risk of an issuer's ability to meet principal and interest payments on the obligation (credit risk), and may also be subject to price volatility due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of

the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity (market risk). A Fund may invest in Fixed Income Securities which are interest rate sensitive. An increase in interest rates will generally reduce the value of Fixed Income Securities, while a decline in interest rates will generally increase the value of Fixed Income Securities. The performance of such Funds will therefore depend in part on the ability to anticipate and respond to such fluctuations on market interest rates, and to utilise appropriate strategies to maximise returns, while attempting to minimise the associated risks to investment capital.

- 45. The value of fixed income securities will generally increase when interest rates fall and decrease when interest rates rise. Fixed income securities with greater interest rate sensitivity and longer maturities are usually subject to greater fluctuations in value in response to interest rate changes.
- 46. Funds which invest in fixed income securities are subject to the risk that an issuer will fail to make timely payments of interest and principal. Issuers with higher credit risk typically offer higher yields for this added risk. Conversely, issuers with lower credit risk typically offer lower yields.

# **High Yield Securities**

- 47. High yield securities are medium or lower rated securities and unrated securities of comparable quality, sometimes referred to as "junk bonds" Generally, medium or lower rated securities and unrated securities of comparable quality offer a higher current yield than is offered by higher rated securities but also (i) will likely have some quality and protective characteristics that, in the judgment of the rating organisations, are outweighed by large uncertainties or major risk exposures to adverse conditions and (ii) are predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation. The market values of certain of these securities also tend to be more sensitive to individual corporate developments and changes in economic conditions than higher quality bonds. securities and comparable unrated securities. In addition, medium and lower rated generally present a higher degree of credit risk. The risk of loss due to default by these issuers is significantly greater because medium and lower rated securities and unrated securities of comparable quality generally are unsecured and frequently are subordinated to the prior payment of senior indebtedness. In light of these risks, the Investment Manager, in evaluating the creditworthiness of an issue, whether rated or unrated, will take various factors into consideration which may include, as applicable, the issuer's financial resources, its sensitivity to economic conditions and trends, the operating history of and the community support for the facility financed by the issue, the ability of the issuer's management and regulatory matters. In addition, the market value of securities in lower rated categories is more volatile than that of higher quality securities and the markets in which medium and lower rated or unrated securities are traded are more limited than those in which higher rated securities are traded. The existence of limited markets may make it more difficult for a fund to obtain accurate market quotations for purposes of valuing its portfolio and calculating its Net Asset Value. Moreover, the lack of a liquid trading market may restrict the availability of securities for a Fund to purchase and may also have the effect of limiting the ability of a Fund to sell securities at their fair value, either to meet redemption requests or to respond to changes in the economy or the financial markets.
- 48. Lower rated debt obligations also present risks based on payment expectations. If an issuer calls the obligation for redemption, a Fund may have to replace the security with a lower yielding security, resulting in a decreased return for investors. Also, as the principal value of bonds moves inversely with movements in interest rates, in the event of rising interest rates, the value of the securities held by a Fund may decline proportionately more than a portfolio consisting of higher rated securities. If a Fund experiences unexpected net redemption, it may be forced to sell its higher rated bonds, resulting in a decline in the overall credit quality of the securities held by the Fund and increasing the exposure of the Fund to the risks of lower rated securities.

# **Negative Yields**

49. Certain Funds may invest in fixed income instruments which, in certain cases, may trade at a negative yield. When a Fund invests in a negative yielding fixed income instrument, the value of the Fund's investment will reduce on a daily basis by the amount of the negative yield and the Fund may not get back its full investment.

## Downgrading Risk

50. The credit ratings given to fixed income securities may be subject to changes. The downgrading of a rated fixed income securities could decrease the value and liquidity of the security, particularly in a thinly traded market, and also increase the

price volatility. The Company may continue to invest in securities that are downgraded after purchase.

# Non-Investment Grade Securities

51. Non-investment grade securities have a lower credit rating than investment grade securities or are unrated and are generally considered to have a higher credit risk than more highly rated securities. In addition, non-investment grade securities tend to be more volatile than higher rated securities, so that adverse economic events may have a greater impact on the prices of non-investment grade securities than on higher rated securities. The market for securities which are rated below investment grade, have a lower credit rating or are unrated generally has lower liquidity and is less active than that for higher rated securities and a Fund's ability to liquidate its holdings in response to changes in the economy or the financial markets may be further limited by such factors as adverse publicity and investor perceptions. Certain Funds may invest in securities rated below investment grade.

# **Unrated Securities**

52. Some Funds may invest in securities that are not rated. As they are unrated these securities may be subject to greater price volatility and Funds investing in these securities must rely on the Investment Adviser(s)' credit assessment of such securities and are in particular subject to a high credit risk.

### Sovereign Debt

53. Certain countries and government entities rely more heavily than others upon foreign investment and the international markets for funding. Investment in sovereign debt issued or guaranteed by such countries or government entities involves a high degree of risk as the issuing entity may be unable or unwilling to repay the principal or interest when due in accordance with the terms of the debt. As a result, there may be a risk that the issuing entity will reschedule repayment or default on the debt.

### **Equity Risk**

54. Funds which invest in equity securities are subject to the volatility of the capital markets on which these securities are traded and may incur significant losses. The price of equities can be influenced by many factors at the individual company level, as well as by broader economic and political developments, including trends in economic growth, inflation and interest rates, corporate earnings reports, demographic trends and catastrophic events.

### **Depositary Receipts**

55. Depositary receipts (such as American Depositary Receipts, Global Depositary Receipts, and European Depositary Receipts) are instruments that represent shares in companies trading outside the markets in which the depositary receipts are traded. Accordingly, there may be other risks associated with such instruments to consider- for example the shares underlying the instruments may be subject to political, inflationary, exchange rate or custody risks.

### Small and mid-sized companies

56. The stock prices of small and mid-sized companies tend to be more volatile than the stock prices of larger companies. Smaller companies may have limited resources and product ranges and therefore may be more sensitive to changes in market conditions. The stocks of smaller companies are traded less frequently and in lower volumes than those of larger companies and this may contribute to greater stock price volatility.

### Laws and Regulations

57. The Funds must comply with regulatory constraints and may face a number of legal and regulatory risks, such as contradictory interpretations or applications of laws, incomplete, unclear and changing laws affecting the Investments, restrictions on general public access to regulations, practice and customs, ignorance or breaches of laws on the part of counterparties and other market participants, incomplete or incorrect transaction documents, lack of established or effective avenues for legal redress, inadequate investor protection, or lack of enforcement of existing laws. Difficulties in asserting, protecting, and enforcing rights may have a material adverse effect on the Funds and their operations and might lead to a change in the investment policy and objectives followed by a Fund.

## **Political Factors**

58. The performance of the Shares or the possibility to purchase, sell, or repurchase may be affected by changes in general economic conditions and uncertainties such as political developments, changes in government policies, the imposition of restrictions on the transfer of capital and changes in regulatory requirements.

# **Epidemics / Pandemics / Outbreaks**

59. The performance of the Shares depends on the performance of the investments of the Funds, which could also be adversely affected by the effects of epidemics, pandemics or outbreaks of communicable diseases. In response to intensifying efforts to contain epidemics, pandemics or outbreaks of communicable diseases, governments around the world may take a number of actions, such as prohibiting residents' freedom of movement, encouraging or ordering employees to work remotely from home, and banning public activities and events, among others. Any prolonged disruption of businesses could negatively impact financial conditions. The performance of the Shares could be adversely affected to the extent that any of these epidemics, pandemics or outbreaks harms the economy in general.

#### **Taxation Risks**

- 60. The attention of potential investors is drawn to the taxation risks associated with investing in the Company below. Please also see the heading "Taxation" in this Prospectus.
- 61. Each of the Company and any collective investment undertakings in which it invests (each, for the purposes of this paragraph 8, a "relevant entity") 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 relevant entity is incorporated, established or resident for tax purposes. A relevant entity 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 a relevant entity or the counterparty to a transaction involving a relevant entity is incorporated, established or resident for tax purposes. Where a relevant entity 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 relevant entity may not be able to recover such tax and so any change would have an adverse effect on the Net Asset Value of the Shares.
- 62. Where a relevant entity 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 or prior periods by the relevant entity (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 Fund.
- 63. The levels and bases of, and reliefs from, taxation are those that currently apply and may change in the future. The value of current tax reliefs depends on individual circumstances. Each investor or prospective investor should seek independent professional tax advice.
- 64. It should further be noted that the pace of evolution of fiscal policy and practice has been lately quickened due to a number of developments. In particular, the OECD together with the G20 countries have committed to address abusive global tax avoidance, referred to as base erosion and profit shifting ("BEPS") through 15 actions detailed in reports released on 5 October 2015 and through the Inclusive Framework on a global consensus solution to reform the international corporate tax system via a two-pillar plan agreed in 2021 which seek to address the tax challenges arising from the digitalisation of the economy, and would apply to large multi-national enterprises (so-called BEPS 2.0).
- 65. As part of the BEPS project, new rules dealing *inter alia* with the abuse of double tax treaties, the definition of permanent establishments, controlled foreign companies, restriction on the deductibility of excessive interest payments and hybrid mismatch arrangements, are being introduced into respective domestic law of BEPS member states *via* notably European directives and a multilateral instrument.
- 66. The EU Council has adopted two Anti-Tax Avoidance Directives (i.e., Council Directive (EU) 2016/1164 of 12 July 2016 laying

down rules against tax avoidance practices that directly affect the functioning of the internal market ("ATAD I") and Council Directive (EU) 2017/952 of 29 May 2017 amending ATAD I as regards hybrid mismatches with third countries ("ATAD II")) that address many of the above-mentioned issues. The measures included in ATAD I and ATAD II have been implemented into Luxembourg domestic law by the law of 21 December 2018 and the law of 20 December 2019. Most of the measures have been applicable since 1 January 2019 and 1 January 2020, respectively, while the reverse hybrid rules have been applicable as from tax year 2022. These measures may have a material impact on how returns to Shareholders are taxed.

- 67. Furthermore, the Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (the "MLI") was published by the OECD on 24 November 2016. The aim of the MLI is to update international tax rules and lessen the opportunity for tax avoidance by transposing the results from the BEPS project into more than 2,000 double tax treaties worldwide. A number of jurisdictions (including Luxembourg) have signed the MLI. Luxembourg ratified the MLI through the law of 7 March 2019 and deposited its instrument of ratification with the OECD on 9 April 2019. As a result, the MLI entered into force for Luxembourg on 1 August 2019. Its application per double tax treaty concluded by Luxembourg will depend on the ratification by the other contracting state and on the type of tax concerned. Subsequent changes in tax treaties negotiated by Luxembourg could adversely affect the returns to the Company from its investment portfolios and thus the returns to the Shareholders from the Company.
- 68. Under the terms of the FATCA Law and CRS Law (as defined under the heading "Taxation" in this Prospectus), the Company is likely to be treated as a Luxembourg Reporting Financial Institution. As such, the Company may require all investors to provide documentary evidence of their tax residence and all other information deemed necessary to comply with the abovementioned regulations.
  - 69. Should the Company become subject to a withholding tax and/or penalties as a result of non-compliance under the FATCA Law and/or penalties as a result of non-compliance under the CRS Law, the value of the Shares held by all Shareholders may be materially affected.
  - 70. Furthermore, the Company may also be required to withhold tax on certain payments to its Shareholders which would not be compliant with FATCA (*i.e.*, the so-called foreign passthru payments withholding tax obligation).
- 71. Following the adoption of the Luxembourg law of 25 March 2020, as amended from time to time (the "DAC 6 Law") implementing Council Directive (EU) 2018/822 of 25 May 2018 amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation in relation to reportable cross-border arrangements ("DAC 6"), certain intermediaries and, in certain cases, taxpayers have to report to the Luxembourg tax authorities within a specific timeframe certain information on reportable cross-border arrangements.
  - 72. A reportable cross-border arrangement covers any cross-border arrangement that is linked to one or more of certain types of taxes, and contains at least one hallmark (i.e., a characteristic or feature that presents an indication of a potential risk of tax avoidance) as set out in the DAC 6 Law. A cross-border arrangement will only fall within the scope of the DAC 6 Law if one of the following triggering events occurs: the arrangement is made available, or is ready for implementation, or the first step of the implementation of the arrangement is taken; or aid, assistance or advice is provided with respect to designing, marketing, organising, making available for implementation or managing the implementation of a reportable cross-border arrangement.
  - 73. The reported information will be automatically exchanged by the Luxembourg tax authorities with the competent authorities of all other EU Member States. As the case may be, the Company may take any action that it deems required, necessary, advisable, desirable or convenient to comply with the reporting obligations imposed on intermediaries and/or taxpayers pursuant to the DAC 6 Law. Failure to provide the necessary information under DAC 6 may result in the application of fines or penalties in the relevant EU jurisdiction(s) involved in the cross-border arrangement at stake. Under the DAC 6 Law, late reporting, incomplete or inaccurate reporting, or non-reporting may be subject to a fine of up to EUR 250,000.
  - 74. Potential investors should note that in respect of a Fund, all or part of that Fund's fees and expenses may be charged to the capital of the Fund. Where such a policy is applied, it will have the effect of lowering the capital value of a Shareholder's investment.
  - 75. Shares may not at any time be offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or

benefit of, a US Person. Any issue, sale or transfer in violation of this restriction will not be binding upon the Company and may constitute a violation of US law.

- 76. Shares may not be issued or transferred other than to a person who, in writing to the Company, shall, among other things, (A) represent that such person is not a US Person and is not purchasing such Share for the account or benefit of a US Person, (B) shall agree to notify the Company promptly if, at any time while it remains a holder of any Share, such person should become a US Person or shall hold any Share for the account or benefit of a US Person, and (C) shall agree to indemnify the Company from and against any losses, damages, costs or expenses arising in connection with a breach of the representations and agreement set forth above.
  - If, at any time, a Shareholder shall become a US Person or shall hold any Share on behalf of a US Person, that Shareholder shall notify the Company immediately and the Company shall have the right to direct the Shareholder to either (i) apply for the transfer of the Shares to a non US Person in accordance with the procedures described under "Transfer of Shares" or (ii) redeem the Shares as provided under "Redemptions", failing which such Shareholder, on the date specified in the notice referred to above, shall be compulsorily redeemed.
- 77. The Company may from time-to-time purchase investments that will subject the Company to withholding taxes or exchange controls in various jurisdictions. In the event that withholding taxes or exchange controls are imposed with respect to any of the Company's investments, the effect generally reduces the income received by the Company on its investments.

### Financial derivative instruments

- 78. Each Fund may use financial derivative instruments subject to the limits and conditions set out in the Investment Restrictions and its investment objective and investment policy. Each Fund does not intend to use derivative transactions for the sole purpose of speculating or achieving leverage but may use them for efficient portfolio management and/or risk management. For a Fund that uses financial derivative instruments to meet its specific investment objective, there is no guarantee that the performance of the financial derivative instruments will result in a positive effect for the Fund and its Shareholders.
- 79. While the prudent use of derivatives may be beneficial, derivatives also involve risks different from, and, in certain cases, greater than, the risks presented by more traditional investments. If so provided in its investment policy, a Fund may engage various investment strategies with a view to reducing certain of its risks and/or enhancing return. These strategies may include the use of derivative instruments such as options, warrants, swaps, forwards, and/or futures. Such strategies may be unsuccessful and incur losses for the Fund. In particular, forward and futures contracts tend to have a greater volatility than the securities to which they relate, and they bear a correspondingly greater degree of risk.
- 80. These risks relate notably to market risks (as a position in a derivative instrument can introduce (non-linear) exposures to a multitude of market variables), management risk, counterparty risk, liquidity risk, the risk of mispricing or improper valuation of derivatives and the risk that derivatives may not correlate perfectly with underlying assets, interest rates and indices.
- 81. From time to time, the counterparties with which the Company effects transactions might cease making markets or quoting prices in certain of the instruments. In such instances, the Company might be unable to enter into a desired transaction in currencies, credit default swaps or total return swaps or to enter into an offsetting transaction with respect to an open position, which might adversely affect its performance. Positions in OTC-derivative instruments introduce counterparty credit risk. Because of the low margin deposits normally required in trading derivative instruments, a high degree of leverage is typical for trading in derivatives instruments. As a result, a relatively small price movement in a derivative contract may result in substantial losses to the investor. Investment in derivative transactions may result in losses in excess of the amount invested.

In general, there is less governmental regulation and supervision of transactions in the OTC markets (in which currencies, forward, spot and option contracts, credit default swaps, total return swaps and certain options on currencies are generally traded) than of transactions entered into on organised exchanges. In addition, many of the protections afforded to participants on some organised exchanges, such as the performance guarantee of an exchange clearing house, may not be available in connection with OTC transactions. The Company will only enter into transactions with counterparties which it believes to be creditworthy and may reduce the exposure incurred in connection with such transactions through the receipt of letters of credit or collateral from certain counterparties. Regardless of the measures the Company may seek to implement

- to reduce counterparty credit risk, however, there can be no assurance that a counterparty will not default or that a Fund will not sustain losses as a result.
- 82. Certain Funds may invest in equity linked securities or equity linked instruments such as warrants. For Funds investing in warrants there may be a higher degree of risk so that a relatively small movement in the price of the underlying security may result in a disproportionately large movement in the price of the warrant. Although the Funds' exposure to warrants may be strictly controlled, the value of Shares in the Funds investing in warrants may be subject to significant fluctuations.

# **Currency Hedging**

83. The Currency Hedging Manager will employ techniques and instruments, including financial derivative instruments, intended to provide protection so far as possible against movements of the Reference Currency in which the Hedged Share Classes are denominated against movements in the Base Currency of the relevant Fund. All costs and gains/losses of such hedging transactions are borne separately by the respective Share Classes. It should be noted that the hedging strategy employed by a Fund will not completely eliminate the exposure of the Hedged Share Classes to currency movements. This may be for a number of reasons including, without limitation, (i) hedging transactions may be effected sometime after subscription proceeds are credited to the relevant Fund, (ii) hedging transactions may be effected by reference to a benchmark selected by the relevant Fund and not by reference to the actual currency composition of the Fund, and (iii) constructing a hedging strategy that ensures ongoing compliance with limits in this Prospectus and/or under applicable law and regulation relating to the use of hedging instruments can result in a strategy that is unlikely to result in a perfect hedge of currency exposures at all times. While the Currency Hedging Manager will attempt to hedge this risk in relation to Hedged Share Classes, there can be no guarantee that it will be successful in doing so. The use of hedging strategies may substantially limit Shareholders in the relevant Hedged Share Classes from benefiting if the currency of denomination of the Hedged Share Classes falls against the base currency of the relevant Fund and/or the currency in which some or all of the assets of a Fund are denominated. Given that there is no segregation of liabilities between Share Classes, there may be a remote risk that, under certain circumstances, currency hedging transactions in relation to one Share Class could result in liabilities which might affect the Net Asset Value of the other Share Classes of the same Fund. An up-to-date list of the share classes which employ currency hedging is available upon request at the registered office of the Management Company.

# Inflation/Deflation Risk

84. Inflation risk refers to the possibility of a reduction in the value of the income or assets as inflation decreases the value of money. The real value of a Fund's portfolio could decline as inflation increases. Deflation risk is the risk that prices throughout the economy may decline over time. Deflation may have an adverse effect on the creditworthiness of issuers and may make issuer default more likely, which may result in a decline in the value of a Fund's portfolio.

# Withdrawal of the UK from the EU

- 85. As at the date of this Prospectus, the exit by the United Kingdom from the EU ("Brexit") has resulted in global economic and political uncertainty and it is unknown what the impact shall be on the economic or political environment of each of the UK and the EU.
- 86. On 29 March 2017, the UK's government gave notice of its intention to withdraw from the EU pursuant to Article 50 on the Treaty of the EU. On 31 January 2020 at 11 p.m. (London Time), the UK exited from the EU. On the basis of the agreement for an orderly withdrawal of the UK from the EU, the UK benefited from a transitionary period, pursuant to which all EU Treaties and EU legislation still applied to the UK. This transitionary period ended on 31 December 2020. Since the end of this transitionary period, the UK is considered a third country.
- 87. An agreement determines the terms of the UK's relationship with the EU, including the terms of trade between the UK and the EU, after such transitionary period. In addition, the UK is required to negotiate with other countries with which the UK previously traded on the basis of agreements concluded with the EU (having been members thereof).
- 88. The UK's exit from the EU may result in regulatory change for the UK since a significant portion of the UK regulatory regime is derived from EU directives and regulations. Such uncertainty could lead to a high degree of economic and market disruption and uncertainty. It is not possible to ascertain how long this period will last and the impact it will have within the EU markets,

including market value and liquidity, as well as the assets held by the Funds. Such conditions could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Company, the Management Company, the Investment Manager, the Sub-Investment Manager(s), and other transaction parties. The Company, the Management Company, the Investment Manager, and the Sub-Investment Manager(s) cannot predict when political stability will return, or when the market conditions relating to the assets held by the Funds will stabilise.

### **Fund of Funds**

89. The Investment Manager seeks to monitor investments and trading activities of the collective investment undertakings in which the Funds may invest. However, investment decisions are normally made independently at the level of the underlying collective investment undertaking and are solely subject to the restrictions applicable to those underlying collective investment undertakings. None of the Company, the Investment Manager or the Depositary are liable for compliance with such restrictions.

It is possible that some investment managers of the underlying collective investment undertakings will take positions in the same security or in issues of the same industry or country or in the same currency or commodity at the same time. Consequently, it is possible that one collective investment undertaking may purchase an instrument at the same time as another collective investment undertaking decides to sell it. There is no guarantee that the selection of the underlying collective investment undertaking will actually result in diversification of investment styles and that the positions taken by the underlying collective investment undertakings will always be consistent.

90. Investments in other UCITS and other collective investment undertakings do usually entail a duplication of entrance, management, administration, depositary charges and taxes. However, such duplication is expected to be partly reduced by obtaining waiver of, or re-allowances on, sales commission by the UCITS and other collective investment undertakings in which investments will be made or by investing in UCITS and other collective investment undertakings or classes of UCITS or other collective investment undertakings shares exempt of sales commission.

No duplication of subscription and redemption charges will be incurred by a Fund in the case of investments in UCITS and other collective investment undertakings managed by the Investment Manager or its subsidiaries. See also the Investment Restrictions.

91. Where a Fund is investing all or part of its assets in UCITS or other collective investment undertakings denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency of a Fund, the Fund may enter into forward foreign exchange transactions in order to manage the foreign exchange risks arising from holding such instruments and in order to protect the value of its Investments against short-term market volatility. These techniques may not always be possible or effective in limiting losses.

# MiFID 2

92. MiFID 2 imposes new regulatory obligations on the Investment Manager or other service providers of the Company. These regulatory obligations may lead to increased compliance obligations upon and accrued expenses for the Investment Manager, the Company and/or any Fund. In particular, MiFID 2 requires certain standardised OTC derivatives to be executed on regulated trading venues. The overall impact of MiFID II on the Company remains highly uncertain and it is unclear how the OTC derivatives markets will adapt in the future to this regulatory regime. In addition, MiFID II introduces wider transparency regimes in respect of trading on EU trading venues and with EU counterparties. MiFID II extends the pre- and post-trade transparency regimes from equities traded on a Regulated Market to cover equity-like instruments such as depositary receipts, exchange-traded funds, and certificates that are traded on regulated trading venues as well as to cover non-equities such as bonds, structured finance products, emission allowances, and derivatives. The increased transparency regime under MiFID II, together with the restrictions on the use of "dark pools" and other trading venues, will mean a wealth of new information relating to price discovery becoming available. Such increased transparency and price discovery may have macro effects on trading globally, which may have an adverse effect on the Net Asset Value of the Funds.

# Sustainability Risks

93. Sustainability Risks are principally linked to climate-related events resulting from climate change (so-called physical risks) or to the society's response to climate change (so-called transition risks), which may result in unanticipated losses that could

affect a Fund's investments and financial condition. Social events (e.g., inequality, inclusiveness, labour relations, investment in human capital, accident prevention, changing customer behavior, etc.) or governance shortcomings (e.g., recurrent significant breach of international agreements, bribery issues, products quality and safety, selling practices, etc.) may also translate into Sustainability Risks.

The foregoing risk factors do not purport to be a complete list of the risks involved in investing in the Company. Prospective investors should read the entire Prospectus and fully evaluate all other information that they deem to be necessary to determine whether or not to invest in the Company. Prospective investors should ensure that they fully understand the content of this Prospectus and should consult their stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser for advice.

### MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

# **The Directors**

The Directors are responsible for the overall management and control of the Company in accordance with the Articles. The Directors are further responsible for the implementation of each Fund's investment objective and policies as well as for oversight of the administration and operation of each Fund.

The Directors shall have the broadest powers to act in any circumstances on behalf of the Company, subject to the powers reserved by law to the Shareholders.

The Company shall be managed by the Management Company subject to the overall supervision and control of the Board of Directors whose details and countries of residence are set out below. The Directors are all non-executive directors of the Company.

#### **Thomas Nummer**

Thomas Nummer, a former investment manager, acts as an independent director for a number of investment funds and management companies and has over 20 years of experience in the financial industry. He is a seasoned risk manager with specialist knowledge of investment compliance and risk management within UCITS and alternatives funds. His country of residence is Germany.

#### Florence Stainier

Florence Stainier is a Partner of Arendt & Medernach where she specialises in legal and regulatory matters related to investment funds and management entities. She was admitted to the Luxembourg Bar in 2004. She is a member of several working groups of the Association of the Luxembourg Fund Industry (ALFI) in particular relating to MiFID, Distribution, Islamic finance and UCITS matters. She is also a member of the Luxembourg Association of Compliance Officers (ALCO). Her country of residence is the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

### Nick O'Donoghue

Nick O'Donoghue is a director at Barclays Bank PLC and is the Head of Funds. He has over 16 years' experience in the financial services industry, encompassing wealth management and investment banking. His country of residence is England.

# **Management Company**

The Company has appointed FundRock Management Company S.A., to serve as its management company within the meaning of the 2010 Law, pursuant to a management company agreement, as amended from time to time, between the Company and the Management Company (the "Management Company Agreement").

The Management Company is organised under the laws of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg as a public limited company. It is authorised by the CSSF to act as chapter 15 Management Company pursuant to the 2010 Law.

The Management Company is registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register (*Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés de Luxembourg*) under number B 104.196. The share capital (all fully subscribed and paid-up) of the Management Company currently amounts to ten million Euro (EUR 10,000,000.).

As of the date of this Prospectus, the Board of Directors of the Management Company is set out in the Directory.

The following persons have been appointed as conducting officers (*dirigeants*) of the Management Company, as referred to in Article 102 of the 2010 Law and CSSF Circular 18/698:

- Mr. Romain Denis, Executive Director Managing Director
- Mr. Emmanuel Nantas, Director Compliance
- Mr. Franck Caramelle, Head of Alternative Investments
- Mr. Khalil Haddad, Head of Valuation
- Mr. Karl Fuehrer, Global Head of Investment Management Oversight

The Management Company is responsible, subject to the overall responsibility and supervision of the Board of Directors, for the provision of portfolio and risk management services, administrative services and marketing services to the Company, and more generally for the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Company as further described in the Management Company Agreement.

The Management Company shall be entitled to delegate all or part of the above duties to any person or entity, which it will consider appropriate, as further detailed below.

The Management Company will monitor the activities of the third parties to which it has delegated functions on a continued basis. The agreements entered into between the Management Company and the relevant third parties provide that the Management Company can give further instructions to such third parties, and that it can withdraw their mandate with immediate effect if this is in the interest of the Shareholders at any time. The Management Company's liability towards the Fund is not affected by the fact that it has delegated certain functions to third parties.

The Management Company also acts as management company for other investment funds. The names of these other funds are available upon request at the registered office of the Management Company.

The Management Company has established and applies a remuneration policy in accordance with principles laid out under the Directive and any related legal and regulatory provisions applicable in Luxembourg.

The remuneration policy is aligned with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of the Management Company and the UCITS that it manages and of the investors in such UCITS, and which includes, inter alia, measures to avoid conflicts of interest; and it is consistent with and promotes sound and effective risk management and does not encourage risk taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles, rules or instruments of incorporation of the UCITS that the Management Company manages.

As an independent management company relying on a delegation model (i.e., delegation of the collective portfolio management function), the Management Company ensures that its remuneration policy adequately reflects the predominance of its oversight activity within its core activities. As such, it should be noted that the Management Company's employees who are identified as risk-takers under the Directive are not remunerated based on the performance of the UCITS under management.

The Management Company's remuneration policy, in a multi-year framework, ensures a balanced regime where remuneration both drives and rewards the performance of its employees in a measured, fair and well-thought-out fashion, which relies on the following principles\*:

- Identification of the persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits (under the supervision of the remuneration committee and subject to the control of an independent internal audit committee);
- Identification of the functions performed within the Management Company which may impact the performance of the entities under management;
- Calculation of remuneration and benefits based on the combination of individual and company's performance assessment;
- Determination of a balanced remuneration (fixed and variable);
- Implementation of an appropriate retention policy with regards to financial instruments used as variable remuneration;
- Deferral of variable remuneration over 3-year periods; and
- Implementation of control procedures/adequate contractual arrangements on the remuneration guidelines set up by the Management Company's respective portfolio management delegates.
- \* It should be noted that, upon issuance of regulatory guidelines, this remuneration policy may be subject to certain amendments and/or adjustments.

The up-to-date remuneration policy of the Management Company, 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 committee exists, are available at: <a href="https://www.fundrock.com/remuneration-policy/">https://www.fundrock.com/remuneration-policy/</a> and a paper copy will be made available free of charge upon request at the Management Company's registered office.

### The Investment Manager

Upon recommendation and with the consent of the Company, the Management Company has appointed Barclays Investment Solutions Limited as the Company's investment manager pursuant to an investment management agreement, as amended from time to time, between the Management Company and the Investment Manager (the "Investment Management Agreement"). The Investment Manager will be responsible for the management of the investment of the assets of the Company, subject always to the

supervision and direction of the Management Company and the Directors.

The Investment Manager is a private limited company registered in England with registered number 02752982 on 5 October 1992. The ultimate holding company of the Investment Manager is Barclays Bank PLC, incorporated in England and Wales. Details of the Investment Manager's registered office are set out in the Directory. The principal activity of the Investment Manager is the provision of financial services. The Investment Manager is authorised and regulated by the FCA.

The Investment Manager may, with consent of the Management Company and in accordance with the FCA Rules, appoint sub-investment managers to whom it may delegate all or part of the day-to-day conduct of its investment management responsibilities in respect of any Fund. If more than one sub-investment manager is appointed to a Fund; the Investment Manager shall allocate the assets of the Fund between the sub-investment managers in such proportions as it shall, at its discretion, determine. In all cases, such delegation will be subject to the prior approval of the CSSF.

# The Sub-Investment Manager

The Investment Manager has delegated its investment management functions, in relation to the following Funds (the "GlobalBeta Funds"), to BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited:

Barclays GlobalBeta Portfolio 1

Barclays GlobalBeta Portfolio 2

Barclays GlobalBeta Portfolio 3

Barclays GlobalBeta Portfolio 4

Barclays GlobalBeta Portfolio 5

BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited shall manage the investments of these Funds in accordance with stated investment objectives, policies and restrictions and, on a discretionary basis, acquire and dispose of assets of the Funds.

BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited is a private limited company registered in England with registered number 2020394. Its head office is at 12 Throgmorton Avenue London EC2N 2DL, United Kingdom. It is authorised and regulated by the FCA. The terms of the appointment of BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited are specified in the sub-investment management agreement, as amended from time to time.

# The Lead Distributor

Upon recommendation and with the consent of the Company, the Management Company has appointed a Lead Distributor pursuant to a lead distribution agreement as amended from time to time, between the Company, the Management Company and such Lead Distributor. The Lead Distributor has power under the lead distribution agreement to appoint Distributor(s), sales agents and /or intermediaries.

# The Administrator

Upon recommendation and with the consent of the Company, the Management Company has appointed Northern Trust Global Services SE as administrator, registrar, transfer agent and domiciliary, pursuant to a central administration services agreement (the "Administration Agreement"), as amended from time to time, between the Company, the Management Company and the Administrator. The Administrator will have the responsibility for the administration of the Company's affairs including the calculation of the Net Asset Value and preparation of the accounts of the Company, subject to the overall supervision of the Management Company.

Northern Trust Global Services SE, is a credit institution constituted as European company (*Societas Europaea*), authorised in Luxembourg under Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Luxembourg law of 5 April 1993 on the financial sector, subject to the supervision by the European Central Bank and the CSSF registered with the Luxembourg Business Registers ("LBR") under number B 232281.

Its registered office is at 10, rue du Château d'Eau, L-3364 Leudelange, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and its ultimate holding company is Northern Trust Corporation which is incorporated in the United States of America.

In order to fulfil its role, the Administrator has entered into outsourcing arrangements with third party service providers being affiliates

from the Northern Trust group (the "Sub-contractors") (more information on these Sub-contractors can be found on the following website <a href="https://locations.northerntrust.com/index.html">https://locations.northerntrust.com/index.html</a>). (As part of these outsourcing arrangements, the Administrator may be required to disclose and transfer personal and confidential information and documents about shareholders and individuals related to the shareholders (the "Related Individuals") such as identification data – including the shareholder and/or the Related Individual's name, address, national identifiers, date and country of birth, etc. account information, contractual and other documentation and transaction information) (the "Confidential Information") to the Sub-contractors (the "Data Transfer"). In accordance with Luxembourg law, the Administrator is required to provide a certain level of information about those outsourcing arrangements to the Company, which, in turn, must be provided by Company to the shareholders.

A description of the purposes of the outsourcing arrangements, the Confidential Information that may be transferred to Sub-contractors thereunder, as well as the country where those Sub-contractors are located is set out below:

Type of Confidential Information transmitted to the Sub-contractors	Country where the Sub-contractors are established	Nature of the outsourced activities
Confidential Information (as defined above)		<ul> <li>set-up and maintenance of fund static data;</li> </ul>
	Ireland India	set-up and maintenance of investor static data;
		<ul> <li>performance of risk assessment and Anti-Money Laundering due diligence on investors, including the ongoing monitoring and processing of overnight Politically Exposed Persons, sanction and Adverse Media alerts;</li> </ul>

Confidential Information may be transferred to Sub-contractors established in countries where professional secrecy or confidentiality obligations are not equivalent to the Luxembourg professional secrecy obligations applicable to the Administrator. In any event, the Administrator is legally bound to, and has committed to the Company that it will enter into outsourcing arrangements with Sub-contractors which are either subject to professional secrecy obligations by application of law or which will be contractually bound to comply with strict confidentiality rules. The Administrator has further committed to the Company that it will take reasonable technical and organisational measures to ensure the confidentiality of the Confidential Information subject to the Data Transfer and to protect Confidential Information against unauthorised processing. Confidential Information will therefore only be accessible to a limited number of persons within the relevant Sub-contractor, on "a need to know" basis and following the principle of the "least privilege". Unless otherwise authorised/required by law, or in order to comply with requests from national or foreign regulatory authorities or law enforcement authorities, the relevant Confidential Information will not be transferred to entities other than the Sub-contractors.

By subscribing to Shares, each Shareholder has consented and agreed to the communication of the Confidential Information by the Administrator to the Sub-contractors.

# The Depositary

The Company has appointed Northern Trust Global Services SE, as depositary of its assets pursuant to a depositary agreement between the Company the Management Company and the Depositary, as amended from time to time, (the "Depositary Agreement").

The Depositary, Northern Trust Global Services SE, is a credit institution constituted as European company (*Societas Europaea*), authorised in Luxembourg under Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Luxembourg law of 5 April 1993 on the financial sector, subject to the supervision by the European Central Bank and the CSSF and registered with the LBR under number B 232281. Its registered office is at 10, rue du Château d'Eau, L-3364 Leudelange, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The Depositary's ultimate holding company is Northern Trust Corporation, a company which is incorporated in the State of Illinois, United States of America.

# **Duties of the Depositary**

The Depositary is entrusted with the safekeeping of the Company's assets. All financial instruments that can be held in custody are

registered in the Depositary's books within segregated accounts, opened in the name of the Company, in respect of each Fund, as the case may be. For other assets than financial instruments and cash, the Depositary must verify the ownership of such assets by the Company in respect of each Fund, as the case may be. Furthermore, the Depositary shall ensure that the Company's cash flows are properly monitored.

The Depositary will also, in accordance with the Luxembourg laws and the Depositary Agreement:

- (i) ensure that the sale, issue, conversion, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of the shares of the Company are carried out in accordance with Luxembourg laws and the Articles;
- (ii) ensure that the value of the shares of the Company is calculated in accordance with Luxembourg laws and the Articles;
- (iii) carry out the instructions of the Company and the Management Company, unless they conflict with Luxembourg laws or the Articles;
- (iv) ensure that in transactions involving the Company's assets any consideration is remitted to the Company within the usual time limits; and
- (v) ensure that the Company's income is applied in accordance with Luxembourg laws and the Articles.

## **Delegation of functions**

Under the terms of 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 Directive and all laws, regulations and guidelines applicable in Luxembourg, as may be amended from time to time ("UCITS Regulations") (ii) the Depositary can demonstrate that there is an objective reason for the delegation and (iii) it 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 its 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. An up-to-date list of third-party delegates appointed by the Depositary and of the delegates of these third-party delegates is available at <a href="https://www.atlasmarketinteractive.com/GlobalMarketsandSubcustodiansListing">www.atlasmarketinteractive.com/GlobalMarketsandSubcustodiansListing</a>.

The Depositary Agreement provides that the Depositary shall be liable, (i) in respect of a loss of a financial instrument held in its custody (or that of its duly appointed delegate) unless it can prove that the loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond the Depositary's reasonable control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable measures to the contrary, and (ii) in respect of all other losses as a result of the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

# **Conflicts of interest**

The Depositary and its affiliate companies provide a variety of services to their clients including those clients for whom the Depositary acts as depositary. As an example, the Management Company has appointed Northern Trust Global Services SE to provide certain administrative functions, including fund accounting, calculation and registrar and transfer agency services to the Company.

Accordingly, potential conflicts of interests may arise which must be appropriately identified, managed and disclosed. In order to meet such regulatory requirements in relation to such conflicts of interests, the Depositary has in place procedures which ensure that it is acting in the best interests of the Shareholders. A key element of ensuring the Depositary acts in the best interests of investors is the operational and organisational separation between the depositary function and the other services provided by the Depositary or its affiliates.

The Depositary has delegated custody services to either an affiliate company or third-party sub-custodians in certain eligible markets in which the Company may invest, listed on <a href="https://www.atlasmarketinteractive.com/GlobalMarketsandSubcustodiansListing">www.atlasmarketinteractive.com/GlobalMarketsandSubcustodiansListing</a>.

It is therefore possible that the Depositary (or any of its affiliates) and/or its sub-delegates may in the course of its or their business be involved in other financial and professional activities which may on occasion have potential conflicts of interest with those of the Company and/or other entities for which the Depositary (or any of its affiliates) acts.

Notwithstanding whether an affiliate company or a third-party sub-custodian has been appointed, the Depositary has undertaken and shall undertake regular due diligence reviews on such sub-custodians utilising identical standard questionnaires and checklists allowing it to manage any conflicts of interests that may potentially arise.

The Depositary does not anticipate that there would be any specific conflicts of interest arising as a result of any delegation to any of the sub-delegates listed on <a href="https://www.atlasmarketinteractive.com/GlobalMarketsandSubcustodiansListing">www.atlasmarketinteractive.com/GlobalMarketsandSubcustodiansListing</a>.

If however a conflict of interests arises, the Depositary will have regard in such event to its obligations under the Depositary Agreement and the UCITS Regulations and, in particular, will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the performance of its duties will not be impaired by any such involvement it may have and that any conflicts which may arise will be resolved fairly and in the best interests of the Shareholders collectively so far as practicable, having regard to its obligations to other clients.

Where the arrangements under the conflicts of interest policies are not sufficient to manage a particular conflict, the Depositary will inform the Company of the nature of the conflict so the Company can choose whether to continue to do business with the Depositary.

#### Miscellaneous

The Depositary Agreement provides that the appointment of the Depositary will continue unless and until terminated by the Company or the Depositary giving to the other parties not less than 6 months' written notice although in certain circumstances the Depositary Agreement may be terminated immediately by the Company or the Depositary provided that the appointment of the Depositary shall continue in force until a replacement Depositary approved by the CSSF has been appointed and provided further that if within a period of 90 days' from the date on which the Depositary notifies the Company of its desire to retire or from the date on which the Company notifies the Depositary of its intention to remove the Depositary, no replacement Depositary shall have been appointed, the Company shall apply to the CSSF for an order to wind up the Company. The Depositary Agreement contains certain indemnities in favour of the Depositary (and each of its officers, employees and delegates) which are restricted to exclude matters arising by reason of the negligent or intentional failure of the Depositary in the performance of its duties.

The Management Company is party to the Depositary Agreement also regulates the flow of information deemed necessary to allow the Depositary to perform its functions as depositary of the Company. The Depositary Agreement describes, in particular, the Depositary's obligations and procedures with respect to the Company's assets, including for the custody and safekeeping of each type of asset of the Company, the procedures applicable in case of modification to the Articles, this Prospectus and other documents relating to the Company, the exchange of information between the Management Company and the Depositary regarding the Company (notably, with respect to delegations and the subscription/redemption of Shares), the Company's compliance with applicable laws and regulations in relation to anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism and the treatment of confidential information.

Any of the information disclosed with regard to the Depositary may be updated from time to time and such up-to-date information is available to investors upon request in writing from the Depositary.

# **Conflicts of Interest**

Due to the widespread operations undertaken by the Directors, the Management Company, the Investment Manager, the Administrator and the Depositary and (where applicable) their respective holding companies, subsidiaries and affiliates (each an "Interested Party") conflicts of interest may arise. Subject to the provisions below, the Interested Parties may effect transactions where those conflicts arise and shall not (subject as below) be liable to account for any profit, commission or other remuneration arising therefrom. Transactions must be in the best interests of Shareholders.

In the event that a conflict of interest does arise the Directors will endeavour, so far as they are reasonably able, to ensure that it is resolved fairly and that investment opportunities are allocated on a fair and equitable basis.

Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the following conflicts of interest may arise.

- (i) An Interested Party may acquire or dispose of any Investment notwithstanding that the same or similar investments may be owned by or for the account of or otherwise connected with the Company.
- (ii) An Interested Party may acquire, hold or dispose of Investments notwithstanding that such Investments had been acquired or disposed of by or on behalf of the Company by virtue of a transaction effected by the Company in which the Interested Party was concerned provided that the acquisition by an Interested Party of such Investments is effected on normal commercial terms negotiated on an arm's length basis and such Investments held by the Company are acquired on the best terms reasonably obtainable having regard to the interests of the Company.

- (iii) The persons or entities involved in managing the UCITS and other collective investment undertakings in which a Fund invests may manage assets of other clients that make investments similar to those made on behalf of those undertakings. Such clients could thus compete for the same trades or investments and whilst available investments or opportunities for each client are generally allocated in a manner believed to be equitable to each, some of those allocation procedures may adversely affect the price paid or received for investments or the size of positions obtained.
- (iv) An Interested Party may deal with the Company as principal or as agent, provided that any such dealings are in the best interests of Shareholders and are carried out as if effected on normal commercial terms negotiated on an arm's length basis, that is as if:
  - A. a certified valuation of the transaction is obtained by a person approved by the Depositary (or the Directors in the case of a transaction with the Depositary) as independent and competent; or
  - B. the transaction is executed on the best terms reasonably obtainable on an organised investment exchange in accordance with the rules of such exchange; or
  - C. where A and B are not practical, execution is on terms which the Depositary (or the Directors in the case of a transaction with the Depositary) is satisfied conforms with the principle that the transaction is in the best interest of the Shareholders and is carried out as if effected on normal commercial terms negotiated at arm's length.
- (v) Certain of the Directors of the Company are or may in the future be connected with the Investment Manager, the Lead Distributor and their affiliates. However, in their capacity as Directors of the Company they will function as persons with independent fiduciary duties and will not be subject to the control of the Investment Manager or other members of the same group of companies. For the avoidance of doubt, the Directors shall not be liable to account to the Company in respect of such conflict, for example, as a result of receiving remuneration as directors or employees of the Company or the Investment Manager.
- (vi) The Management Company's fee is based on a percentage of the Net Asset Value of each Fund. The Management Company and the Investment Manager may provide valuation services to the Administrator (to assist in calculating the Net Asset Value of a Fund) in relation to Investments which are not listed or traded on a Regulated Market.
- (vii) The Company may invest in other collective investment undertakings (which may be operated and/or managed by an Interested Party). Where commission is received by the Company by virtue of an investment in the units/shares of any collective investment undertaking, such commission will be paid into the property of the relevant Fund.
- (viii) The Company may purchase or hold an Investment the issuer of which is an Interested Party or where an Interested Party is its adviser or banker.
- (ix) The Management Company and managers of any other collective investment undertakings in which the Company invests may have an equity stake in their own collective investment undertakings. Conflicts of interest may therefore arise at the level of such collective investment undertakings.

# **Inducements**

Subject at all times to the Company complying with all laws and regulatory requirements applicable to it, including that it enhances the service and does not impair the Company's best interest obligation, the Company may pay fees, commissions or non-monetary benefits to third parties such as distributors and/or other intermediaries. If certain classes of shares are purchased through an authorised intermediary, the Company or any such person authorised on its behalf may, where permitted under the CSSF Rules, pay initial or trail commissions to that intermediary. The Company will also inform shareholders of any initial or trail commission to be paid on a purchase of shares on request.

The Company may, at its discretion, waive any preliminary charge in whole or in part and, subject at all times to the Company complying with all laws and regulatory requirements applicable to it, the Company or any such person authorised on its behalf may, at its discretion, agree and pay rebates in respect of any of its periodic charges to shareholders in respect of holdings in certain Funds (including shareholders that hold those shares as authorised intermediaries).

Save where the Company executes orders or places orders with other entities for execution that relate to financial instruments for

the Funds (see below), in the course of carrying on its collective portfolio management activities generally and subject at all times to the Company complying with all applicable laws and regulatory requirements, the Company may receive fees, commissions or non-monetary benefits from third parties.

Where the Company executes orders or places orders with other entities for execution that relate to financial instruments for the Funds, the Company is not permitted to accept and retain from any third party (or a person on behalf of a third party) any fees, commissions or monetary benefits; or accept any non-monetary benefits (other than, subject at all times to the Company complying with all applicable laws and regulatory requirements, certain acceptable minor non-monetary benefits and, in certain circumstances, research).

If the Company receives any fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party (or a person on behalf of a third party) in relation to the services it provides to any or all of the Fund(s) it shall return such fees, commissions or any monetary benefits to such Fund(s) as soon a reasonably possible after receipt. Also, investors in the Fund(s) shall be informed about the fees, commissions or other monetary benefits transferred through the Company's annual report.

The Investment Manager will not accept or retain any fees, commissions or monetary benefits or accept any non-monetary benefits where these are paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party other than acceptable minor non-monetary benefits, such arrangements shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the Investment Manager will act at all times in the best interest of the Company and the Management Company when entering into soft commission arrangements;
- (ii) the research services provided will be in direct relationship to the activities of the Investment Manager;
- (iii) brokerage commissions on portfolio transactions for the Company will be directed by the Investment Manager to brokerdealers that are entities and not to individuals; and
- (iv) the Investment Manager will provide reports to the Management Company with respect to soft commission arrangements including the nature of the services it receives.

# Meetings

The annual general meeting of Shareholders shall be held each year at the Company's registered office or at any other location in Luxembourg which will be specified in the notice convening the meeting.

The annual general meeting of Shareholders shall be held according to the date, time, and place to be decided by the Board of Directors as permitted by the Articles.

Convening notices for all general meetings of Shareholders shall be sent by mail to all registered Shareholders no less than 8 days before the meeting and shall be published 15 days before the meeting in the *Recueil électronique des sociétés et associations* and in such other Luxembourg newspapers as shall be determined prior to the annual general meeting. Alternatively, convening notices may be sent by registered mail to all of the registered Shareholders no less than 8 days before the meeting. These notices shall include details of the time and place of the meeting, the agenda, conditions for admission and requirements concerning the quorum and majority voting rules as laid down by Luxembourg law.

The annual accounts of the Company, the Auditors' report and the annual report of the Directors will be made available upon request to Shareholders ahead of the annual general meeting of Shareholders.

In accordance with the Articles and Luxembourg law, all decisions taken by the Shareholders pertaining to the Company shall be taken at general meetings of all Shareholders. Any decisions affecting Shareholders in one or several Funds may be taken by just those Shareholders in the relevant Funds to the extent that this is allowed by Luxembourg law. In this particular instance, the requirements on quorum and majority voting rules as laid down in the Articles shall apply.

Each Share gives the right to one vote at any general meeting, or relevant Fund or Class meeting, of Shareholders. Each amendment to the Articles entailing a variation of rights of a Class must be approved by a resolution of the Shareholders' meeting of the Company and that of the Shareholders of the Class concerned.

# **Accounts and Information**

The Company's accounting period starts on 1 September of each year and ends on 31 August of the following year.

The Company will prepare an annual report and audited annual accounts which will be published within four months of the end of the accounting period to which they relate, i.e. by 31 December in each year. Copies of the unaudited half-yearly reports (made up to last calendar day in February) will be published within two months of the end of the half year period to which they relate, *i.e.*, by 30 April in each year.

Copies of this Prospectus, of the Key Investor Information Documents and of the annual and half-yearly reports of the Company may be obtained free of charge from the registered office of the Company and of the Management Company.

# **VALUATION, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND REDEMPTIONS**

#### **Calculation of Net Asset Value**

The Net Asset Value of each Fund is expressed in its Base Currency. The calculation of the Net Asset Value of each Fund and the Net Asset Value attributable to each Class thereof will be carried out by the Administrator in accordance with the requirements of the Articles, and details are set out under the heading "General Information" in this Prospectus. Except when the determination of the Net Asset Value of any Fund has been suspended or postponed in the circumstances set out under the heading "Temporary Suspensions" in this Prospectus, the calculation of the Net Asset Value of each Fund, the Net Asset Value per Share (and, where there is more than one Share Class in a Fund, the Net Asset Value attributable to each Class and the Net Asset Value per Share per Class) will be prepared as at each Valuation Point and will be available to Shareholders on request. The Net Asset Value per Share per Class may differ between each Class within a Fund. The Price (see the definition in the paragraph headed "Single Pricing") shall also be made public at the offices of the Administrator during normal business hours and will be published daily on the Investment Manager's website at <a href="https://www.barclaysinvestments.com">www.barclaysinvestments.com</a> and will be kept up to date. The Price of each Class which is listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange will, upon calculation, be notified promptly by the Administrator to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

The Net Asset Value attributable to any Class of Shares within a Fund will be determined by deducting the share of liabilities of that Class from its share of the assets of the Fund. The Net Asset Value of each Share of each Class will be determined by dividing the Net Asset Value attributable to the Class by the number of Shares of that Class and will be calculated and published in the relevant Reference Currency.

The costs and liabilities/benefits arising from instruments entered into for the purposes of hedging the currency exposure for the benefit of any particular Class of a Fund (where the currency of a particular Class is different to the Base Currency of the Fund) shall be attributable exclusively to that Class.

## **Single Pricing**

Shares will be issued and redeemed at a single price (the "Price") (excluding subscription or redemption charges, if any) which will be the Net Asset Value per Share, which may be adjusted in the manner set out below under "Dilution Adjustment".

As outlined above, the Net Asset Value per Share will be arrived at by dividing the Net Asset Value attributable to a Class by the number of Shares of that Class. The Net Asset Value per Share may be adjusted on any Dealing Day in the manner set out below under "Dilution Adjustment" depending on whether or not a Fund is in a Net Subscription Position or in a Net Redemption Position on such Dealing Day to arrive at the Price.

Where the conditions of the Dilution Adjustment are not met, the Price will always be the unadjusted Net Asset Value per Share rounded to such number of decimal places as the Directors deem appropriate.

The basis on which the assets of each Fund are valued for the purposes of calculating the Net Asset Value per Share is set out under the heading "General Information". This provides that listed Investments will be valued based on the closing mid-market price of such Investments or the last traded price when no closing mid-market price is available and at net asset value in the case of units/shares in collective investment undertakings.

# **Dilution Adjustment**

In certain cases, subscriptions, redemptions or conversions (may also be referred to as "capital activity") in a Fund may have a negative impact on the Net Asset Value per Share. Where subscriptions, redemptions, and conversions cause the Fund to buy and/or sell underlying investments, the value of these investments may be affected by bid/offer spreads ("Spreads"), as well as the Duties and Charges, which may in turn negatively impact the Fund's Net Asset Value per Share, and potentially (negatively) affecting the existing investors of the Fund. This phenomenon is also known as dilution.

To mitigate the effects of dilution, the Directors may, at their discretion and for all Funds, make a dilution adjustment to the Net Asset Value per Share ("Swing Pricing Mechanism"). The Swing Pricing Mechanism aims at protecting interests of the remaining/existing Shareholders from the impact of these transaction costs and related expenses resulting from sizeable subscription and redemption activity.

In particular, the Swing Pricing Mechanism will involve increasing, when the Fund is in a Net Subscription Position, and deducting

from, when the Fund is in a Net Redemption Position, the Net Asset Value per Share by such rate (the "Swing Factor") as the Directors consider represents an appropriate rate to meet Duties and Charges and Spreads. In other words, where a Swing Factor is applied, it will increase the Price where the Fund is in a Net Subscription Position and decrease the Price where the Fund is in a Net Redemption Position.

The Price of each Class in the Fund will be calculated separately but the Swing Factor will similarly be applied to each Class of the same

The Swing Factor shall not exceed 2% of Net Asset Value per Share unless otherwise set out for each Fund in its specific details.

The Swing Pricing Mechanism will be applied each time when the Net Redemption/Subscription Position in a Fund exceeds a given percentage of the net assets of that Fund (the "Threshold"), which has been set by the Directors, based on the recommendation of the Investment Manager, at 0.50% of the net assets of the Fund. On the occasions when the Threshold is not reached, there may be an adverse impact on the total assets of a Fund.

Notwithstanding the above, and where justified to protect the interest of the Shareholders of the Fund, the Directors may in their discretion apply the Swing Pricing Mechanism in other circumstances.

## **Description of Shares**

The Directors have the power to classify the Shares and to differentiate between such Classes as they deem appropriate. The Classes described below may currently be available. In addition, Shares may be issued as Accumulation Shares and/or Distribution Shares. Details of the Funds and Share Classes on offer are set out in Appendix 2.

The Shares of each Class are freely negotiable and have equal rights to the property and income earned in respect of the relevant Class. The Shares do not carry preferential, or pre-emption rights and each Share will have one vote at any general meeting of Shareholders. Registered Shares are in non-certificated form.

Class A Shares are intended for investment primarily by individuals, corporations and institutions who are able to invest at least £1,000 (or the Reference Currency equivalent for the Share Class concerned) in a Fund. This minimum investment amount may be lowered or waived with the prior agreement of the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Directors.

Class B Shares are intended for investment by individuals, corporations and institutions that are able to invest at least £25,000,000 (or the Reference Currency equivalent for the Share Class concerned) in a Fund. This minimum investment amount may be lowered or waived with the prior agreement of the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Directors.

Class C Shares are intended for investment by individuals, corporations and institutions that are able to invest at least £250,000 (or the Reference Currency equivalent for the Share Class concerned) in a Fund. This minimum investment amount may be lowered or waived with the prior agreement of the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Directors.

Class D Shares are intended for investment by individuals, corporations and institutions that are able to invest at least £1,000,000 (or the Reference Currency equivalent for the Share Class concerned) in a Fund. This minimum investment amount may be lowered or waived with the prior agreement of the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Directors. Subject to any discretion of the Directors, Class D Shares are only available for initial subscription investment for a limited time, until the Fund's Net Asset Value reaches £100,000,000 (or the Reference Currency equivalent). Investors in this Share Class may make subsequent subscriptions at any time and are not subject to the above limit on the Fund's Net Asset Value reaching £100,000,000 (or the Reference Currency equivalent). Once the Fund's Net Asset Value has exceeded £100,000,000 (or the Reference Currency Equivalent), Class D Shares will only be available to investors for initial subscription with the prior agreement of the Management Company, the Investment Manager, or the Directors.

Class G Shares are intended for investment by individuals, corporations and institutions that are able to invest at least £10,000,000 (or the Reference Currency equivalent for the Share Class concerned) in a Fund. This minimum investment amount may be lowered or waived with the prior agreement of the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Directors.

Class H Shares are intended for investment by individuals who are able to invest at least £5,000,000 (or the Reference Currency equivalent for the Share Class concerned) in a Fund. This minimum investment amount may be lowered or waived with the prior agreement of the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Directors.

Class I Shares are intended for investment primarily by institutional type investors which conduct life, pension or asset management related business with the Investment Manager or its affiliates and are able to invest at least £10,000,000 (or the Reference Currency equivalent for the Share Class concerned) in a Fund. This minimum investment amount may be lowered or waived with the prior agreement of the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Directors. In any event, Class I Shares shall be reserved for Institutional Investors.

Class K Shares are intended for investment by individuals, corporations and institutions that are able to invest at least £5,000,000 (or the Reference Currency equivalent for the Share Class concerned) in a Fund. This minimum investment amount may be lowered or waived with the prior agreement of the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Directors.

Class R Shares are intended for investment primarily by individuals who are able to invest at least £1,000 (or the Reference Currency equivalent for the Share Class concerned) in a Fund. This minimum investment amount may be lowered or waived with the prior agreement of the Management Company or the Directors. Class R Shares are able to meet the UK's Retail Distribution Review ("RDR") requirements and are intended for purchase only at the discretion of the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Directors.

Class Y Shares are intended for investment primarily by individuals who are able to invest at least £1,000 (or the Reference Currency equivalent for the Share Class concerned) in a Fund. This minimum investment amount may be lowered or waived with the prior agreement of the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Directors.

Class Z Shares are intended for investment by individuals, corporations and institutions that are able to invest at least £40,000,000 (or the Reference Currency equivalent for the Share Class concerned) in a Fund. This minimum investment amount may be lowered or waived with the prior agreement of the Management Company, the Investment Manager or the Directors.

The ongoing expenses of the Classes will differ. Information in respect of the charges and expenses to which the different Classes are or may become subject is set out in the section below headed "Fees and Expenses". Not all Classes will be available in all jurisdictions nor will they be available from all Intermediaries. In addition, the choice of Class or Classes for a given Fund may be limited.

The Net Asset Value per Share for each Class of a particular Fund will thus differ as a result of (among other things) different fees and expenses. The differing distribution policies of Accumulation Shares and Distribution Shares may also result in a different Net Asset Value per Share. Over time, these differences may result in Shares of different Classes of the same Fund, which were bought at the same time, producing different investment returns.

# **Subscriptions**

# **Procedure**

# **Application Forms**

All applicants must fully complete (or arrange to have fully completed under conditions approved by the Directors) the application form in relation to the Company (the "Application Form") and provide all the required supporting documentation in relation to know-your-customer materials and money laundering prevention checks. The Application Form sets out the methods by which and to whom the subscription monies should be sent. Application Forms shall (save as determined by the Company) be irrevocable. If Application Forms and the supporting documentation are sent to the Administrator by facsimile, the applicant bears the risk of non-receipt or any other consequence, and applicants must also send originals of the initial Application Forms together with the supporting documentation so that such originals arrive with the Administrator within three Business Days after the date of such application being faxed to the Administrator. Subscriptions may also be effected by such other means as the Directors and the Management Company may prescribe from time to time. Failure to provide the original initial Application Form by such time may, at the discretion of the Directors, result in the compulsory redemption of the relevant Shares. However, applicants will be unable to redeem Shares on request until the original initial Application Form has been received by the Administrator.

The Lead Distributor and certain of the Distributors may offer a nominee service to investors (each in that capacity, a "Nominee") and investors should make enquiries in that respect with their usual Distributor. The subscription of Shares in the Company may be made under the terms of a nominee agreement between the investors and the relevant Nominee. In such cases, applications should be directed to the relevant Nominee and payment arrangements should be made as advised by the Nominee. The Nominee will apply

for Shares and hold them under the terms of the relevant nominee agreement. Investors who subscribe Shares through the intermediary of the Nominee may request direct ownership by submitting an appropriate request in writing to the Nominee in accordance with the terms of the relevant nominee agreement.

The Company draws the investors' attention to the fact that any investor will only be able to fully exercise its Shareholder rights directly against the Company, notably the right to participate in general Shareholders' meetings, if the investor is registered himself and in his own name in the Shareholders' register of the Company. In cases where an investor invests in the Company through a Nominee (investing into the Company in its own name but on behalf of the investor), it may not always be possible for the investor to exercise certain Shareholder rights directly against the Company. Investors are advised to take advice on their rights.

# Application for Shares in any Class which remains unsubscribed

If no subscription has been received in a Class of a Fund which has already been launched (an "Unsubscribed Class"), the Directors may (i) decide to launch this Unsubscribed Class pursuant to any period set by, or under delegation of, the Directors (which period can be extended or shortened by, or under delegation of, the Directors) or (ii) instruct that this Unsubscribed Class be launched on the Dealing Day where a first subscription for Shares of this Unsubscribed Class is received by the Administrator. The Directors, or their delegates, may decide that the initial offer price per Share of this Unsubscribed Class will either be £10 (or the Reference Currency equivalent of the Share Class concerned) per Share or the Price applicable on the relevant Dealing Day for subscribing to one Share of another Class of the relevant Fund.

If no subscription has been received in an Accumulation Share or Distribution Share category of a Class which has already been launched (an "Unsubscribed Category"), this Unsubscribed Category will be launched on the Dealing Day where a first subscription for Shares of this Unsubscribed Category is received by the Administrator and the initial offer price per Share of this Unsubscribed Category will be the Price applicable on the relevant Dealing Day for subscribing to one Share of the already subscribed category of such Class.

#### Subsequent Offer

Application Forms for Shares in any Class or Fund after the launching of any Unsubscribed Class must be received by the Administrator by the Dealing Cut-off Time for the relevant Fund for the relevant Dealing Day or such other day as the Directors may determine. All subscriptions will be dealt with on a forward pricing basis, i.e., by reference to the Net Asset Value per Share calculated as at the next Valuation Point following the Dealing Cut-off Time. Any applications received after that time will normally be dealt with on the immediately following Dealing Day.

# **Subscription Price**

The subscription price will be equal to the Price (as defined in the section headed "Single Pricing" in this Prospectus) as at the Valuation Point on the relevant Dealing Day on which the application is effective.

The latest Price per Share will be available during normal business hours every Business Day at the office of the Administrator and will be published daily on the Investment Manager's website at <a href="https://www.barclaysinvestments.com">www.barclaysinvestments.com</a>.

### **Initial Sales Charge**

The Articles authorise the Directors to charge a preliminary fee (to be known as an "Initial Sales Charge") on the issue of Shares of any Class up to a maximum of 6% of the amount being subscribed. However, it is the Directors' current intention not to charge an Initial Sales Charge of more than a percentage, as set out in Appendix 3. This preliminary fee shall be payable to Intermediaries.

# **Fractions**

Subscription monies representing less than the Price per Share will not be returned to the applicant. 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 0.001 of a Share. Subscription monies, representing less than 0.001 of a Share will not be returned to the applicant but will be retained by the Company in order to offset administration costs.

# **Subscription Monies**

### Method of Payment

Subscription payments net of all bank charges should be paid by electronic transfer to the bank account specified at the time of dealing (except where local banking practices do not allow electronic bank transfers). Other methods of payment are subject to the prior approval of the Directors and/or the Management Company. 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 normally payable in the Reference Currency of the relevant Class of the relevant Fund. If, however, a Shareholder requests to pay 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. Such currency exchange transactions may delay any dealing in Shares.

## **Timing of Payment**

Payment in respect of subscriptions to all Funds, except the GlobalBeta Funds, Liquid Alternative Strategies and Barclays PB Multi-Asset Diversified Funds, must be received by close of business (Central European Time) five Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day or such other period as the Directors may determine.

Payment in respect of subscriptions to the GlobalBeta Funds must be received by close of business (Central European Time) four Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day or such other period as the Directors may determine.

Payment in respect of subscriptions to the Liquid Alternative Strategies and Barclays PB Multi-Asset Diversified Funds must be received by close of business (Central European Time) two Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day or such other period as the Directors may determine.

If timely settlement is not made, the application may lapse and be cancelled at the costs of the applicant. Failure to make good settlement may result in the Company bringing an action against the defaulting investor or deducting any costs or losses incurred by the Company against any existing holding of the applicant in the Company. Any surplus resulting from the cancellation will be for the benefit of the Company.

#### **Minimum Subscriptions/Holdings**

# **Initial Subscriptions**

The minimum initial subscription amounts for Shares (which may be reduced at the discretion of the Management Company or the Directors) are as set out below:

Class A Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class B Shares	£25,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class C Shares	£250,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class D Shares	£1,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class G Shares	£10,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class H Shares	£5,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class I Shares	£10,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class K Shares	£5,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class R Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)

Class Y Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class Z Shares	£40,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)

# **Subsequent Subscriptions**

Any subsequent subscriptions for Shares must be in the minimum amounts set out below (which may be reduced at the discretion of the Management Company or the Directors):

Class A Shares	£250 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class B Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class C Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class D Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class G Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class H Shares	£250 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class I Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class K Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class R Shares	£250 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class Y Shares	£250 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class Z Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)

# Minimum Holdings

Any Shareholder who redeems or otherwise disposes of part of his holding of Shares must maintain a holding of Shares in the Fund of not less than the amounts set out below (which may be reduced or waived at the discretion of the Management Company or the Directors):

Class A Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class B Shares	£25,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class C Shares	£250,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class D Shares	£1,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class G Shares	£10,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class H Shares	£5,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class I Shares	£10,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class K Shares	£5,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class R Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class Y Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)

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£40,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)

The Directors have the power to redeem the Shares of any Shareholder whose holding of Shares falls below the amounts set out above, as described in the section headed "Compulsory Redemption" in this Prospectus.

The Directors or the Management Company may increase the level of initial and subsequent subscriptions or Minimum Holdings as set out above for any or all of the Share Classes provided that such increased amount shall not apply to the Minimum Holdings of Shareholders existing at the date such increase is implemented.

Under the Articles, the Directors are given authority to effect the issue of Shares and have absolute discretion to accept or reject in whole or in part any application for Shares without assigning any reason. The Directors have power to impose such restrictions as they think necessary to ensure that no Shares are acquired by any person which might result in the legal and beneficial ownership of Shares by persons who are not Qualified Holders.

If an application is rejected, any monies received will be returned to the applicant (minus any handling charge incurred in any such return) as soon as possible by telegraphic transfer, or such other method as the Directors may determine (but without interest, costs or compensation).

No Shares of any Fund will be issued or allotted during a period when the determination of Net Asset Value of that Fund is suspended.

All Shares will be registered in inscribed form and evidenced by entry on the Company's register of Shareholders and confirmations of ownership in writing, including in electronic format, will be issued to Shareholders. Shareholders who do not request that such confirmation be issued in electronic format will continue to receive them in hard copy format. Share certificates will not be issued.

## Redemptions

### **Procedure**

#### Redemption

Every Shareholder will have the right to require the Company to redeem his Shares in the Fund on any Dealing Day (save during any period when the calculation of the Net Asset Value is suspended in the circumstances set out in this Prospectus) on furnishing to the Administrator a redemption request. Shares may be redeemed by written application through the Administrator or by such other means as the Directors may prescribe from time to time. All redemption requests are dealt with on a forward pricing basis, i.e., by reference to the Net Asset Value per Share calculated at the next Valuation Point following the Dealing Cut-off Time. Shares shall be redeemed at the Price per Share. In case of Shares held through a nominee, redemption requests must be directed to the Nominee.

# **Redemption Form**

In order to redeem, Shareholders must give clear written instructions in a form acceptable to the Directors which may be in the form of the redemption form prescribed by the Directors and/or the Management Company ("Redemption Form") in relation to the Company. Redemption Forms may be obtained from the Administrator.

Redemption Forms in respect of a Fund must be received by the Administrator by the Dealing Cut-off Time for the relevant Fund on the relevant Dealing Day. If the Redemption Form is received after that time it will normally be treated as a request for redemption on the next Dealing Day. Shares will be redeemed at the Price per Share calculated at the next Valuation Point following the Dealing Cut-off Time.

Redemption requests will only be accepted where cleared funds and completed documents are in place from original subscriptions.

Redemption Forms shall (save as decided by the Directors) be irrevocable and may be sent by facsimile at the risk of the relevant Shareholder.

The latest Price per Share will be available during normal business hours every Business Day at the office of the Administrator and will be published daily on the Investment Manager's website at <a href="https://www.barclaysinvestments.com">www.barclaysinvestments.com</a>.

# **Method of Payment**

Redemption payments will be made by electronic transfer to the bank account detailed on the Application Form or as subsequently

notified in original written form to the Administrator, at the risk and expense of the Shareholder. Other methods of payment are subject to the prior approval of the Directors and/or the Management Company.

#### **Currency of Payment**

Shareholders will normally be repaid in the Reference Currency of the relevant Share Class concerned. 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 in all Funds, except the GlobalBeta Funds and Barclays PB Multi-Asset Diversified Funds, will normally be paid no more than five Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day or such other period as the Directors may determine (not exceeding ten Business Days) provided that all the required documentation has been furnished to and received by the Administrator.

Redemption proceeds in respect of Shares in the GlobalBeta Funds will normally be paid no more than four Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day or such other period as the Directors may determine (not exceeding ten Business Days) provided that all the required documentation has been furnished to and received by the Administrator.

Redemption proceeds in respect of Shares in the Barclays PB Multi-Asset Diversified Funds will normally be paid no more than two Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day or such other period as the Directors may determine (not exceeding ten Business Days) provided that all the required documentation has been furnished to and received by the Administrator.

#### Minimum Redemptions

Subject to the Directors' or the Management Company's discretion the minimum amount which may be redeemed by a Shareholder in any one redemption is Shares having an aggregate redemption value as follows:

Class A Shares	£250 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class B Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class C Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class D Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class G Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class H Shares	£250 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class I Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class K Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class R Shares	£250 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class Y Shares	£250 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class Z Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)

The remaining balance of Shares must (subject to the Directors' or the Management Company's discretion) have a minimum aggregate value following the relevant redemption of not less than the amount set out below:

Class A Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class B Shares	£25,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)

Class C Shares	£250,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class D Shares	£1,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class G Shares	£10,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class H Shares	£5,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class I Shares	£10,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class K Shares	£5,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class R Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class Y Shares	£1,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)
Class Z Shares	£40,000,000 (or Reference Currency equivalent)

The Directors have the power to redeem the remaining Shares of any Shareholder whose holding of Shares falls below the amounts set out above, as described in the section "Compulsory Redemption" below.

### **Compulsory Redemption**

The Company shall have the right to redeem compulsorily any Share at the redemption price or to require the transfer of any Share to a Qualified Holder if in their opinion (i) such Share is held by a person other than a Qualified Holder; or (ii) such Share is held by any other person whom the Company reasonably believes to be precluded from holding such Share.

The Company also reserves the right to require compulsory redemption of all Shares of a Class held by a Shareholder if the Net Asset Value of the Shares of that Class held by the Shareholder is less than the Minimum Holding of that Class. Where the Net Asset Value of the Shares of a Class held by a Shareholder is less than the Minimum Holding and the Company decides to exercise its right to compulsorily redeem, the Company will notify the Shareholder in writing and may at the discretion of the Directors permit such Shareholder a period of time in which to purchase additional Shares to meet the minimum requirement or switch the Shares held by the Shareholder into Shares of another Class with a lower Minimum Holding.

# **Switching**

Shareholders may switch all or part of their investment in one Class of any Fund into Shares of the same Class of another Fund or into another Class of the same or another Fund of the Company. On the establishment of any new Fund (or Class thereof) the Directors shall specify the switching rights relating to such Fund (or Class thereof). The Administrator will convert at the current exchange rate the amount being switched from one Share Class to another Share Class denominated in a different currency.

Written applications for switching Shares received in good order by the Company (either directly or through any of the Distributors) before the Dealing Cut-off Time for the relevant Fund on a Dealing Day will be processed at the Price per Share calculated at the next Valuation Point. Switching requests received thereafter will normally be held over until the next Dealing Day. Where Shares are held through a nominee, this request must be directed to the nominee.

Requests for switches may either be sent by post or facsimile (with the original to follow by post) to the Company.

A Shareholder who requests a switch of Shares cannot withdraw from or cancel the transaction unless the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share of one of the Classes of Shares concerned has been suspended.

Subject to the discretion of the Directors, all switches are subject to the switching request complying, in respect of the new Class, with the Minimum Subscription requirements of the Class into which the switching is requested.

When a switch occurs between Shares issued in Classes of two different Funds, the switch will only be carried out if the relevant Dealing Day is a Dealing Day for both Funds concerned, or if the relevant Dealing Day is not a common Dealing Day, on the next following common Dealing Day for the Funds concerned. Such a switch will be effected by way of a redemption of Shares of one Class

(the "Original Class") and a simultaneous subscription (at the relevant Price per Share) for Shares of the other Class (the "New Class") and, accordingly, the general provisions and procedures relating to redemptions and subscriptions of Shares will apply, save that no Initial Sales Charge or redemption charge will be payable.

Redemption proceeds will be converted to the currency in which the New Class is denominated at the rate of exchange available to the Administrator and the cost of conversion will be deducted from the amount subscribing for Shares of the New Class.

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

## $A = B \times C \times D$

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#### Where:

- A = number of Shares of the New Class to be allocated
- B = number of Shares of the Original Class converted
- C = Price per Share on the relevant Dealing Day for the Original Class
- D = the currency conversion factor or, where the Shares of the New Class are denominated in the same currency of the Old Class,

  D = 1
- E = Price per Share on the relevant Dealing Day for the New Class plus a switching commission of up to a percentage set out in Appendix 3 where the New Class is in a different Fund to the Old Class. This commission will accrue for the benefit of the Intermediaries.

The value of E above may additionally be increased to take account of any differences between the Initial Sales Charge applicable to Shares of the New Class and the Initial Sales Charge applicable to the Old Class. Any such additional commission will accrue to the benefit of the Intermediaries.

Fractions of Shares of the new Class to be allotted will be issued, provided however that fractions shall not be less than 0.001 of a Share. Monies, representing less than 0.001 of a Share will not be payable to the applicant but will be retained by the Company in order to offset administration costs.

The value of Shares held by a Shareholder in any one Class after a switch must exceed the Minimum Holding applicable to such Class. Otherwise, unless waived by the Directors, the Shareholders will be deemed to have requested the switch of their entire holding in such Class of Shares.

# **Subscriptions/Redemptions in Specie**

# **Subscription in Specie**

The Company may issue Shares of any Class of Fund by way of exchange for Investments provided that:

- (a) in the case of a person who is not an existing Shareholder no Shares shall be issued until the person concerned shall have completed and delivered to the Administrator an application form as required under this Prospectus (or otherwise) and satisfied all the requirements of the Directors and Administrator as to such person's application;
- (b) the nature of the Investments transferred into the Fund are such as would qualify as eligible Investments for such Fund in accordance with the investment objectives, policies and restrictions of such Fund;
- (c) no Shares shall be issued until the Investments shall have been vested in the Depositary or any sub-custodian to the Depositary's satisfaction. The Depositary shall also be satisfied that the terms of such settlement will not be such as are likely to result in any prejudice to the existing Shareholders of the Fund;
- (d) the Directors are satisfied that the terms of any exchange would not be such as would be likely to result in any prejudice to remaining Shareholders and provided that any such exchange shall be effected upon the terms (including provision for paying any expenses of, exchange and any preliminary charge as would have been payable for Shares issued for cash) that the number of Shares issued shall not exceed the number which would have been issued for cash against payment of a sum equal to the value of the Investments concerned calculated in accordance with the procedures for the valuation of the assets of the Company. Such sum may be increased by such amount as the Directors may consider represents an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges which would have been incurred by the Fund in the acquisition of the Investments by purchase for cash or decreased by such amount as the Directors may consider represents any Duties and Charges to be paid to the Fund as a result of the direct acquisition by the Fund of the Investments; and
- (e) the conditions set forth by Luxembourg law, in particular the obligation to deliver a valuation report from the Auditors, will be fully complied with.

### **Redemption in Specie**

In exceptional circumstances the Directors may request that a Shareholder accept "redemption in specie", i.e., receive a portfolio of Investments of equivalent value to the appropriate cash redemption payment. For the redemption in specie to be effective, a Shareholder must expressly confirm acceptance. The Shareholder may instead request a cash redemption payment. Where the Shareholder agrees to accept redemption in specie he will, as far as possible, receive a representative selection of the Fund's holdings pro rata to the number of Shares redeemed and the Directors will ensure that the remaining Shareholders do not suffer any loss therefrom. The value of the redemption in specie will be certified by a report drawn up by the Auditors in accordance with the requirements of Luxembourg law. However, where the redemption in specie exactly reflects the Shareholder's pro rata share of Investments, no auditor's report will be required. The redeeming Shareholder shall normally bear the costs resulting from the redemption in specie (mainly costs relating to the drawing up of an auditor's report, if any) unless the Directors consider that the redemption in specie is in the interest of the Company or made to protect the interest of the Company.

# **Transfer of Shares**

Subject to the restrictions set out under "Description of Shares", under "Subscriptions" and under "Compulsory Redemption" above and save as hereinafter specified, Shares are freely transferable and may be transferred in writing in a form approved by the Directors. Prior to the registration of any transfer, transferees must complete an application form and provide such other information (e.g., as to identity) as the Company or its delegates may reasonably require. The Directors and/or the Management Company may decline to register any transfer of a Share where:

- (a) they are aware or believe that such transfer would or might be likely to result in the legal or beneficial ownership of such Share by a person who is not a Qualified Holder; or
- (b) the transfer would result in either the transferor or the transferee remaining or being registered (as the case may be) as the holder of Shares valued at less than the Minimum Holding.

In addition, the Directors and/or the Management Company may decline to register any transfer of a Share other than to a person who, in the application form, shall (A) represent that such person is not a US Person and is not purchasing such Share for the account or benefit of a US Person, (B) agree to notify the Company promptly if, at any time while it remains a Shareholder, such person should become a US Person or shall hold any Share for the account or benefit of a US Person, (C) agree not to, and not to apply for or attempt to, sell, pledge or transfer any interest in Shares other than to a person making the representations and agreements set forth in this paragraph, and (D) agree to indemnify the Company from and against any losses, damages, costs or expenses arising in connection with a breach of the representations and agreements set forth above. Any transfer of a Share to a US Person or for the account or benefit of a US Person will not be binding upon the Company.

For the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Prospectus, but without prejudice to the Directors' right to compulsorily redeem Shares where applicable, nothing in this Prospectus may be construed as allowing infringement of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange regulations applicable to the transferability of Shares.

# **Temporary Suspensions**

The Company may temporarily suspend the determination of the Net Asset Value of any Fund and the issue and redemption of Shares of any Class of any Fund:

- (a) during the whole or any part of any period when any of the principal markets on which any significant portion of the Investments of the relevant Fund from time to time are quoted, listed, traded or dealt in is closed (otherwise than for customary weekend or ordinary holidays) or during which dealings therein are restricted or suspended, or trading on any relevant futures exchange or markets restricted or suspended;
- (b) during the whole or any part of any period when, as a result of political, economic, military or monetary events or any other circumstances outside the control, responsibility and power of the Directors, any disposal or valuation of Investments of the relevant Fund is not, in the opinion of the Directors, reasonably practicable without this being seriously detrimental to the interests of owners of Shares in general or the owners of Shares of the relevant Fund or if, in the opinion of the Directors, the Net Asset Value cannot fairly be calculated or such disposal would be materially prejudicial to the owners of Shares in general or the owners of Shares of the relevant Fund;
- (c) during the whole or any part of any period during which any breakdown occurs in the means of communication or calculation normally employed in determining the value of any of the Investments of the Company or when for any other reason the value of any of the Investments or other assets of the relevant Fund cannot reasonably or fairly be ascertained;
- during the whole or any part of any period when the Company is unable to repatriate funds required for the purpose of making redemption payments or when such payments cannot, in the opinion of the Directors, be effected at normal prices or normal rates of exchange or during which there are difficulties or it is envisaged that there will be difficulties, in the transfer of monies or assets required for subscriptions, redemptions or trading;
- (e) upon the publication of a notice convening a general meeting of Shareholders for the purpose of resolving to wind up the Company;
- (f) while the value of the Investments held through any subsidiary of the Company may not be determined accurately;
- (g) in the event of the publication (i) of the convening notice to a general meeting of Shareholders at which a resolution to wind up the Company or a Fund is to be proposed, or of the decision of the Board of Directors to wind up one or more Funds, or (ii) to the extent that such a suspension is justified for the protection of the Shareholders, of the notice of the general meeting of Shareholders at which the merger of the Company or a Fund is to be proposed, or of the decision of the Board of Directors to merge one or more Funds; or
- (h) where the master UCITS of a Fund or one or several Target Funds (as defined in section 3 of Appendix 1) in which a Fund has invested a substantial portion of its assets temporarily suspends the repurchase, redemption or subscription of its units, whether on its own initiative or at the request of its competent authorities.

The Company, where possible, will take all necessary steps to bring any period of suspension to an end as soon as possible.

If total requests for redemption or switching on any Dealing Day for any Fund exceed 10% of the total number of Shares outstanding

in that Fund, each redemption or switching request in respect of Shares in such Fund may, at the discretion of the Directors, be reduced so that the total number of Shares of each Fund for redemption or switching on that Dealing Day shall not exceed 10% of the total number of Shares outstanding in that Fund. Any redemption or switching request so reduced shall be carried forward to the next Dealing Day and effected in priority to subsequent redemption or switching requests on the following (and, if necessary, subsequent) Dealing Day(s). If redemption or switching requests are so carried forward, the Company shall ensure that the Shareholders whose dealings are affected thereby are promptly informed.

In the event of any suspension as set out above, the Company will immediately (and in any event during the Business Day on which the suspension occurred) notify the CSSF, the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and, if required, any other competent authority in a country in which Shares are marketed. Any such suspension shall further be publicised by the Company and shall be notified to Shareholders requesting redemption or switching of their Shares as soon as reasonably practicable after the filing of their written request for such redemption and switching.

# Late trading and market timing

Late trading ("Late Trading") is to be understood as the acceptance of a subscription or redemption order after the cut-off time for the relevant Dealing Day and the execution of such order at the Price applicable on such Dealing Day.

Market timing ("Market Timing") is to be understood as an arbitrage method through which an investor systematically subscribes and redeems Shares within a short time period, by taking advantage of time differences and/or imperfections or deficiencies in the method of determination of the Net Asset Values concerned.

The Company shall comply with any relevant provisions contained in CSSF Circular 04/146 of 17 June 2004 concerning the protection of undertakings for collective investment and their investors against Late Trading and Market Timing practices.

In this respect, no subscriptions or redemptions received by the Company will be accepted after the relevant cut-off time except for subscriptions or redemptions received by the Intermediaries which undertake to apply the cut-off time to all such orders and transmit the orders to Luxembourg within a reasonable period of time. It is further reminded that subscriptions or redemptions will be dealt on a forward pricing basis as more fully described above.

In order to protect the interests of the Company and the Shareholders against Market Timing practices, the Company reserves the right to reject any application to subscribe for Shares from any investor engaging in such practices or suspected of engaging in such practices and to take such further action as it, in its discretion, may deem appropriate or necessary.

#### **FEES AND EXPENSES**

### **Establishment Expenses**

All fees and expenses relating to the establishment of the Company (including listing costs) including the fees of the advisers to the Company have been borne by the Company and have been amortised over the first five financial years of the Company or such other period as the Directors may have determined. Any new Fund will bear its own direct establishment costs and costs of listing its Shares on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange which will be amortised over such period as the Directors may determine.

In the event of liquidation of a Fund or redemption of a Class whose establishment costs have not been fully amortised, any unamortised establishment costs will be borne by such Fund or Class. In the event of the merger of such Fund or Class, any unamortised establishment costs may either be borne by such Fund or Class prior to the merger or be assumed by the Fund or Class in the Company or entity into which the relevant Fund or Class will be merged.

Value added tax (if any) on fees payable by the Company will be borne by the Company in addition to the fees.

The current fees of the service providers to the Company are set out or are referred to below.

## **Management Fees**

In payment for carrying out its duties and responsibilities the Management Company is entitled to receive a management fee of up to 2% calculated as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Class of the relevant Fund, together with properly vouched expenses. The current annual management fee for each Class of the relevant Fund is as set out in Appendix 3. Such fee will be accrued daily based on the daily Net Asset Value of the relevant Class and will be paid quarterly in arrears or at such lengthier intervals as may be agreed with the Company.

In addition, the Management Company shall also be entitled to be repaid all of its reasonable disbursements out of the assets of the Company relating to the services it provides, including couriers' fees and telecommunication costs and expenses which shall be at normal commercial rates together with value added tax, if any, thereon.

In payment for carrying out their duties and responsibilities, the Investment Manager and the Lead Distributor are entitled to receive a fee payable from the management fee. The Investment Manager and the Lead Distributor may each pay a portion of their fees to the Sub-Investment Manager and the Distributors.

In respect of any Fund or Class of Shares the Management Company may choose to waive or rebate all or any portion of its fee and/or absorb some or all other expenses in its absolute discretion for any period of time.

### **Currency Hedging Manager's Fees**

The Currency Hedging Manager shall be entitled to a fee payable directly out of the assets of the Company not to exceed 0.1% of the net monthly currency value of all forward foreign exchange contracts entered into in respect of the Hedged Share Classes within each calendar quarter. All costs, including the fees of the Currency Hedging Manager, which may be incurred by the Hedged Share Classes and gains/losses which may be made by the Hedged Share Classes as a result of hedging transactions entered into will accrue and be attributable/charged to the relevant Class or Classes.

# Administrator's and Depositary's Fees

The Administrator and the Depositary shall be entitled to an aggregate annual fee not to exceed 0.25% of the Net Asset Value of each Fund, billed and payable monthly in arrears directly out of the assets of the Company. The Administrator will be entitled to certain out of pocket expenses, transfer agency fees, financial statement preparation charges and registrar fees at normal commercial rates payable directly out of the assets of the Company. The Depositary shall also be entitled to recover from the Company sub-custody fees, transaction charges and out-of-pocket expenses at normal commercial rates, directly out of the assets of the Company. The fees of the Administrator and Depositary shall be accrued daily based on the daily Net Asset Value of each Fund and will be paid monthly in arrears out of the assets of each Fund.

# **Listing Agent's Fees**

The Listing Agent is entitled to receive a fee out of the assets of the Company, in accordance with usual market practice.

#### **Service Provider Fees**

The Company or subject to the Company's approval, the Management Company, in respect of any Fund, may appoint alternative and/or additional service providers. The fees payable to the relevant service provider shall be borne by the Company.

# **Initial Sales Charge**

The Articles authorise the Directors to charge a preliminary fee (to be known as an "Initial Sales Charge") on the issue of Shares of any Class up to a maximum of 6% of the amount being subscribed. However, it is the Directors' current intention not to charge an Initial Sales Charge of more than a percentage set out in Appendix 3. This preliminary fee shall be payable to the Intermediaries.

### **Redemption Fee**

No redemption fee will be charged.

# **Switching Commission**

For Share switches, the Price of the New Class of Shares may be increased by a switching commission of up to a percentage set out in Appendix 3 where the New Class is in a different Fund to the Old Class, as described under "Switching" above. This commission will accrue for the benefit of the Intermediaries.

# **Directors' Fees and Expenses**

The Directors shall be entitled to a fee and remuneration for their services at a rate to be determined from time to time by the Shareholders in general meeting. The Directors may also be reimbursed, inter alia, for travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in attending meetings of the Directors or in connection with the business of the Company.

### **Operational Expenses**

The Company will also pay out of the assets of each Fund:

- (a) any fees in respect of circulating details of the Net Asset Value (including publishing prices) and Net Asset Value per Share;
- (b) stamp duties;
- (c) any expense incurred in relation to company secretarial duties including the cost of maintenance of minute books and other documentation required to be maintained by the Company;
- (d) company secretarial fees;
- (e) rating fees (if any);
- (f) brokerage or other expenses of acquiring and disposing of Investments;
- (g) fees and expenses of the tax, legal and other professional advisers of the Company;
- (h) fees connected with listing of Shares on any stock exchange;
- (i) fees and expenses in connection with the distribution of Shares and costs of registration and maintaining registration of the Company in jurisdictions outside Luxembourg;
- (j) costs of preparing, printing and distributing the Prospectus, Key Investor Information Documents, reports, accounts and any explanatory memoranda;
- (k) any necessary translation fees;
- (I) any costs incurred as a result of periodic updates of the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Documents, or updates as a result of a change in law or the introduction of any new law (including any costs incurred as a result of compliance with any applicable code, whether or not having the force of law);
- (m) in respect of each financial year of the Company in which expenses are being determined, such proportion (if any) of the

establishment and reconstruction expenses as are being amortised in that year;

- (n) costs of holding annual general meetings of the Company;
- (o) any costs incurred in respect of any other meeting of Shareholders convened for any purpose;
- (p) any cost incurred in preparing and modifying the Articles;
- (q) liabilities on amalgamation or reconstruction including certain liabilities arising after transfer of property to the Funds in consideration for the issue of Shares;
- (r) interest on borrowings and charges incurred in effecting or terminating such borrowings or in negotiating or varying the terms of such borrowings;
- (s) the audit fees of the Company's auditors and any expenses of the auditors;
- (t) indemnity insurance of the Directors;
- (u) costs of any mergers and reconstructions;
- (v) any other fees and expenses relating to the management and administration of the Company or attributable to the Company's Investments; and
- (w) value added tax and any equivalent duty payable on these charges where appropriate.

The above expenses shall be charged as between each Fund and Class thereof on such terms and in such manner as the Directors (with the consent of the Depositary) deem fair and equitable.

All fees and expenses, Duties and Charges will be charged to the Fund (and Class thereof, if appropriate) in respect of which they were incurred or, where an expense is not considered by the Directors to be attributable to any one Fund (or Class thereof), the expense will normally be allocated to Classes of all Funds pro rata to the Net Asset Value of the relevant Funds. Expenses of the Company which are directly attributable to a specific Class of Shares are charged against the income available for distribution to the holders of such Shares or to the capital of the Fund, where applicable. In the case of any fees or expenses of a regular or recurring nature, such as audit fees, the Directors may calculate such fees and expenses on an estimated figure for yearly or other periods in advance and accrue the same in equal proportions over any period.

# Research

The Investment Manager will pay directly out of its own resources for all research (as defined in the FCA Rules) received from third parties in connection with the provision of its services to the Company.

# Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital or Income

In recognition of the fact that Shareholders in some Funds may wish to receive a consistent and sustainable level of income from their investment in these Funds, and in anticipation of these Funds achieving a reasonable level of capital growth over the long term, these Funds will charge all of their fees and expenses to the capital of the Funds.

In recognition of the fact that Shareholders in some Funds wish to invest for growth and in anticipation of these Funds achieving a reasonable level of income over the long term, these Funds will charge all of their fees and expenses to the income of the Funds in the first instance and, where there is insufficient income, then to the capital of the Funds.

Appendix 3 provides details of whether a particular Fund will charge all of its fees and expenses to the capital or income.

Shareholders should note therefore that where fees and expenses are charged to the capital of a Fund, it will have the effect of reducing the capital value of Shareholders' investment in that Fund.

### **ALLOCATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

The records and accounts of each Fund shall be maintained separately in the Base Currency of the relevant Fund.

The assets of each Fund shall belong exclusively to that Fund, shall be segregated in the records of the Depositary from the assets of other Funds, shall not be used to discharge directly or indirectly the liabilities of or claims against any other Fund and shall not be available for any such purpose.

The proceeds from the issue of each Class of Share shall be applied to the relevant Fund established for that Class of Share, and the assets and liabilities and income and expenditure attributable thereto shall be applied to such Fund subject to the provisions of the Articles.

Where any asset is derived from another asset, the derived asset shall be applied to the same Fund as the assets from which it was derived, and on each revaluation of an asset the increase or diminution in value shall be applied to the relevant Fund.

In the case where an asset or a liability of the Company cannot be considered as being attributable to a particular Fund, the Directors shall have the discretion, subject to the approval of the Auditors, to determine the basis upon which such asset or liability shall be allocated between the Funds and the Directors shall have the power at any time and from time to time subject to the approval of the Auditors to vary such basis, provided that the approval of the Auditors shall not be required in any case where the asset or liability is allocated between all Funds pro rata to their Net Asset Values.

#### **TAXATION**

### **Luxembourg Taxation**

The following information is based on the laws, regulations, decisions and practice currently in force in Luxembourg as of the date of this Prospectus and is subject to changes therein, possibly with retrospective effect. This summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all Luxembourg tax laws and Luxembourg tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to invest in, own, hold, or dispose of Shares and is not intended as tax advice to any particular or potential investor. It is included herein solely for preliminary information purposes. It is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice.

Prospective investors should consult their own professional advisers as to the implications of buying, holding or disposing of Shares and to the provisions of the laws of the jurisdiction in which they are subject to tax. This summary does not describe any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, locality or other taxing jurisdiction other than Luxembourg.

Please be aware that the residence concept used under the respective headings below applies for Luxembourg income tax assessment purposes only. Any reference in the present section to a tax, duty, levy, impost or other charge or withholding of a similar nature refers to Luxembourg tax law and/or concepts only. Also, please note that a reference to Luxembourg income tax generally encompasses corporate income tax (*impôt sur le revenu des collectivités*), municipal business tax (*impôt commercial communal*), the solidarity surcharge (*contribution au fonds pour l'emploi*) as well as personal income tax (*impôt sur le revenu des personnes physiques*). Corporate taxpayers may further be subject to net wealth tax (*impôt sur la fortune*), as well as other duties, levies and taxes. Corporate income tax, municipal business tax, net wealth tax and the solidarity surcharge invariably apply to most corporate taxpayers resident in Luxembourg for tax purposes. Individual taxpayers are generally subject to personal income tax and the solidarity surcharge. Under certain circumstances, where individual taxpayers act in the course of the management of a professional or business undertaking, municipal business tax may apply as well.

### **Taxation of the Company**

### Income and net wealth taxes

The Company is not subject to corporate income tax and municipal business tax (including the solidarity surcharge) in Luxembourg on its income, profits or gains.

The Company is not subject to net wealth tax in Luxembourg, including the minimum net wealth tax.

### **Subscription tax**

The Company is, nevertheless, in principle, subject in Luxembourg to a subscription tax (*taxe d'abonnement*) levied at the rate of 0.05% per annum based on its Net Asset Value at the end of the relevant quarter, calculated and paid quarterly.

A reduced subscription tax rate of 0.01% per annum is however applicable to:

- undertakings whose exclusive object is the collective investment in money market instruments and in deposits with credit institutions,
- undertakings whose sole object is the collective investment in deposits with credit institutions;
- individual compartments of UCIs with multiple compartments subject to the 2010 Law (such as the Funds) and individual classes of securities issued within a UCI or within a compartment of a UCI with multiple compartments (such as the Share Classes), provided that the securities of these compartments or classes are reserved for one or more Institutional Investors.

Under certain conditions, reduced rates ranging from 0.05% to 0.01% may also be available for the portion of the net assets of a UCI or of an individual compartment of a UCI with multiple compartments that are invested in sustainable economic activities (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment, and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088).

Further, a subscription tax exemption applies to:

- the value of the assets represented by units held in other UCIs, provided that these units have already been subject to the subscription tax provided for by Article 174 of the 2010 Law or by Article 68 of the amended law of 13 February 2007 on

specialised investment funds, or by Article 46 of the amended law of 23 July 2016 on reserved alternative investment funds;

- UCIs as well as individual compartments of UCIs with multiple compartments (such as the Funds) (i) whose securities are reserved for Institutional Investor(s), and (ii) whose sole object is the collective investment in money market instruments and in deposits with credit institutions, and (iii) whose weighted residual portfolio maturity does not exceed 90 days, and (iv) that have obtained the highest possible rating from a recognised rating agency. If several classes of securities exist within the UCI or the compartment (such as the Share Classes), the exemption only applies to classes whose securities are reserved for Institutional Investors;
- UCIs whose securities are reserved for (i) institutions for occupational retirement pension or similar investment vehicles set up on one or more employers' initiative for the benefit of their employees and (ii) companies of one or several employers investing funds they hold, to provide retirement benefits to their employees;
- UCIs as well as individual compartments of UCIs with multiple compartments (such as the Funds), whose main objective is the investment in microfinance institutions; and
- UCIs as well as individual compartments of UCIs with multiple compartments (such as the Funds), (i) whose securities are listed or traded on at least one stock exchange, or another regulated market operating regularly, recognized and open to the public and (ii) whose exclusive object is to replicate the performance of one or more indices. If several classes of securities exist within the UCI or the compartment (such as the Share Classes), the exemption only applies to classes meeting (i) above.

The above-mentioned provisions apply mutatis mutandis to the individual compartments of a UCI with multiple compartments.

#### Withholding tax

Distributions and redemption payments made by the Company to the Shareholders as well as liquidation proceeds are not subject to withholding tax in Luxembourg.

Interest and dividend income received by the Company may be subject to non-recoverable withholding tax in the source countries. The Company may further be subject to tax on the realised or unrealised capital appreciation of its assets in the countries of origin. As the Company itself is exempt from Luxembourg corporate income tax, withholding tax levied at source, if any, would normally be a final cost.

Whether the Company may benefit from double tax treaties entered into by Luxembourg, which may provide for exemption from withholding tax or reduction of withholding tax rate, must be analysed on a case-by-case basis. Indeed, as the Company is structured as an investment company (as opposed to a mere co-ownership of assets), certain double tax treaties signed by Luxembourg may directly be applicable to the Company.

## Value added tax

In Luxembourg, regulated investment funds such as the Company are considered as taxable persons for value added tax ("VAT") purposes without any input VAT deduction right. A VAT exemption applies in Luxembourg for services qualifying as fund management services. Other services supplied to the Company could potentially trigger VAT and require the VAT registration of the Company in Luxembourg. As a result of such VAT registration, the Company will be in a position to fulfil its duty to self-assess the VAT regarded as due in Luxembourg on taxable services (or goods to some extent) purchased from abroad.

No VAT liability arises in principle in Luxembourg in respect of any payments made by the Company to its Shareholders to the extent that such payments are linked to their subscription to the Shares and do, therefore, not constitute the consideration received for taxable services supplied.

# Other taxes

No stamp duty, capital duty or other tax is generally payable in Luxembourg on the issue of Shares by the Company against cash. The Company is however liable to a fixed registration duty in Luxembourg of EUR 75 upon incorporation and any subsequent amendment to its articles of association.

#### **Taxation of the Shareholders**

#### **General considerations**

It is expected that the Shareholders will be resident for tax purposes in different countries. Accordingly, no attempt is made in this Prospectus to summarise the tax consequences for each Shareholder of subscribing for, purchasing, owning or disposing of Shares. These consequences will vary depending on the law and practice currently in force in the Shareholders' country of citizenship, residence, domicile or incorporation, as well as their personal circumstances. Shareholders that are residents or citizens of certain countries which have a tax legislation affecting foreign funds may have a current liability to tax on undistributed income and gains of the Company. Shareholders should consult their own professional advisors as to the particular consequences of subscribing for, purchasing, owning and disposing of Shares, including the application and effect of any federal, state or local taxes under the tax laws of Luxembourg and their countries of citizenship, residence, domicile or incorporation.

## Tax residency

A Shareholder will not become resident, nor be deemed to be resident, in Luxembourg by reason only of the holding and/or disposing of the Shares or the execution, performance or enforcement thereof.

### **Luxembourg resident individuals Shareholders**

Capital gains realised on the sale of the Shares by Luxembourg resident individual Shareholders, acting in the course of the management of their private wealth, are generally not subject to Luxembourg income tax except if:

- (i) the Shares are sold within 6 months from their subscription or purchase or if their disposal precedes their acquisition (such speculative gains are subject to personal income tax at ordinary rates); or if
- the Shares held in the private portfolio constitute a substantial shareholding. A shareholding is considered as substantial when the seller holds or has held, alone or together with his/her spouse or partner and/or minor children, either directly or indirectly at any time during the five years preceding the date of the disposal, more than 10% of the share capital of the Company whose Shares are being disposed of. A Shareholder is also deemed to alienate a substantial participation if he/she has acquired free of charge, within the 5 years preceding the transfer, a participation that constituted a substantial participation in the hands of the alienator (or the alienators in case of successive transfers free of charge within the same five-year period). Capital gains realised on a substantial participation more than 6 months after the acquisition thereof are taxed according to the half-global rate method (i.e., the average rate applicable to the total income is calculated according to progressive personal income tax rates and half of the average rate is applied to the capital gains realised on the substantial participation). A disposal may include a sale, an exchange, a contribution or any other kind of alienation of the participation.

Capital gains realised on the disposal of the Shares by a resident individual Shareholder, who acts in the course of the management of his/her professional/business activity, are subject to personal income tax at ordinary rates. Taxable gains are determined as being the difference between the sale or redemption price and the lower of the cost or book value of the Shares sold or redeemed.

Distributions received from the Company by a resident individual Shareholder, who acts in the course of the management of either his/her private wealth or his/her professional/business activity will be subject to personal income tax levied following a progressive income tax scale and increased by the solidarity surcharge (contribution au fonds pour l'emploi).

# **Luxembourg resident corporate Shareholders**

Luxembourg resident corporate Shareholders, which are fully taxable companies, must include any profits derived, as well as any gains realised on the sale or redemption of Shares, in their taxable profits for Luxembourg income tax purposes and will be subject to corporate taxation at the aggregate rate of 24.94% (in 2023 for entities having their registered office in Luxembourg-City) on such profits and gains. Taxable gains are determined as the difference between the sale, repurchase or redemption price and the lower of the cost or book value of the Shares sold or redeemed.

### Luxembourg resident Shareholders benefiting from a special tax regime

Luxembourg-resident corporate Shareholders which benefit from a special tax regime, such as (i) a UCI subject to the 2010 Law, (ii) a specialised investment fund subject to the amended law of 13 February 2007 on specialised investment funds, (iii) a reserved

alternative investment fund treated as a specialised investment fund for Luxembourg tax purposes and subject to the amended law of 23 July 2016 on reserved alternative investment funds, or (iv) a family wealth management company subject to the amended law of 11 May 2007 on family wealth management companies, are exempt from income taxes in Luxembourg, but are instead subject to an annual subscription tax (*taxe d'abonnement*) and thus income derived from the Shares, as well as gains realised thereon, are not subject to Luxembourg income taxes.

#### **Non-Luxembourg residents Shareholders**

Non-resident individuals or collective entities that have neither a permanent establishment or nor a permanent representative in Luxembourg to which or to whom the Shares are attributable are generally not subject to Luxembourg taxation on capital gains realised upon disposal of the Shares nor on the distribution received from the Company and the Shares will not be subject to net wealth tax

Non-resident corporate Shareholders that have a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in Luxembourg to which or to whom the Shares are attributable, must include any income received as well as any gain realised on the sale or redemption of Shares, in their taxable income for Luxembourg income tax assessment purposes.

The same inclusion applies to non-resident individual Shareholders, acting in the course of the management of a professional or business undertaking, who have a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in Luxembourg, to which or to whom the Shares are attributable.

Taxable gains are determined as being the difference between the sale or redemption price and the lower of the cost or book value of the Shares sold or redeemed.

#### Net wealth tax

Luxembourg resident Shareholders as well as non-resident Shareholders that have a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in Luxembourg to which or whom the Shares are attributable, are subject to Luxembourg net wealth tax on such Shares, except if such Shareholders are (i) an individual, (ii) a UCI subject to the 2010 Law, (iii) a company subject to the amended law of 22 March 2004 on securitisation, (iv) an investment company in risk capital subject to the amended law of 15 June 2004 on the investment company in risk capital, (v) a specialised investment fund subject to the amended law of 13 February 2007, (vi) a professional pension institution subject to the amended law of 13 July 2005, (vii) a reserved alternative investment fund subject to the amended law of 23 July 2016 on reserved alternative investment funds, or (viii) a family wealth management company subject to the amended law of 11 May 2007 on family wealth management companies. The taxable net wealth is subject to tax on a yearly basis at the rate of 0.5%. A reduced tax rate of 0.05% is due for the portion of the net wealth exceeding EUR 500 million.

However, (i) a company subject to the amended law of 22 March 2004 on securitisation, (ii) a tax-opaque investment company in risk capital subject to the amended law of 15 June 2004 on the investment company in risk capital, (iii) a professional pension institution subject to the amended law of 13 July 2005, and (iv) a tax-opaque reserved alternative investment fund treated as a venture capital vehicle for Luxembourg tax purposes and subject to the amended law of 23 July 2016 on reserved alternative investment funds remain subject to the minimum net wealth tax in Luxembourg.

### Other taxes

Under current Luxembourg tax law, where an individual Shareholder is a resident of Luxembourg for inheritance tax purposes at the time of his/her death, the Shares are included in his/her taxable bases for inheritance tax purposes. On the contrary, no inheritance tax is levied on the transfer of the Shares upon death of a Shareholder in cases where the deceased was not a resident of Luxembourg for inheritance tax purposes at the time of his/her death.

Gift tax may be due on a gift or donation of the Shares, if the gift is recorded in a Luxembourg notarial deed or otherwise registered in Luxembourg.

#### **FATCA**

Capitalised terms used in this section should have the meaning as set forth in the FATCA Law (as defined below), unless otherwise provided herein.

The Company may be subject to the so-called FATCA legislation which generally requires reporting to the US Internal Revenue Service of non-US financial institutions that do not comply with FATCA and direct or indirect ownership by US persons of non-US entities. As part of the process of implementing FATCA, the US government has negotiated intergovernmental agreements with certain foreign jurisdictions which are intended to streamline reporting and compliance requirements for entities established in such foreign jurisdictions and subject to FATCA.

Luxembourg has entered into a Model 1 Intergovernmental Agreement implemented by the amended Luxembourg law of 24 July 2015 (the "FATCA Law"), which requires Financial Institutions located in Luxembourg to report, when required, information on Financial Accounts held by Specified US Persons, if any, to the Luxembourg tax authorities (administration des contributions directes).

Under the terms of the FATCA Law, the Company is likely to be treated as a Luxembourg Reporting Financial Institution.

This status imposes on the Company the obligation to regularly obtain and verify information on all of its Shareholders. On the request of the Company, each Shareholder shall agree to provide certain information, including, in the case of a passive Non-Financial Foreign Entity ("NFFE"), information on the Controlling Persons of such NFFE, along with the required supporting documentation. Similarly, each Shareholder shall agree to actively provide to the Company within thirty (30) days any information that would affect its status, as for instance a new mailing address or a new residency address.

The FATCA Law may require the Company to disclose the names, addresses and taxpayer identification number (if available) of its Shareholders as well as information such as account balances, income and gross proceeds (non-exhaustive list) to the Luxembourg tax authorities for the purposes set out in the FATCA Law. Such information will be relayed by the Luxembourg tax authorities to the US Internal Revenue Service.

Shareholders qualifying as passive NFFEs undertake to inform their Controlling Persons, if applicable, of the processing of their information by the Company.

Additionally, the Company is responsible for the processing of personal data and each Shareholder has a right to access the data communicated to the Luxembourg tax authorities and to correct such data (if necessary). Any data obtained by the Company is to be processed in accordance with the applicable data protection legislation.

Although the Company will attempt to satisfy any obligation imposed on it to avoid imposition of FATCA withholding tax, no assurance can be given that the Company will be able to satisfy these obligations. If the Company becomes subject to a withholding tax or penalties as a result of the FATCA regime, the value of the Shares held by the Shareholders may suffer material losses. The failure for the Company to obtain such information from each Shareholder and to transmit it to the Luxembourg tax authorities may trigger the 30% withholding tax to be imposed on payments of US source income as well as penalties.

Any Shareholder that fails to comply with the Company's documentation requests may be charged with any taxes and/or penalties imposed on the Company as a result of such Shareholder's failure to provide the information and the Company may, in its sole discretion, redeem the Shares of such Shareholder.

Shareholders who invest through intermediaries are reminded to check if and how their intermediaries will comply with this US withholding tax and reporting regime.

Shareholders should consult a US tax advisor or otherwise seek professional advice regarding the above requirements.

### **Exchange of information – Common Reporting Standard**

Capitalised terms used in this section should have the meaning as set forth in the CRS Law (as defined below), unless otherwise provided herein.

The Company may be subject to the Common Reporting Standard (the "CRS") as set out in the amended Luxembourg law of 18 December 2015 (the "CRS Law") implementing Directive 2014/107/EU which provides for an automatic exchange of financial account information between EU Member States as well as the OECD's multilateral competent authority agreement on automatic exchange of financial account information signed on 29 October 2014 in Berlin, with effect as of 1 January 2016.

Under the terms of the CRS Law, the Company is likely to be treated as a Luxembourg Reporting Financial Institution.

As such, the Company will be required to annually report to the Luxembourg tax authorities personal and financial information related,

inter alia, to the identification of, holdings by and payments made to (i) certain Shareholders qualifying as Reportable Persons and (ii) Controlling Persons of passive non-financial entities ("NFEs") which are themselves Reportable Persons. This information, as exhaustively set out in Annex I of the CRS Law (the "Information"), will include personal data related to the Reportable Persons.

The Company's ability to satisfy its due diligence and reporting obligations under the CRS Law will depend on each Shareholder providing the Company with the Information, along with the required supporting documentary evidence. In this context, the Shareholders are hereby informed that, as data controller, the Company will process the Information for the purposes as set out in the CRS Law.

Shareholders qualifying as passive NFEs undertake to inform their Controlling Persons, if applicable, of the processing of their Information by the Company.

Additionally, the Company is responsible for the processing of personal data and each Shareholder has a right to access the data communicated to the Luxembourg tax authorities and to correct such data (if necessary). Any data obtained by the Company are to be processed in accordance with the applicable data protection legislation.

The Shareholders are further informed that the Information related to Reportable Persons will be disclosed to the Luxembourg tax authorities annually for the purposes set out in the CRS Law. The Luxembourg tax authorities will, under their own responsibility, exchange the reported information to the competent authority of the Reportable Jurisdiction(s). In particular, Reportable Persons are informed that certain operations performed by them will be reported to them through the issuance of statements, and that part of this information will serve as a basis for the annual disclosure to the Luxembourg tax authorities.

Similarly, the Shareholders undertake to inform the Company within thirty (30) days of receipt of these statements should any included personal data not be accurate. The Shareholders further undertake to immediately inform the Company of and provide the Company with all supporting documentary evidence of any changes related to the Information after occurrence of such changes.

Although the Company will attempt to satisfy any obligation imposed on it to avoid any fines or penalties imposed by the CRS Law, no assurance can be given that the Company will be able to satisfy these obligations. If the Company becomes subject to a fine or penalty as a result of the CRS Law, the value of the Shares held by the Shareholders may suffer material losses.

Any Shareholder that fails to comply with the Company's Information or documentation requests may be held liable for penalties imposed on the Company as a result of such Shareholder's failure to provide the Information and the Company may, in its sole discretion, redeem the Shares of such Shareholder.

# **United Kingdom Taxation**

The following paragraphs, which are intended as a general guide only and do not constitute tax advice, are based on current United Kingdom tax legislation and what is understood to be the current practice of the United Kingdom 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 the United Kingdom, they should consult an appropriate professional adviser immediately. It should be noted that the levels and bases of, and reliefs from, taxation can change.

### The Company

As the Company is a UCITS scheme (as defined in EU law) established in Luxembourg, it is treated under United Kingdom law as not being resident in the United Kingdom for United Kingdom taxation purposes. Accordingly, and provided that the Company is not trading in the United Kingdom through a fixed place of business or agent situated therein that constitutes a "permanent establishment" for United Kingdom taxation purposes and that it does not undertake trading transactions in the United Kingdom, the Company will not be subject to United Kingdom corporation tax or income tax on its profits. The Directors, the Management Company and the Investment Manager each intend that the respective affairs of the Company, the Management 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.

Income received by the funds which has a United Kingdom source may be received net of United Kingdom withholding tax but most United Kingdom source interest and all United Kingdom dividends are not currently subject to any United Kingdom withholding or other taxes.

# The Share Classes

Each Share Class constitutes an offshore fund for the purposes of the United Kingdom's special tax regime for offshore funds in the Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations 2009. Accordingly, the provisions of those regulations are relevant to the taxation of Shareholders in respect of income and gains.

A number of Share Classes have been certified by the United Kingdom tax authority (HM Revenue & Customs or "HMRC") as being "reporting funds" for United Kingdom tax purposes. The up-to-date list may be viewed on the HMRC website at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds.

#### **Shareholders**

Shareholders resident in the United Kingdom for tax purposes will generally be liable to United Kingdom income tax or corporation tax in respect of any distributions paid and any amounts reported to investors as "reportable income" in respect of shares held, subject to their personal circumstances. This applies to both Distribution and Accumulation Shares.

Periodic information required to be reported to investors under the Offshore Funds Regulations in respect of Share Classes that have "reporting fund" status will be made available online at the relevant time for investors to access by visiting the following web page: <a href="https://www.barclaysinvestments.com/home.html">https://www.barclaysinvestments.com/home.html</a> and then selecting the *Documents* tab of the relevant Fund.

This income will (except in the circumstances described below) be treated for United Kingdom tax purposes as either dividend or interest income for the purposes of income tax and corporation tax.

#### **Equity funds**

Where a dividend is paid or treated as paid to a United Kingdom resident individual and it falls within the individual's annual £1,000 (2023/2024) dividend allowance, then income tax will not be payable on it. Above this, the tax rates applying to dividends will be 8.75% for basic rate taxpayers, 33.75% for higher rate taxpayers and 39.35% for additional rate taxpayers. No tax credits are attached to dividends. Corporate Shareholders liable to corporation tax will generally be exempt from corporation tax on dividends.

However, if at any point during the annual accounting period of a Fund, it should fail to meet the qualifying investments test (broadly the Fund will fail this test at any time when the market value of its investments in interest-bearing and economically equivalent securities exceeds 60% of the market value of its total investments) then dividends paid or reported to United Kingdom resident individual investors should be treated as interest for income tax purposes.

In the case of corporate Shareholders liable to corporation tax, if the Fund fails to meet the qualifying investments test at any time during the Shareholder's accounting period for corporation tax then the Shareholder should account for their Shares (including any dividends received) on a fair value basis in accordance with the loan relationships tax regime which also provides rules for accounting for a holding in a Fund coming within the regime.

#### **Bond funds**

A bond fund is any Fund which fails the qualifying investments test as described above.

Where a dividend is paid or treated as paid to a United Kingdom individual, the amount will be treated as interest for United Kingdom tax purposes, and the taxpayer will benefit from a personal savings allowance that will exempt the first £1,000 of interest, including amounts taxable as interest, received or deemed to be received by United Kingdom resident individuals, from tax in the hands of basic rate taxpayers. The exempt amount will be reduced to £500 for higher rate taxpayers while additional rate taxpayers will not receive an allowance. Above this, United Kingdom individual taxpayers will be liable to income tax at 20% in the case of basic rate taxpayers, 40% in the case of higher rate taxpayers or 45% in the case of additional rate taxpayers. No tax credits are available to reduce these effective tax rates.

Corporate shareholders liable to corporation tax should account for their Shares (including any dividends received) on a fair value basis in accordance with the loan relationships tax regime.

# **Equalisation (Equity Funds and Bond Funds)**

Following initial investment, the first distribution received and/or reported will include an element of equalisation. This amount is a

return of capital and is not taxable as income but should, instead, be deducted from the acquisition cost of the Shareholding for the purposes of calculating the gain or loss on disposal. (See information on Equalisation for Distribution Shares and Accumulation Shares on pages 21 and 22 above).

#### Gains

Where a Share Class has had reporting fund status (and, where relevant, previously distributing fund status) throughout the duration of the Shareholder's investment in that Share Class, any gain on the redemption, sale or other form of disposal of the investment (allowing for a deduction of any amounts reported as income but not actually distributed) will be subject to taxation as a capital gain.

For corporate investors, any amounts charged to tax under the loan relationships regime will not be treated for tax purposes as chargeable gains.

Switching of Shares in one Fund for Shares in another Fund (see under the heading "Switching") will amount to a disposal of the original Shares for tax purposes and accordingly, a chargeable gain (or taxable income where recognition as a "reporting fund" has not been maintained (and, where relevant, also certification as a "distributing fund") or an allowable capital loss may be realised. Switching of Shares of one Class for Shares of another Class in the same Fund may not amount to a disposal of the original Shares for tax purposes, depending on the circumstances.

For a UK resident Shareholder in any Share Class which has not had reporting fund status (and where relevant, previously distributing fund status) throughout the duration of the Shareholder's investment in that Share Class, any gain on the redemption, sale or other form of disposal of the investment (allowing for a deduction of any amounts reported as income but not actually distributed) is treated as income (an offshore income gain) and is taxable at the Shareholder's highest marginal tax rate.

#### **Anti-Avoidance Provisions**

The United Kingdom tax rules contain a number of anti-avoidance codes that can apply to United Kingdom investors in offshore funds in particular circumstances. It is not anticipated that they will normally apply to investors in Shares. Any United Kingdom taxpaying Shareholder who (together with connected persons) holds over 25% of the Company should take specific advice.

### **Transfer taxes**

Transfers of Shares will not be liable to United Kingdom stamp duty unless the instrument of transfer is executed within the United Kingdom when the transfer will be liable to United Kingdom *ad valorem* stamp duty at the rate of 0.5% of the consideration paid rounded up to the nearest £5. No United Kingdom 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 United Kingdom tax legislation and what is understood to be the current practice of the United Kingdom 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 United Kingdom, they should consult an appropriate professional adviser immediately. It should be noted that the levels and bases of, and reliefs from, taxation can change.

### **Ireland Taxation**

The following summary reflects the Company's understanding of the main aspects of current Irish tax law and practice of the Revenue Commissioners in Ireland. It is only intended as a brief and general guide to the position applicable to the holding and disposal of Shares where the shareholder is regarded as holding a material interest in an offshore fund and is resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland or carrying on a trade in Ireland through a branch or agency in Ireland and where the Company is an "Equivalent Fund" for Irish tax purposes. The Company should be regarded as an "Equivalent Fund" for Irish tax purposes as it is authorised as a UCITS in Luxembourg. Shareholders should note this summary reflects the law and practice in force at the date of this document and may change in the future.

It is not intended to provide specific advice and no action should be taken or omitted to be taken in reliance upon it. It is addressed to Shareholders who are the absolute beneficial owners of Shares held as investments and not to special classes of Shareholder such as financial institutions. In addition, it does not address the tax consequences in Ireland for Shareholders whose acquisition of Shares in a Fund would be regarded as a shareholding in a Personal Portfolio Investment Undertaking (PPIU). Accordingly, its

applicability will depend upon the particular circumstances of individual shareholders. The summary is not exhaustive and does not generally consider tax reliefs or exemptions. Any prospective shareholder who is in any doubt about his/her Irish tax position in relation to the Company should consult his/her Irish professional adviser.

Investors should consult their professional advisers on the possible tax or other consequences of buying, holding, transferring, switching or selling any of their Shares under the laws of their countries of citizenship, residence and domicile.

# Scope of Irish Tax

Shareholders in the Company who are resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland or hold their Shares in respect of a trade carried on through a branch or agency in Ireland will be liable to tax in respect of income and gains arising on their Shares in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4 Part 27 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997. Accordingly, such Shareholders will be obliged to comply with the requirements set out therein.

## **Filing Obligations**

Such Shareholders should note that acquiring Shares in the Company will bring them within the self-assessment system of tax and, in particular, Part 41A of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997. Accordingly, Shareholders who are individuals will be obliged to comply with the tax filing and payment requirements including making a self-assessment tax return on or before 31 October in the year following the year of assessment in which the income or gains arise, paying preliminary tax on or before 31 October in the year of assessment in which the income or gains arise and paying the balance of any tax due on or before 31 October in the year following the year of assessment in which the income or gains arise. For those both filing their tax return and making their tax payment online, an extension to these dates may apply. Shareholders should note that they are obliged to provide details of their acquisition of Shares in the Company in the prescribed manner in their annual tax return to the Irish Revenue Commissioners for the year of assessment in which they acquire Shares, including:

- (a) the name and address of the Company;
- (b) a description, including the cost to the person, of the material interest acquired; and
- (c) the name and address of the person through whom the material interest was acquired.

### **Tax on Distributions**

Non-corporate Shareholders will be liable to income tax under Case III of Schedule D on distributions received from the Company at the rate of 41%.

Corporate Shareholders will be liable to corporation tax under Case III of Schedule D, currently at a rate of 25%, in respect of all distributions received from the Company (other than on a disposal) except where the corporate Shareholder holds the securities as part of its trading activities, in which case, the rate of corporation tax applicable to the distributions will be that applicable to trading income, which is currently 12.5%.

Persons who are resident but not domiciled in Ireland may be able to claim the remittance basis of taxation, in which case the liability to tax will only arise as and when income from the Company (received annually or more frequently) is received in Ireland.

# **Tax on Disposals**

Non-corporate Shareholders will be subject to income tax under Case IV of Schedule D on the gain arising on disposing of their Shares in the Company, calculated in accordance with the capital gains tax rules, but no indexation relief will be available. The gain will be taxed at the rate of 41%.

Shareholders who are individuals should note that on their death, the individual will be deemed to have disposed of his/her Shares in the Company and reacquired them for a consideration equal to their market value immediately before his/her death and, accordingly, will be subject to income tax on the gain arising as outlined above.

Corporate Shareholders who dispose of their Shares in the Company will be liable to tax on the gain arising calculated in accordance with the capital gains tax rules, but no indexation relief will be available. The gain will be subject to corporation tax under Case IV of Schedule D at the rate of 25%, except where the corporate shareholder holds the Shares as part of its trading activities, in which case,

the rate of corporation tax applicable to the gain will be that applicable to trading income, which is currently 12.5%.

Shareholders who are subject to Irish tax on any disposal of Shares should note that for Irish tax purposes they will be deemed to dispose and reacquire their Shares in the Company at market value on the eighth anniversary of holding those Shares. A deemed disposal will arise at the end of each eight-year period in respect of which the Shareholder holds Shares in the Company. On a deemed disposal the Shareholder will be liable to pay income tax or corporation tax as applicable on the deemed gain under Case IV of Schedule D as outlined above. Such tax will be creditable against tax payable on an actual disposal of those Shares.

Shareholders should also note that any loss arising on a disposal (including a deemed disposal) of Shares in the Company will be treated as a nil loss for tax purposes and any gain arising on a disposal of such Shares may not be relieved by other losses available to the Shareholder from other sources.

Switching between Funds will not be regarded as a disposal of Shares by a Shareholder for tax purposes in Ireland where the exchange is effected by way of a bargain made at arm's length by the Company of the whole or part of the Shares of the shareholder in one Fund for Shares in another Fund.

### **Encashment Tax**

Shareholders in the Company should note that any distributions made by a paying agent in Ireland on behalf of the Company or which are presented to, collected by, received by or otherwise realised by a bank or other person acting on behalf of the Shareholder in Ireland may be subject to encashment tax at a rate of 25% Encashment tax is creditable against the Shareholder's final income tax liability.

# **Stamp Duty**

No stamp duty will be payable in Ireland on the issue, transfer, repurchase or redemption of Shares in the Company provided the consideration is not related 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 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 or a qualifying company within the meaning of Section 110 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997) which is registered in Ireland.

Irish stamp duty can also apply in certain circumstances on the transfer of shares in a non-Irish registered company where the shares derive the greater part of their value from Irish immovable property.

### **Capital Acquisitions Tax**

A gift or inheritance comprising of Shares will be within the charge to capital acquisitions tax if either, at the date of the gift or inheritance: (i) the disponer or the beneficiary in relation to the gift or inheritance is resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland (special rules apply in relation to the charge to capital acquisitions tax in the case of a gift take undertaken under a discretionary trust); or (ii) the Shares are regarded as property situate in Ireland.

However, Shareholders should note that:

- (a) a non-Irish domiciled individual will not be regarded as being resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland at the date of the gift or inheritance unless that individual: (i) has been resident in Ireland for the five consecutive tax years preceding that date; and (ii) is either resident or ordinarily resident at that date; and
- (b) on the basis that the Company is incorporated or otherwise formed outside of Ireland and is a collective investment scheme within the meaning of Section 75 of the Capital Acquisitions Tax Consolidation Act 2003 being a bona fide scheme for the purpose, or having the effect, solely or mainly, of providing facilities for the participation by the public or other investors in profits or income arising from the acquisition, holding, management or disposal of securities or any other property, the disposal of Shares by way of a gift or inheritance will be exempt from capital acquisitions tax provided that:
  - (i) the Shares are comprised in the gift or inheritance at the date of the gift or inheritance and at the valuation date;
  - (ii) the disponer is neither domiciled nor ordinarily resident in Ireland at the date of the disposition; and
  - (iii) the beneficiary is neither domiciled nor ordinarily resident in Ireland at the date of the gift or inheritance.

# International taxation arrangements

If a Shareholder is subject to tax or reporting in another country or jurisdiction (or the Company has reason to believe or is required to presume that this may be the case), the Company may be required by legislation, regulation, order or by agreement with tax authorities of that country or jurisdiction to report on an ongoing basis certain information about the Shareholder or Shareholder interests in the Company:

- (a) to a relevant tax authority which may then pass that information to the tax authorities where the Shareholder is subject to tax;
- (b) directly to the tax authorities in that country.

If the Shareholder is not an individual, the Company may also have to report information about its direct and indirect shareholders or other owners or interest holders and, if it is a trust, its beneficiaries, settlors or trustees.

If the Company is required to report information about Shareholders, this would include (but is not limited to) information about the Shareholder's interests in the Company, for example the amounts of payments from the Company to the Shareholder, including dividends, interest paid or credited to the Shareholder, and/or, Shareholder name, address and country of residence and social security number/taxpayer identification number or similar (if applicable). The Shareholder may need to provide the Company with further information, if requested, about their identity and status.

If only some of the Shareholder income is reportable, the Company will report all income unless it can reasonably determine the reportable amount.

If, pursuant to regulatory or legislative requirements, a withholding tax would apply to income or assets ("Withholdable Income") in or from the Company and attributable to the Shareholder, the Company will withhold tax on that Withholdable Income at the rate specified by the legislation or regulation as relevant unless the Shareholder elects for the Company to report information instead or provides the Company with evidence that the Shareholder qualifies for an exemption from the particular legislation or regulation in question.

If a Shareholder requests the Company to make a payment to an account based at a financial institution which does not participate or comply with relevant tax legislation, regulations, orders or agreements with tax authorities the Company may be required, and the Shareholder authorises the Company, to withhold certain amounts from the payment.

## General

Shareholders should ascertain from their professional advisers the consequences to them of acquiring, holding, redeeming, transferring, selling, exchanging or converting Shares under the relevant laws of the jurisdictions to which they are subject, including the tax consequences and any exchange control requirement.

The above statements regarding taxation are based on advice received by the Company regarding the law and practice in force at the date of this Prospectus. Prospective investors should be aware that levels and bases of taxation are subject to change and that the value of any relief from taxation depends upon the individual circumstances of the taxpayer.

It is expected that Shareholders in the Company will be resident for tax purposes in many different countries. Consequently, no attempt is made in the Prospectus to summarise the taxation consequences for each investor. These consequences will vary in accordance with the law and practice currently in force in an investor's country of incorporation, establishment, citizenship, residence or domicile and with his personal circumstances.

The Directors, the Company and each of the Company's agents shall have no liability in respect of the individual tax affairs of Shareholders.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Institutional Investors

The Directors may restrict the issue and transfer of Shares of a Fund/Class to Institutional Investor(s). The Directors may, at their discretion, delay the acceptance of any subscription application for Shares of a Fund/Class reserved for Institutional Investors until such time as the Company has received sufficient evidence that the applicant qualifies as an Institutional Investor. If it appears at any time that a holder of Shares of a Fund/Class reserved to Institutional Investors is not an Institutional Investor, the Directors will convert the relevant Shares into Shares of a Fund/Class which is not restricted to Institutional Investors (provided that there exists such a Fund/Class with similar characteristics) or compulsorily redeem the relevant Shares in accordance with the provisions set forth above in this Prospectus. The Directors will refuse to give effect to any transfer of Shares and consequently refuse for any transfer of Shares to be entered into the Shareholders' register in circumstances where such transfer would result in a situation where Shares of a Fund/Class restricted to Institutional Investors would, upon such transfer, be held by a person not qualifying as an Institutional Investor. In addition to any liability under applicable law, each Shareholder who does not qualify as an Institutional Investor, and who holds Shares in a Fund/Class restricted to Institutional Investors, shall hold harmless and indemnify the Company, the Directors, the other Shareholders of the relevant Fund/Class and the Company's agents for any damages, losses and expenses resulting from or connected to such holding circumstances where the relevant Shareholder had furnished misleading or untrue documentation or had made misleading or untrue representations to wrongfully establish its status as an Institutional Investor or has failed to notify the Company of its loss of such status.

# **Liquidation, Mergers and Reorganisations**

The liquidation of the Company is normally decided upon by an extraordinary Shareholders' meeting at which the liquidators would be appointed and their powers defined. The liquidation would be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Luxembourg law and is subject to the majority and quorum requirements for the amendment of the Articles.

The Directors must submit the question of the winding-up of the Company to a general meeting of Shareholders if the capital of the Company falls below two-thirds of the minimum share capital (currently the equivalent of €1,250,000). This meeting may be held without a specified quorum being present and at which decisions are taken by a simple majority of the votes cast. If the capital of the Company falls below one quarter of the minimum capital, a resolution to liquidate the Company may be passed by Shareholders representing one quarter of the Shares present or represented at a general meeting convened for the purpose by the Directors.

The net liquidation proceeds relating to each Class in a Fund will be distributed to Shareholders of the relevant Class in proportion to their holding of Shares in the relevant Class. Any liquidation amounts that have not been claimed by Shareholders at the close of the liquidation will be deposited in escrow with the *Caisse des Consignations* in Luxembourg. Amounts not claimed within the applicable prescription period may be forfeited.

In the event of the dissolution of the Company, liquidation shall be carried out by one or several liquidators (who may be physical persons or legal entities) named by the meeting of shareholders effecting such dissolution and which shall determine their powers and their compensation. The net proceeds of liquidation corresponding to each Fund or Class shall be distributed by the liquidators to the holders of shares of each relevant Fund or Class in proportion of their holding of shares in such Fund or Class.

The Directors of the Company may decide to liquidate one Fund or Class if a change in the economic or political situation relating to the Fund or Class concerned would justify such liquidation or if required by the interests of Shareholders in a Fund or Class or where the total net asset value of a Fund or Class is less than GBP 10 million (or the Reference Currency equivalent), or if required by the interests of Shareholders in a Fund or Class. Notice of the decision to liquidate will be published by the Company prior to the effective date of the liquidation and the notice will indicate the reasons for, and the procedures of, the liquidation operations. Unless the Directors otherwise decide in the interests of, or to keep equal treatment between, the Shareholders, the Shareholders of the Fund or Class concerned may continue to request redemption or conversion of their shares. Assets which could not be distributed to their beneficiaries upon the close of the liquidation of the Fund concerned will be deposited with the *Caisse de Consignation* on behalf of their beneficiaries.

In the same circumstances as described above, the reorganisation of one Fund or Class by means of a division into two or more Funds or Classes may be decided by the Directors. Such a decision will be published in the same manner as described above and, in addition,

the notice will contain information relating to the two or more new Funds or Classes. Such a notice will be published at least one month before the date on which the reorganisation becomes effective in order to enable the shareholders to request redemption of their shares, free of charge (unless the shares have been issued in a Class subject to a deferred sales charge payable upon redemption) before the operation involving division into two or more Funds or Classes becomes effective.

Any merger of a Fund shall be decided by the Board of Directors under the conditions set out in the 2010 Law unless the Board of Directors decides to submit the decision for a merger to a meeting of Shareholders of the Fund concerned. No quorum is required for this meeting and decisions are taken by the simple majority of the votes cast. In case of a merger of a Fund where, as a result, the Company ceases to exist, or in case of merger of the Company, the merger shall be decided by a meeting of Shareholders resolving in accordance with the quorum and majority requirements for the amendment of the Articles.

Where any merger, sub-division or division as provided for above results in holders being entitled to fractions of shares and where the relevant shares are admitted for settlement in a clearing system the operating rules of which do not allow the settlement or clearing of fractions of shares or where the Directors has resolved not to issue fractions of shares in the relevant Fund or Class, the Directors will be authorised to redeem the relevant fraction. The Net Asset Value of the redeemed fraction will be distributed to the relevant Shareholders unless such amount is less than GBP 10 (or the Reference Currency equivalent). The decisions to liquidate or to reorganise a Fund in the circumstances and in the manner described in this section may also be taken at a meeting of the Shareholders of the Fund to be liquidated or reorganised where no quorum is required and where the decision to liquidate or reorganise must be approved by a majority of the votes cast.

## **Use of Dealing Commissions**

The Investment Manager may pass on broker's charges to the Company and in return for the broker's charges receive goods or services in addition to the execution of orders.

Any such dealing commission arrangements are subject to the following conditions: (i) the goods and services will be either related to the execution of trades on behalf of the Company or comprise the provision of research; (ii) the goods and services will reasonably assist the Investment Manager in the provision of its services to the Company on whose behalf the orders are being executed and will not impair compliance with the duty of the Investment Manager to act in the best interests of the Company; (iii) broker's charges on transactions affecting the Company' portfolio will only be attributed to broker-dealers that are legal entities and not to private individuals; (iv) the Investment Manager will provide reports to the Board of Directors on dealing commission arrangements (including the nature of the services received); and (v) dealing commission arrangements will be disclosed in the Company's periodic reports.

# **Directors**

- (a) Any Director who devotes special attention to the business of the Company may be paid such extra remuneration as the Directors may determine (see the section headed "Fees and Expenses" above in relation to Director's fees).
- (b) 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 and may act in a professional capacity to the Company on such terms as the Directors may determine.
- (c) Subject to the provisions of Luxembourg law, and provided that he has disclosed to the Directors the nature and extent of any material interest of his, a Director notwithstanding his office:
  - (i) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or any subsidiary or associated company thereof or in which the Company or any subsidiary or associated company thereof is otherwise interested;
  - (ii) may be a Director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, anybody corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company thereof is otherwise interested; and
  - (iii) shall not be accountable, by reason of his office, to the Company for any benefit which he derives from any such office or employment or from any such transaction or arrangement or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the ground of any such interest or benefit.

## **Indemnities**

The Directors (including alternates) and other officers of the Company and its former directors and officers shall be indemnified by the Company against losses and expenses which any such person may become liable to 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), under the conditions and as provided for in the Articles.

# Valuation principles applicable to the assets of the Company

- (a) The assets of the Company shall be deemed to include (i) all cash in hand, on deposit or on call including any interest accrued thereon and all accounts receivable, (ii) all bills, demand notes, certificates of deposit, promissory notes and accounts receivable (including proceeds of securities sold but not delivered), (iii) all bonds, forward currency transactions, time notes, shares, stock, units of or participation in collective investment undertakings/ mutual funds, debentures, debenture stock, subscription rights, warrants, futures contracts, options contracts, swap contracts, fixed rate securities, variable or floating rate securities, securities in respect of which the return and/or repurchase amount is calculated by reference to any index, price or rate, financial instruments and other investments and securities owned or contracted for by or in respect of the Company, (iv) all stock and cash dividends and cash distributions to be received by the Company and not yet received by the Company but declared to stockholders on record on a date on or before the day as of which the Net Asset Value is being determined, (v) all interest accrued on any interest-bearing securities attributed to the Company except to the extent that the same is included or reflected in, the principal value of such security, (vi) all other Investments of the Company, (vii) the establishment costs attributable to the Company and the cost of issuing and distributing Shares of the Company in so far as the same have not been written off and (viii) all other assets of the Company of every kind and nature including prepaid expenses as valued and defined from time to time by the Directors.
- (b) The valuation principles to be used in valuing the Company's assets are as follows:
  - (i) the value of an Investment which is quoted, listed or normally dealt in on a Regulated Market shall (save in the specific cases set out in paragraphs (iii), (viii) and (ix)) be the closing mid-market price on such Regulated Market as at the Valuation Point or the last traded price when no closing mid-market price is available, provided that:
    - A. if an Investment is quoted, listed or normally dealt in on more than one Regulated Market, the Directors may (with the approval of the Depositary), in their absolute discretion, select any one of such markets for the foregoing purposes (provided that the Directors have determined that such market constitutes the main market for such Investment or provides the fairest criteria for valuing such securities) and once selected a market shall be used for future calculations of the Net Asset Value with respect to that Investment unless the Directors otherwise determine; and
    - B. in the case of any Investment which is quoted, listed or normally dealt in on a Regulated Market but in respect of which for any reason, prices on that market may not be available at any relevant time, or, in the opinion of the Directors, may not be representative, the value of this Investment shall be the probable realisation value thereof estimated with care and in good faith by a competent person, firm or association making a market in such Investment (approved for the purpose by the Depositary) and/or any other competent person, in the opinion of the Directors (and approved for the purpose by the Depositary);
  - (ii) the value of any Investment which is not quoted, listed or normally dealt in on a Regulated Market shall be the probable realisable value estimated with care and in good faith by a competent person, firm or association making a market in such Investment (approved for the purpose by the Depositary) and/or any other competent person, in the opinion of the Directors (and approved for the purpose by the Depositary);
  - (iii) the value of any Investment which is a unit or share issued by an open-ended collective investment undertaking shall be the latest available net asset value of such unit/share;
  - (iv) the value of any cash in hand, prepaid expenses, cash dividends and interest declared or accrued as aforesaid and not yet received shall be deemed to be the full amount thereof unless in any case the Directors are of the opinion that the same is unlikely to be paid or received in full in which case the value thereof shall be arrived at after making

- such discount as the Directors (with the approval of the Depositary) may consider appropriate in such case to reflect the true value thereof;
- (v) deposits shall be valued at their principal amount plus accrued interest from the date on which the same were acquired or made;
- (vi) treasury bills shall be valued at the official close of business price on the market on which same are traded or admitted to trading as at the Valuation Point, provided that where such price is not available, same shall be valued at the probable realisation value estimated with care and good faith by a competent person (approved for the purpose by the Depositary);
- (vii) bonds, notes, debenture stocks, certificates of deposit, bank acceptances, trade bills and similar assets shall be valued at the official close of business price on the market on which these assets are traded or admitted for trading (being the market which is the sole market or in the opinion of the Directors the principal market on which the assets in question are quoted or dealt in) plus any interest accrued thereon from the date on which same were acquired;
- (viii) the value of forward foreign exchange contracts shall be the profit or loss arising from the position valued at the prevailing foreign exchange spot rate at the Valuation Point;
- (ix) the value of any futures contracts and options which are dealt in on a Regulated Market shall be the settlement price as determined by the market in question, provided that if such settlement price is not available for any reason or is unrepresentative, same shall be valued at the probable realisation value estimated with care and good faith by a competent person (approved for the purpose by the Depositary);
- (x) the value of any over the counter ("OTC") contracts, including swaps, shall be the quotation from the counterparty (provided that such quotation is provided on at least a daily basis and is approved or verified at least weekly by a person independent of the counterparty and who is approved for the purpose by the Depositary) or the fair value based on the underlying securities or assets;
- (xi) notwithstanding any of the foregoing sub-paragraphs, the Directors with the approval of the Depositary may adjust the value of any Investment if, having regard to currency, applicable rate of interest, maturity, marketability and/or such other considerations as they may deem relevant, they consider that such adjustment is required to reflect the fair value thereof;
- (xii) if in any case a particular value is not ascertainable as above provided or if the Directors shall consider that some other method of valuation better reflects the fair value of the relevant Investment then in such case the method of valuation of the relevant Investment shall be such as the Directors shall decide with the approval of the Depositary; and
- (xiii) notwithstanding the foregoing, where at any time of any valuation any asset of the Company has been realised or contracted to be realised there shall be included in the assets of the Company in place of such asset the net amount receivable by the Company in respect thereof provided that if such amount is not then known exactly then its value shall be the net amount estimated by the Directors as receivable by the Company and provided that such adjustment method is approved by the Depositary.
- (c) Any certificate as to Net Asset Value of Shares given in good faith (and in the absence of negligence or manifest error) by or on behalf of the Directors shall be binding on all parties.

## **Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing**

Pursuant to international regulations and Luxembourg laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the amended law of 12 November 2004 on the fight against money laundering and financing of terrorism, the Grand Ducal Regulation dated 1 February 2010, CSSF Regulation 12-02 of 14 December 2012, CSSF Circulars 13/556, 15/609 and 17/650 concerning the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing, and any respective amendments or replacements, obligations have been imposed on all professionals of the financial sector in order to prevent the use of undertakings for collective investment such as the Company from money laundering and financing of terrorism purposes. As a result of such provisions, the registrar agent of a Luxembourg undertaking for collective

investment must ascertain the identity of the subscriber in accordance with Luxembourg laws and regulations. The registrar agent may require subscribers to provide any document it deems necessary to effect such identification. In addition, the registrar agent, as delegate of the Company, may require any other information that the Company may require in order to comply with its legal and regulatory obligations, including but not limited to the FATCA Law and the CRS Law.

In case of delay or failure by an applicant to provide the required documentation, the application for subscription will not be accepted and in case of redemption, payment of redemption proceeds delayed. Neither the Company nor the registrar agent have any liability for delays or failure to process deals as a result of the applicant providing no or only incomplete documentation.

Shareholders may be requested to provide additional or updated identification documents from time to time pursuant to ongoing client due diligence requirements under relevant laws and regulations.

## **Pooling**

Subject to the provisions of the Articles, the Directors may invest and manage all or any part of the portfolio of assets established for two or more Funds (for the purposes hereof "Participating Funds") on a pooled basis. Any such asset pool shall be formed by transferring to it cash or other assets (subject to such assets being appropriate in respect to the investment policy of the pool concerned) from each of the Participating Funds. Thereafter, the Directors may from time to time make further transfers to each asset pool. Assets may also be transferred back to a Participating Fund up to the amount of the participation of the Class concerned.

Each Participating Fund shall be entitled to assets in such pool as determined by reference to the allocations and withdrawals of assets by the relevant Participating Fund and to those made on behalf of the other Participating Funds. Where a cash contribution or a withdrawal is made, it will be reduced by an amount which the Directors consider appropriate to reflect fiscal charges and dealing and purchase costs which may be incurred in investing the cash concerned or, respectively, increased by an addition reflecting costs which may be incurred in realising securities or other assets of the asset pool.

Dividends, interest and other distributions of an income nature received in respect of the assets in an asset pool will be immediately credited to the Participating Funds in proportion to their respective participation in the asset pool at the time of receipt. On the dissolution of the Company, the assets in an asset pool will be allocated to the Participating Funds in proportion to their respective participation in the asset pool.

At the present time, none of the Funds are managed on a pooled basis. Should the Directors resolve to manage existing Funds on such basis, prior notice will be given to investors.

## **Inspection of Documents**

Copies of the following documents (and any subsequent amending documents) will be available for inspection at any time during normal business hours on any day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) free of charge at the registered office of the Company and of the Management Company:

- (a) the Articles;
- (b) the Depositary Agreement;
- (c) the Administration Agreement;
- (d) the Management Company Agreement;
- (e) the Investment Management Agreement;
- (f) the lead distribution agreement entered into with the Lead Distributor;
- (g) the Prospectus and the Key Investor Information Documents of the Company; and
- (h) the latest annual and semi-annual financial statements of the Company (when issued).

Copies of the documents listed under (a), (g) and (h) may be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the Company and of the Management Company.

## **UCITS KIID**

Investors in the UK will be provided with a UCITS KIID as a pre-contractual document prior to their subscription into the Funds of the Company.

## **PRIIPs KID**

Starting as of 1 January 2023 and in accordance with Regulation (EU) 1286/2014, as amended, and the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/653, as amended (collectively referred to as the "PRIIPs Regulation"), a PRIIPs KID will be published for each Share Class where such Share Class is available to retail investors in the EEA.

A retail investor within the meaning of the preceding paragraph means any person who is a retail client as defined in article 4(1), point (11), of MiFID 2 (referred to herein as a "Retail Investor").

A PRIIPs KID will be provided to Retail Investors and professional investors, where Shares are made available, offered, or sold in the EEA, in good time prior to their subscription in the Funds of the Company. In accordance with the PRIIPs Regulation, the PRIIPs KID will be provided to Retail Investors and professional investors (i) by using a durable medium other than paper or (ii) at <a href="https://www.barclaysinvestments.com">www.barclaysinvestments.com</a>. It can also be obtained, upon request, in paper form from Barclays Portfolios SICAV, 10 Rue Du Chateau D'Eau, L-3364 Leudelange, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and from FundRock Management Company S.A., 33 Rue De Gasperich, L-5826, Hesperange, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg free of charge.

# **Recording of Communications**

Telephone, electronic and other communications and conversations with the Management Company, the Administrator, the Investment Manager and/or their associated persons may be recorded and retained.

## **APPENDIX 1**

#### INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The Directors have adopted the following restrictions relating to the investment of the Company's assets and its activities. These restrictions and policies may be amended from time to time by the Directors if and as they shall deem it to be in the best interests of the Company in which case this Prospectus will be updated.

The investment restrictions imposed by Luxembourg law must be complied with by each Fund. Those restrictions in paragraph 1(D) below are applicable to the Company as a whole.

## 1. INVESTMENT IN TRANSFERABLE SECURITIES AND LIQUID ASSETS

- (A) The Company will invest solely in:
  - (i) transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official listing on a stock exchange in an Eligible State; and/or
  - (ii) transferable securities and money market instruments dealt in on another Regulated Market; and/or
  - (iii) recently issued transferable securities and money market instruments, provided that the terms of issue include an undertaking that application will be made for admission to official listing on a Regulated Market and such admission is achieved within one year of the issue; and/or
  - (iv) shares or units of UCITS and/or of other UCIs whether situated in an EU Member State or not, provided that:
    - such other UCIs have been authorised (a) under the laws of any member country of the European Union or (b) under the laws of Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, United Kingdom or the United States, or (c) under other laws which provide that such other UCIs are subject to supervision considered by the CSSF to be equivalent to that laid down in EU law and that co-operation between authorities is sufficiently ensured;
    - the level of protection for shareholders in such other UCIs is equivalent to that provided for Shareholders in a UCITS, and in particular that the rules on assets segregation, borrowing, lending, and uncovered sales of transferable securities and money market instruments are equivalent to the requirements of the Directive;
    - the business of such other UCIs is reported in half-yearly and annual reports to enable an assessment of the assets and liabilities, income and operations over the reporting period;
    - no more than 10% of the assets of the UCITS or of the other UCIs, whose acquisition is contemplated, can, according to their constitutional documents, in aggregate be invested in units of other UCITS or other UCIs; and/or
  - (v) deposits with credit institutions which are repayable on demand or have the right to be withdrawn, and maturing in no more than 12 months, provided that the credit institution has its registered office in a EU Member State or, if the registered office of the credit institution is situated in a third country, provided that it is subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF as equivalent to those laid down in EU law; and/or
  - (vi) financial derivative instruments, including equivalent cash-settled instruments, dealt in on a regulated market referred to in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) above, and/or financial derivative instruments dealt in over-the-counter ("OTC derivatives"), provided that:
    - the underlying consists of securities covered by this section (1) (A), financial indices, interest rates, foreign exchange rates or currencies, in which the Funds may invest according to their investment objective;
    - the counterparties to OTC derivative transactions are institutions subject to prudential supervision, and belonging to the categories approved by the CSSF; and
    - the OTC derivatives are subject to reliable and verifiable valuation on a daily basis and can be sold,

liquidated or closed by an offsetting transaction at any time at their fair value at the Company's initiative.

Unless specifically provided otherwise for any specific Fund, the Company will invest in financial derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes and as more fully described in the section 5 below;

and/or

- (vii) money market instruments other than those dealt in on a Regulated Market, if the issue or the issuer of such instruments are themselves regulated for the purpose of protecting investors and savings, and provided that such instruments are:
  - issued or guaranteed by a central, regional or local authority or by a central bank of an EU Member State, the European Central Bank, the European Union or the European Investment Bank, a non-EU Member State or, in case of a Federal State, by one of the members making up the federation, or by a public international body to which one or more EU Member States belong; or
  - issued by an undertaking any securities of which are dealt in on Regulated Markets; or
  - issued or guaranteed by an establishment subject to prudential supervision in accordance with criteria defined by EU law, or by an establishment which is subject to and complies with prudential rules considered by the CSSF to be at least as stringent as those laid down by EU law; or
  - issued by other bodies belonging to categories approved by the CSSF provided that investments in such instruments are subject to investor protection equivalent to that laid down in the first, the second or the third indent and provided that the issuer is a company whose capital and reserves amount to at least Euro ten million (€10,000,000) and which presents and publishes its annual accounts in accordance with the fourth Directive 78/660/EEC, is an entity which, within a group of companies which includes one or several listed companies, is dedicated to the financing of the group or is an entity which is dedicated to the financing of securitisation vehicles which benefit from a banking liquidity line.

In addition, the Company may invest a maximum of 10% of the net asset value of any Fund in transferable securities and money market instruments other than those referred to under (i) to (vii) above.

- (B) Each Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets (*i.e.*, bank deposits at sight, such as cash held in current accounts with a bank accessible at any time) up to 20% of its net assets in order to cover current or exceptional payments, or for the time necessary to reinvest in eligible assets provided under article 41(1) of the 2010 Law or for a period of time strictly necessary in case of unfavourable market conditions. Under exceptionally unfavourable market conditions (for instance in highly serious circumstances such as the September 11 attacks or the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers in 2008), such restriction may exceptionally and temporarily be exceeded, if considered to be in the best interest of the Shareholders, in order to take measures to mitigate risks relative to such market conditions. In addition, each Fund may also hold cash equivalent (*i.e.*, bank deposits (excluding bank deposits at sight), money market instruments, or other eligible assets listed under article 41(1) of the 2010 Law) in order to achieve its investment goals, for treasury purposes, and/or in case of unfavourable market conditions, pursuant to the applicable investment restrictions and the Fund's investment policy as provided in Appendix 3.
- (C) Each Fund may invest no more than 10% of its net asset value in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same issuing body (and in the case of credit-linked securities both the issuer of the credit-linked securities and the issuer of the underlying securities). Each Fund may not invest more than 20% of its net assets in deposits made with the same body. The risk exposure to a counterparty of a Fund in an OTC derivative transaction may not exceed 10% of its net assets when the counterparty is a credit institution referred to in (1)(A)(v) above or 5% of its net assets in other cases.
  - (ii) Furthermore, where any Fund holds investments in transferable securities and money market instruments of any issuing body which individually exceed 5% of the net asset value of such Fund, the total value of all such investments must not account for more than 40% of the net asset value of such Fund.

This limitation does not apply to deposits and OTC derivative transactions made with financial institutions subject to

prudential supervision.

Notwithstanding the individual limits laid down in paragraph (C)(i), a Fund may not combine:

- investments in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by a single body;
- deposits made with a single body; and/or
- exposures arising from OTC derivative transactions undertaken with a single body in excess of 20% of its net assets.
- (iii) The limit of 10% laid down in paragraph (C)(i) above shall be 35% in respect of transferable securities or money market instruments which are issued or guaranteed by an EU Member State, its local authorities or by an Eligible State or by public international bodies of which one or more EU Member States are members.
- (ii) The limit of 10% laid down in paragraph (C)(i) above shall be 25% in respect of covered bonds as defined in Article 3(1) of the Directive (EU) 2019/2162 of 27 November 2019 on the issue of covered bonds and covered bond public supervision, and for certain bonds where they are issued before 8 July 2022 by credit institutions having their registered office in an EU Member State and which are subject by law to a special public supervision designated to protect bondholders. In particular, sums deriving from the issue of such bonds issued before 8 July 2022 must be invested, in accordance with the law, in assets which, during the whole period of validity of the bonds, are capable of covering claims attaching to the bonds and which, in case of bankruptcy of the issuer, would be used on a priority basis for the reimbursement of the principal and the payment of accrued interest.

If a Fund invests more than 5% of its assets in the bonds referred to in the sub-paragraph above and issued by one single issuer, the total value of such investments may not exceed 80% of the value of the assets of such Fund.

(v) The transferable securities and money market instruments referred to in paragraphs (C)(iii) and (C)(iv) are not included in the calculation of the limit of 40% referred to in paragraph (C)(ii).

The limits set out in paragraphs (C)(i), (C)(ii), (C)(iii) and (C)(iv) above may not be aggregated and, accordingly, the value of investments in transferable securities and money market instruments issued by the same body, in deposits or derivative instruments made with this body, effected in accordance with paragraphs (C)(i), (C)(ii), (C)(iii) and (C) (iv) may not, in any event, exceed a total of 35% of each Fund's net asset value.

Companies which are included in the same group for the purposes of consolidated accounts, as defined in accordance with Directive 2013/34/EU of 26 June 2013 on the annual financial statements, consolidated financial statements and related reports of certain types of undertakings, as amended, or in accordance with recognised international accounting rules, are regarded as a single body for the purpose of calculating the limits contained in this paragraph (C).

A Fund may cumulatively invest up to 20% of its net assets in transferable securities and money market instruments within the same group.

- (vi) Without prejudice to the limits laid down in paragraph (D), the limits laid down in this paragraph (C) shall be 20% for investments in shares and/or debt securities issued by the same body when the aim of a Fund's investment policy is to replicate the composition of a certain stock or debt securities index which is recognised by the CSSF, provided:
  - the composition of the index is sufficiently diversified;
  - the index represents an adequate benchmark for the market to which it refers;
  - it is published in an appropriate manner.

The limit laid down in the subparagraph above is raised to 35% where it proves to be justified by exceptional market conditions in particular in regulated markets where certain transferable securities or money market instruments are highly dominant provided that investment up to 35% is only permitted for a single issuer.

(vii) Where any Fund has invested in accordance with the principle of risk spreading in transferable securities or money

market instruments issued or guaranteed by an EU Member State, by its local authorities or a non-EU Member State accepted by the CSSF (being at the date of this Prospectus OECD member states, Singapore, Brazil, Russia, Indonesia and South Africa) or by public international bodies of which one or more EU Member States are members, the Company may invest 100% of the net asset value of any Fund in such securities provided that such Fund must hold securities from at least six different issues and the value of securities from any one issue must not account for more than 30% of the net asset value of the Fund.

Subject to having due regard to the principle of risk spreading, a Fund need not comply with the limits set out in this paragraph (C) for a period of 6 months following the date of its authorisation and launch.

- (D) (i) The Company may not normally acquire shares carrying voting rights which would enable the Company to exercise significant influence over the management of the issuing body.
  - (ii) A Fund may acquire no more than (a) 10% of the non-voting shares of any single issuing body, (b) 10% of the value of debt securities of any single issuing body, (c) 10% of the money market instruments of the same issuing body, and/or (d) 25% of the units of the same collective investment undertaking. However, the limits laid down in (b), (c) and (d) 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 securities in issue cannot be calculated.

The limits set out in paragraph (D)(i) and (ii) above shall not apply to:

- (i) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by an EU Member State or its local authorities;
- (ii) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a non-EU Member State;
- (iii) transferable securities and money market instruments issued by public international bodies of which one or more EU Member States are members; or
- shares held in the capital of a company incorporated in a non-EU Member State which invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuing bodies having their registered office in that state where, under the legislation of that state, such holding represents the only way in which such Fund's assets may invest in the securities of the issuing bodies of that state, provided, however, that such company in its investment policy complies with the limits laid down in 1(C), 1(D) (i) and (ii) and 1(E).
- (E) (i) Each Fund may not invest more than 20% of its net assets in shares or units of the same UCITS or other UCIs referred to under 1A(iv) above.
  - (ii) Furthermore, investments made in UCIs other than UCITS, may not exceed, in aggregate, 30% of the net assets of the Fund.
  - (iii) To the extent that a UCITS or UCI is composed of several sub-funds and provided that the principle of segregation of commitments of the different sub-funds is ensured in relation to third parties, each sub-fund shall be considered as a separate entity for the application of the limit laid down under 1(E)(i) above.
  - (iv) When a Fund invests in the shares or units of other UCITS and/or other UCIs that are managed, directly or by delegation, by the same management company or by another company with which the Management Company is linked by common management or control, or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, no subscription or redemption fees may be charged by that management company or other company on account of its investment in the shares or units of such other UCITS and/or UCIs.
  - (v) In respect of a Fund's substantial proportion of its investments in UCITS and other UCIs that are managed, directly or by delegation, by the same management company or by another company with which the Management Company is linked by common management or control, or by a substantial direct or indirect holding the maximum total management fee (excluding any performance fee, if any) charged to such Fund and each of the UCITS or other UCIs concerned shall not exceed 4% of the relevant net assets under management. The Company will indicate in its annual report the total management fees charged both to the relevant Fund and to the UCITS and other UCIs in which such

Fund has invested during the relevant period.

- (vi) The Company may acquire no more than 25% of the shares or units of the same UCITS and/or other UCI. This limit may be disregarded at the time of acquisition if at that time the gross amount of the shares or units in issue cannot be calculated. In the case of a UCITS or other UCI with multiple sub-funds, this restriction is applicable by reference to all shares or units issued by the UCITS/UCI concerned, all sub-funds combined.
- (vii) The underlying investments held by the UCITS or other UCIs in which the Funds invest do not have to be considered for the purpose of the investment restrictions set forth under 1. (C) above.

## 2. INVESTMENT IN OTHER ASSETS

- (A) The Company will not make investments in precious metals or certificates representing these.
- (B) The Company may not enter into transactions involving commodities or commodity contracts, except that the Company may employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities within the limits set out in paragraph 3. below.
- (C) The Company will not purchase or sell real estate or any option, right or interest therein, provided the Company may invest in securities secured by real estate or interests therein or issued by companies which invest in real estate or interests therein.
- (D) The Company may not carry out uncovered sales of transferable securities, money market instruments or other financial instruments referred to in 1. (A) iv), vi) and vii).
- (E) The Company may not borrow for the account of any Fund, other than amounts which do not in aggregate exceed 10% of the net asset value of the Fund, and then only as a temporary measure. For the purpose of this restriction back-to-back loans are not considered to be borrowings.
- (F) The Company will not mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise encumber as security for indebtedness any securities held for the account of any Fund, except as may be necessary in connection with the borrowings mentioned in (E) above, and then such mortgaging, pledging, or hypothecating may not exceed 10% of the net asset value of each Fund. In connection with swap transactions, option and forward exchange or futures transactions the deposit of securities or other assets in a separate account shall not be considered a mortgage, pledge or hypothecation for this purpose.
- (G) The Company will not underwrite or sub-underwrite securities of other issuers.

## 3. CROSS-FUNDS INVESTMENTS

A Fund (the "Investing Fund") may subscribe, acquire and/or hold securities to be issued or issued by one or more Funds (each, a "Target Fund") without the Fund being subject to the requirements of the law of 10 August 1915 on commercial companies, as amended, with respect to the subscription, acquisition and/or the holding by a company of its own shares, under the condition however that:

- (i) the Investing Fund may not invest more than 20% of its Net Asset Value in a single Target Fund; and
- (ii) the Target Fund does not, in turn, invest in the Investing Fund invested in this Target Fund; and
- (iii) no more than 10% of the assets that the Target Fund whose acquisition is contemplated may, according to its investment policy, be invested in units of other UCITS or other UCIs; and
- (iv) voting rights, if any, attaching to the Shares of the Target Fund are suspended for as long as they are held by the Investing Fund concerned and without prejudice to the appropriate processing in the accounts and the periodic reports; and
- (v) for as long as these securities are held by the Investing Fund, their value will not be taken into consideration for the calculation of the net assets of the Company for the purposes of verifying the minimum threshold of the net assets imposed by the 2010 Law.

## 4. MASTER-FEEDER STRUCTURES

(A) Under the conditions and within the limits laid down by the 2010 Law, the Company may, to the widest extent permitted by

the Regulations (i) create any Fund qualifying either as a feeder UCITS (a "Feeder UCITS") or as a master UCITS (a "Master UCITS"), (ii) convert any existing Fund into a Feeder UCITS or a Master UCITS, or (iii) change the Master UCITS of any of its Feeder UCITS.

- (B) A Feeder UCITS shall invest at least 85% of its assets in the units of another Master UCITS. A Feeder UCITS may hold up to 15% of its assets in one or more of the following:
  - (i) ancillary liquid assets in accordance with 1. (B) above;
  - (ii) financial derivative instruments, which may be used only for hedging purposes;
- (C) For the purposes of compliance with paragraph 4 of section "5. Financial Derivatives, Techniques and Instruments" hereafter, the Feeder UCITS shall calculate its global exposure related to financial derivative instruments by combining its own direct exposure under the second indent under b) with either:
  - (i) the Master UCITS actual exposure to financial derivative instruments in proportion to the Feeder UCITS investment into the Master UCITS; or
  - (ii) the Master UCITS potential maximum global exposure to financial derivative instruments provided for in the Master UCITS management regulations or instruments of incorporation in proportion to the Feeder UCITS investment into the Master UCITS.

## 5. FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES, TECHNIQUES AND INSTRUMENTS

The Company is authorised to invest in financial derivative instruments on eligible assets and employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and to money market instruments under the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Regulations. Under no circumstances shall these operations cause the Company and its Funds to diverge from its investment policies and restrictions.

The Company may invest in financial derivative instruments, for hedging exchange and market risks and employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and money market instruments for efficient portfolio management, as more fully described below.

The Company may also invest in financial derivative instruments in relation to a specific Fund to achieve its investment objective as disclosed under the section headed "Investment Objectives, Investment Policies and Investor and Risk Profiles" in this Prospectus.

When a Fund invests in total return swaps or in other financial derivative instruments with similar characteristics, information relating to the underlying assets and strategy and to the relevant counterparties shall be described in Appendix 3.

The Company shall ensure that the global exposure of each Fund relating to derivative instruments does not exceed the total net assets of that Fund. The exposure is calculated taking into account the current value of the underlying assets, the counterparty risk, foreseeable market movements and the time available to liquidate the positions. This shall also apply to the following paragraphs. When a Fund invests, as a part of its investment policy and within the limits laid down in restriction 1(C)(v), in financial derivative instruments, the exposure to the underlying assets may not exceed in aggregate the investment limits laid down in restrictions 1(C)(i) to (v). When a Fund invests in index-based financial derivative instruments, these investments do not have to be combined to the limits laid down in restriction 1(C). In addition, the frequency of the review and rebalancing of the composition of the underlying index of such financial derivative instruments shall vary per index and could be daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. There will be no cost to the Fund when the index itself rebalances.

When a transferable security or money market instrument embeds a derivative, the latter must be taken into account when complying with the aforesaid requirements.

The counterparties to these transactions must be subject to prudential supervision rules considered by the CSSF as described above in section 1. (A) (vi).

None of the Funds currently make use of securities financing transactions, total return swaps, repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending transactions. Prior to entering into such transactions, this Prospectus will be revised to include such disclosure as is necessary to comply with the requirements of the Regulation (EU) No 2015/2365 of the European Parliament and of

the Council of 25 November 2015 on transparency of securities financing transactions and reuse and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012.

## 5.1 Transactions aimed at hedging exchange-rate risks

In the context of the management of the investment portfolio, each Fund may use instruments with a view to hedging against exchange-rate fluctuations. These instruments may include, but are not limited to, sales of forward foreign-exchange contracts, sales of currency futures, purchases of put options on currencies as well as sales of call options on currencies.

# 5.2 Swaps

The Company may enter into swap transactions which consist of contractually paying out (or receiving) to (from) the swap counterparty:

- (i) a positive or negative performance of one security, a basket of securities, a stock exchange index or a benchmark;
- (ii) an interest rate, either floating or fixed;
- (iii) a foreign exchange rate; or
- (iv) a combination of any of the above;

against the payment of an interest rate either floating of fixed. There is no exchange of principal in the swap and the Company will not hold any security, but the Company will receive all the economies of owning securities, such as dividend income.

When entering into swap transactions, the Company must ensure that:

- (i) its counterpart is a financial institution of good reputation specialised among other things in this type of transaction;
- (ii) the level of its exposure to the swap is such that it is able, at all times, to have sufficient liquid assets available to meet its redemption obligations and the commitments arising out of such transactions; and
- (iii) the underlying assets performance referred to under the swap agreement is in compliance with the investment policy of the relevant Fund entering into such transaction.

The swap transactions to be entered into will be marked to market daily using the market value of the underlying assets used for the transaction in accordance with the terms of the swap agreement.

## 5.3 Credit Default Swaps

The Company may use credit default swaps. A credit default swap is a bilateral financial contract in which one counterpart (the protection buyer) pays a periodic fee in return for a contingent payment by the protection seller following a credit event of a reference issuer. The protection buyer must either sell particular obligations issued by the reference issuer at their par value (or some other designated reference or strike price) when a credit event occurs or receive a cash settlement based on the difference between the market price and such reference or strike price. The credit default swaps to be entered into will be market to market daily on this basis. A credit event is commonly defined as bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, material adverse restructuring of debt, or failure to meet payment obligations when due. The International Swaps and Derivatives Association ("ISDA") has produced standardised documentation for these transactions under the umbrella of its ISDA Master Agreement.

The Company may use credit default swaps in order to hedge the specific credit risk of some of the issuers in its portfolios by buying protection.

Provided it is in the exclusive interests of its Shareholders, the Company may also sell protection under credit default swaps in order to acquire a specific credit exposure.

Credit default swaps may trade differently from the funded securities of the reference entity. In adverse market conditions, the basis (difference between the spread on bonds and the spread on credit default swaps) can be significantly more volatile.

The Company will only enter into credit default swap transactions with highly rated financial institutions specialised in this type of transaction and only in accordance with the standard terms laid down by the ISDA. In addition, the use of credit default swaps must comply with the investment objectives and policies and risk profile of the relevant Fund.

The Company will ensure that, at any time, it has the necessary assets in order to pay redemption proceeds resulting from redemption requests and also meet its obligations resulting from credit default swaps and other techniques and instruments.

## **Collateral Policy**

- (a) Repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements, ("repo contracts") and stock lending arrangements may only be effected in accordance with normal market practice.
- (b) All assets received by the Company, on behalf of a Fund in the context of efficient portfolio management techniques and/or OTC derivative transactions must comply with the criteria set out below:
  - (i) Liquidity: collateral received other than cash should be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to pre-sale valuation. Collateral received should also comply with the provisions of Articles 56 of the Directive.
  - (ii) Valuation: collateral received should be valued on at least a daily basis and assets that exhibit high price volatility should not be accepted as collateral unless suitably conservative haircuts are in place.
  - (iii) Issuer credit quality: collateral received should be of high quality.
  - (iv) Correlation: collateral received should be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is not expected to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty.
  - (v) Diversification (asset concentration): collateral should be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of a Fund's Net Asset Value. When a Fund is exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral should be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer. By way of derogation, a Fund may be fully collateralised in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by any EU Member State, any of its local authorities, any OECD country, Singapore or any member of the G20, or a public international body to which one or more EU Member States belong. In that case, the relevant Fund will receive securities from at least six different issues, but securities from any single issue shall not account for more than 30% of the Net Asset Value of that Fund.
  - (vi) Immediately available: collateral received should be capable of being fully enforced by the Investment Manager, on behalf of the relevant Fund(s), at any time without reference to or approval from the counterparty.

Collateral received on a title transfer basis should be held by the Depositary. For other types of collateral arrangement, the collateral can be held by a third-party trustee which is subject to prudential supervision, and which is unrelated to the provider of the collateral.

- (c) Non-cash collateral cannot be sold, pledged or re-invested.
- (d) Cash collateral received by a Fund in relation to any of these transactions may be reinvested in a manner consistent with the investment objectives of such Fund in:
  - (i) deposits with credit institutions having their registered office in an EU Member State or if the credit institution has its registered office in a third country, it must be subject to prudential rules considered by the CSSF as equivalent to those laid down in EU law;
  - (ii) high quality government bonds;
  - (iii) reverse repurchase agreements provided the transactions are with credit institutions subject to prudential supervision and to the extent that the Company is able to recall at any time the full amount of cash on an accrued basis;
  - (iv) shares or units issued by short-term money market funds as defined in the ESMA Guidelines on a Common Definition of European Money Market Funds (ref CESR/10-049).

Re-invested cash collateral should be diversified in accordance with the diversification requirement applicable to non-cash collateral.

Invested cash collateral may not be placed on deposit with, or invested in securities issued by, a counterparty or a related

entity.

The Fund may re-invest cash collateral in securities on a when issued, delayed delivery and forward commitment basis and such securities will be taken into consideration in calculating a Fund's investment restriction limits.

## (e) Permitted types of collateral

Where the Company, on behalf of Fund, receives collateral as a result of trading in OTC derivatives or as a result of engaging in efficient portfolio management techniques, the Company intends, subject to the criteria set out at Section (b)(i) – (vi) above, to accept collateral in the form which complies with the requirements of the CSSF Circular 08/356 (as may be amended or replaced from time to time).

# (f) Level of collateral required

The value of any collateral, whatever its currency, received by the Company, adjusted in light of the haircut policy, will be market to market daily and will equal or exceed, in value, at all times, the value of the amount invested, or securities loaned. Collateral received in form of cash will be denominated in the same currency as the currency of the derivatives or securities loaned they cover.

## (g) Haircut Policy

Collateral received by the Company, on behalf of a Fund, will be subject to the following haircut policy:

Eligible Collateral	Haircut applicable
Cash	None
Government bonds and T-Bills	at least 2%
Supranational bonds and municipal bonds	at least 3%
Corporate bonds	at least 5%
Equities	at least 5%

The Company reserves the right to vary this policy at any time in which case this Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

# (h) Revenue and costs arising from efficient portfolio management techniques

To the extent that the Company, on behalf of a Fund, engages in efficient portfolio management techniques, and to the extent that direct and indirect operational costs/fees arising from efficient portfolio management techniques are deducted from the revenue delivered to the Fund (which costs and fees should not include hidden revenue), the Company will disclose information on the costs and fees as well as the identity of the entity or entities to which such costs and fees are paid, indicating whether or not these are related parties to the Depositary in the annual report of the Company to the extent required by the Regulations.

All the revenues arising from efficient portfolio management techniques, net of direct or indirect operational costs, should be returned to the relevant Fund(s).

## 6. RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS

The Management Company will employ a risk management process which enables it to monitor and measure at any time the risk of the positions and their contribution to the overall risk profile of each Fund. The Management Company will employ, if applicable, a process for accurate and independent assessment of the value of any OTC derivative instruments.

Unless otherwise provided in Appendix 3 for specific Funds, commitment approach is used to monitor and measure the global exposure of the Funds.

This approach measures the global exposure related solely to positions on financial derivative instruments under consideration of netting or hedging.

Each Fund's total commitment to financial derivative instruments, limited to 100% of the portfolio's total net value, is quantified as the sum, as an absolute value, of the individual commitments, after consideration of the possible effects of netting and coverage.

## 7. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The Company may not make loans to other persons or act as a guarantor on behalf of third parties provided that for the purpose of this restriction the making of bank deposits and the acquisition of such securities referred to in paragraph 1. (A) (i), (ii) and (iii) or of ancillary liquid assets shall not be deemed to be the making of a loan and that the Company shall not be prevented from acquiring such securities above which are not fully paid.
- B. The Company need not comply with the investment limit percentages when exercising subscription rights attached to securities which form part of its assets.
- C. The Management Company, the Investment Manager, the Distributors, the Depositary, the Administrator and any authorised agents or their associates may have dealings in the assets of the Company provided that any such transactions are effected on normal commercial terms negotiated at arm's length and provided that each such transaction complies with any of the following:
  - i) a certified valuation of such transaction is provided by a person approved by the Directors as independent and competent;
  - ii) the transaction has been executed on best terms, on and under the rules of an organised investment exchange; or where neither i) or ii) is practical;
  - iii) where the Directors are satisfied that the transaction has been executed on normal commercial terms negotiated at arm's length.

# **APPENDIX 2**

# **LIST OF FUNDS AND SHARE CLASSES**

Name of Fund	Share Class	GBP	USD	EUR	YEN
Barclays GlobalBeta Portfolio 1	Class A – Acc	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class A – Dist	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class B – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class B – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class C – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class C – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class D – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class D – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class I – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class I – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class K – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class K – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class R – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class R – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class Y – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Y – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
Barclays GlobalBeta Portfolio 2	Class A – Acc	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class A – Dist	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class B – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class B – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class C – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class C – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class D – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class D – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H– Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class I – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO

Name of Fund	Share Class	GBP	USD	EUR	YEN
	Class I – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class K – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class K – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class R – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class R – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class Y – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Y – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
Barclays GlobalBeta Portfolio 3	Class A – Acc	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class A – Dist	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class B – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class B – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class C – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class C – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class D – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class D – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class I – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class I – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class K – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class K – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class R – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class R – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class Y – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Y – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
Barclays GlobalBeta Portfolio 4	Class A – Acc	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class A – Dist	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class B – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class B – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class C – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class C – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class D – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO

Name of Fund	Share Class	GBP	USD	EUR	YEN
	Class D – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class I – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class I – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class K – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class K – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class R – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class R – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class Y – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Y – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
Barclays GlobalBeta Portfolio 5	Class A – Acc	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class A – Dist	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class B – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class B – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class C – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class C – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class D – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class D – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class I – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class I – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class K – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class K – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class R – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class R – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class Y – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Y – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
Barclays MultiManager Portfolio 1	Class A – Acc	YES	YES	YES	YES

Name of Fund	Share Class	GBP	USD	EUR	YEN
	Class A – Dist	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class B – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class B – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class C – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class C – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class D – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class D – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class I – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class I – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class K – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class K – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class R – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class R – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class Y – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Y – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
Barclays MultiManager Portfolio 2	Class A – Acc	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class A – Dist	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class B – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class B – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class C – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class C – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class D – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class D – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class I – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class I – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class K – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class K – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class R – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO

Name of Fund	Share Class	GBP	USD	EUR	YEN
	Class R – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class Y – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Y – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
Barclays MultiManager Portfolio 3	Class A – Acc	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class A – Dist	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class B – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class B – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class C – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class C – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class D – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class D – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class I – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class I – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class K – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class K – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class R – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class R – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class Y – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class Y – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
Barclays MultiManager Portfolio 4	Class A – Acc	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class A – Dist	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class B – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class B – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class C – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class C – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class D – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class D – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO

Name of Fund	Share Class	GBP	USD	EUR	YEN
	Class H – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class I – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class I – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class K – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class K – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class R – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class R – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class Y – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class Y – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
Barclays MultiManager Portfolio 5	Class A – Acc	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class A – Dist	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Class B – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class B – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class C – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class C – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class D – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class D – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class I – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class I – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class K – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class K – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class R – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class R – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class Y – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class Y – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
Liquid Alternative Strategies	Class A – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class A – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class B – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class B – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class C – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO

Name of Fund	Share Class	GBP	USD	EUR	YEN
	Class C – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class D – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class D – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class I – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class I – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class K – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class K – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class R – Acc	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class R – Dist	YES	YES	YES	NO
	Class Y – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Y – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
Barclays PB Multi-Asset Diversified Fund (GBP)	Class A – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class A – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class B – Acc	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Class B – Dist	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Class C – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class C – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class D – Acc	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Class D – Dist	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Acc	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Class G – Dist	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Acc	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Class H – Dist	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Class I – Acc	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Class I – Dist	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Class K – Acc	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Class K – Dist	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Class R – Acc	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Class R – Dist	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Class Y – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Y – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Acc	YES	NO	NO	NO

Name of Fund	Share Class	GBP	USD	EUR	YEN
	Class Z – Dist	YES	NO	NO	NO
Barclays PB Multi-Asset Diversified Fund (USD)	Class A – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class A – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class B – Acc	NO	YES	NO	NO
	Class B – Dist	NO	YES	NO	NO
	Class C – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class C – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class D – Acc	NO	YES	NO	NO
	Class D – Dist	NO	YES	NO	NO
	Class G – Acc	NO	YES	NO	NO
	Class G – Dist	NO	YES	NO	NO
	Class H – Acc	NO	YES	NO	NO
	Class H – Dist	NO	YES	NO	NO
	Class I – Acc	NO	YES	NO	NO
	Class I – Dist	NO	YES	NO	NO
	Class K – Acc	NO	YES	NO	NO
	Class K – Dist	NO	YES	NO	NO
	Class R – Acc	NO	YES	NO	NO
	Class R – Dist	NO	YES	NO	NO
	Class Y – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Y – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Acc	NO	YES	NO	NO
	Class Z – Dist	NO	YES	NO	NO
Barclays PB Multi-Asset Diversified Fund (EUR)	Class A – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class A – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class B – Acc	NO	NO	YES	NO
	Class B – Dist	NO	NO	YES	NO
	Class C – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class C – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class D – Acc	NO	NO	YES	NO
	Class D – Dist	NO	NO	YES	NO
	Class G – Acc	NO	NO	YES	NO
	Class G – Dist	NO	NO	YES	NO
	Class H – Acc	NO	NO	YES	NO
	Class H – Dist	NO	NO	YES	NO
	Class I – Acc	NO	NO	YES	NO
	Class I – Dist	NO	NO	YES	NO
	Class K – Acc	NO	NO	YES	NO

Name of Fund	Share Class	GBP	USD	EUR	YEN
	Class K – Dist	NO	NO	YES	NO
	Class R – Acc	NO	NO	YES	NO
	Class R – Dist	NO	NO	YES	NO
	Class Y – Acc	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Y – Dist	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Class Z – Acc	NO	NO	YES	NO
	Class Z – Dist	NO	NO	YES	NO

Not all Funds and Share Classes set out above, may be available at the date of this Prospectus. A complete list of the available Share Classes, together with their ISIN numbers, may be obtained from the Administrator. Certain Funds and/or Share classes may be offered in certain jurisdictions only. Investors should consult the Management Company, the Administrator, their relevant intermediary or professional adviser as to the availability of any Share in their jurisdictions.

## **APPENDIX 3**

## **FUND SPECIFIC DETAILS**

## Barclays GlobalBeta Portfolio 1

# The information contained in this section in relation to the Fund should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

## **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve an ongoing source of income with the potential for some capital growth.

## **Investment Policy:**

In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will invest predominantly in collective investment undertakings including, but not restricted to, Exchange Traded Funds. Such collective investment undertakings will be UCITS funds regulated in the European Union and/or Permitted Non-UCITS Funds.

While the Fund is a "fund of funds", it may also invest directly in, and manage exposure to, government bonds, corporate bonds and other transferable securities, including certificates of deposit, floating rate notes, commercial paper and equities. The Fund's Direct Investments will normally be listed or traded on Regulated Markets in Europe, the US and Japan but may alternatively be listed or traded on other Regulated Markets. The Fund may also invest in other Investments, including financial derivative instruments to achieve its investment objective. The Fund is actively managed. It is not managed in reference to any benchmark.

The Base Currency of the Fund is Sterling and the Fund is valued in Sterling. The Fund may, however, invest in assets denominated in currencies other than its Base Currency. The currency exposure of the underlying assets of the Fund may be hedged back into the Base Currency to provide an element of protection against currency fluctuation.

## Investor and Risk Profile:

May suit investors seeking a regular income and limited potential for capital growth. The Fund takes a low risk approach to generating returns. As the Fund will have exposure to stock market investments, there is a degree of risk although the high level of exposure to fixed interest investment means risk is expected to be low compared to the other Funds. The intended investment period for this Fund is at least 5 years.

## **Risk Warnings:**

Investors should read, be aware of and consider the risks set out under Risk Factors.

#### **Base Currency:**

Sterling

#### **Valuation Point:**

23.00 (Central European Time) on each Dealing Day.

#### **Dealing Cut-off Time:**

 $14.30 \, ({\sf Central \, European \, Time})$  on the relevant Dealing Day or such other day as the Directors may determine.

## Initial Sales Charge and Management Fee:

Share Class	Initial Sales Charge % of the subscription amount	Management Fee % per annum of the Net Asset Value
Class A Shares	Up to 5.25%	0.55%
Class C Shares	Up to 5.25%	0.45%
Class I Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.50%
Class R Shares	None	0.30%

## **Switching Commission:**

Up to 1.00% of the applicable Price per Share of the New Class.

## Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital or Income:

Capital.

Shareholders should note therefore that where fees and expenses are charged to the capital of a Fund, it will have the effect of reducing the capital value of Shareholders' investment in that Fund.

## **Dividend Frequency for Distribution Shares:**

Monthly, usually within two months following the end of each month.

## The information contained in this section in relation to the Fund should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

## **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve, over the medium to long term, capital growth with an ongoing source of income.

## **Investment Policy:**

In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will invest predominantly in collective investment undertakings including, but not restricted to, Exchange Traded Funds. Such collective investment undertakings will be UCITS funds regulated in the European Union and/or Permitted Non-UCITS Funds.

While the Fund is a "fund of funds", it may also invest directly in, and manage exposure to, shares of companies, government and corporate bonds and other transferable securities, including certificates of deposit, floating rate notes and commercial paper. The Fund's Direct Investments will normally be listed or traded on Regulated Markets in Europe, the US and Japan but may alternatively be listed or traded on other Regulated Markets. The Fund may also invest in other Investments, including financial derivative instruments to achieve its investment objective. The Fund is actively managed. It is not managed in reference to any benchmark.

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#### **Investor and Risk Profile:**

May suit investors looking for a combination of capital growth and income. The Fund takes a cautious approach to generating returns. As the Fund will have exposure to stock market investments there is a degree of risk although the relatively high level of exposure to fixed interest investment means that the Fund is expected to experience a degree of risk that is less than a more balanced investment. The intended investment period for this Fund is at least 5 years.

## **Risk Warnings:**

Investors should read, be aware of and consider the risks set out under Risk Factors.

## **Base Currency:**

Sterling

#### Valuation Point:

23.00 (Central European Time) on each Dealing Day.

## **Dealing Cut-off Time:**

 $14.30 \, ({\sf Central \, European \, Time})$  on the relevant Dealing Day or such other day as the Directors may determine.

#### Initial Sales Charge and Management Fee:

Share Class	Initial Sales Charge	Management Fee
	% of the subscription amount	% per annum of the Net Asset Value
Class A Shares	Up to 5.25%	1.10%
Class C Shares	Up to 5.25%	0.70%
Class I Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.50%
Class R Shares	None	0.35%

## **Switching Commission:**

Up to 1.00% of the applicable Price per Share of the New Class.

## Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital or Income:

Capital.

Shareholders should note therefore that where fees and expenses are charged to the capital of a Fund, it will have the effect of reducing the capital value of Shareholders' investment in that Fund.

## **Dividend Frequency for Distribution Shares:**

Quarterly, usually within two months following the end of February, May, August and November.

## The information contained in this section in relation to the Fund should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

## **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve, over the medium to long term, capital growth and to a lesser extent, income.

## **Investment Policy:**

In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will invest predominantly in collective investment undertakings including, but not restricted to, Exchange Traded Funds. Such collective investment undertakings will be UCITS funds regulated in the European Union and/or Permitted Non-UCITS Funds.

While the Fund is a "fund of funds", it may also invest directly in, and manage exposure to, shares of companies, government and corporate bonds and other transferable securities, including certificates of deposit, floating rate notes and commercial paper. The Fund's Direct Investments will normally be listed or traded on Regulated Markets in Europe, the US and Japan but may alternatively be listed or traded on other Regulated Markets. The Fund may also invest in other Investments, including financial derivative instruments to achieve its investment objective. The Fund is actively managed. It is not managed in reference to any benchmark.

The Base Currency of the Fund is Sterling and the Fund is valued in Sterling. The Fund may, however, invest in assets denominated in currencies other than its Base Currency. The currency exposure of the underlying assets of the Fund may be hedged back into the Base Currency to provide an element of protection against currency fluctuation.

#### **Investor and Risk Profile:**

May suit investors looking for capital growth with a moderate level of income. The Fund has a balanced approach to generating returns by holding a wide range of investments. Due to this balanced approach, the Fund is expected to experience a degree of risk that is less than general equity investment. The intended investment period for this Fund is at least 5 years.

## Risk Warnings:

Investors should read, be aware of and consider the risks set out under Risk Factors.

## **Base Currency:**

Sterling

#### Valuation Point:

23.00 (Central European Time) on each Dealing Day.

## **Dealing Cut-off Time:**

 $14.30 \, ({\sf Central \, European \, Time})$  on the relevant Dealing Day or such other day as the Directors may determine.

#### Initial Sales Charge and Management Fee:

Share Class	Initial Sales Charge	Management Fee
	% of the subscription amount	% per annum of the Net Asset Value
Class A Shares	Up to 5.25%	1.25%
Class C Shares	Up to 5.25%	0.75%
Class I Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.50%
Class R Shares	None	0.35%

## **Switching Commission:**

Up to 1.00% of the applicable Price per Share of the New Class.

## Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital or Income:

Capital.

Shareholders should note therefore that where fees and expenses are charged to the capital of a Fund, it will have the effect of reducing the capital value of Shareholders' investment in that Fund.

## **Dividend Frequency for Distribution Shares:**

Quarterly, usually within two months following the end of February, May, August and November.

## The information contained in this section in relation to the Fund should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

## **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve capital growth over the long term.

## **Investment Policy:**

In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will invest predominantly in collective investment undertakings including, but not restricted to, Exchange Traded Funds. Such collective investment undertakings will be UCITS funds regulated in the European Union and/or Permitted Non-UCITS Funds.

While the Fund is a "fund of funds", it may also invest directly in, and manage exposure to, shares of companies, government and corporate bonds and other transferable securities, including certificates of deposit, floating rate notes and commercial paper. The Fund's Direct Investments will normally be listed or traded on Regulated Markets in Europe, the US and Japan but may alternatively be listed or traded on other Regulated Markets. The Fund may also invest in other Investments, including financial derivative instruments to achieve its investment objective. The Fund is actively managed. It is not managed in reference to any benchmark.

The Base Currency of the Fund is Sterling and the Fund is valued in Sterling. The Fund may, however, invest in assets denominated in currencies other than its Base Currency. The currency exposure of the underlying assets of the Fund may be hedged back into the Base Currency to provide an element of protection against currency fluctuation.

#### **Investor and Risk Profile:**

May suit investors looking for high levels of capital growth. The Fund has a bias to growth orientated assets such as equities. The Fund is expected to experience a reasonable degree of risk although less than that of general equity investment. The intended investment period for this Fund is at least 7 years.

## Risk Warnings:

Investors should read, be aware of and consider the risks set out under Risk Factors.

## Base Currency:

Sterling

## Valuation Point:

23.00 (Central European Time) on each Dealing Day.

#### **Dealing Cut-off Time:**

 $14.30 \, ({\sf Central \, European \, Time})$  on the relevant Dealing Day or such other day as the Directors may determine.

## **Initial Sales Charge and Management Fee:**

Share Class	Initial Sales Charge	Management Fee
	% of the subscription amount	% per annum of the Net Asset Value
Class A Shares	Up to 5.25%	1.25%
Class C Shares	Up to 5.25%	0.75%
Class I Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.50%
Class R Shares	None	0.35%

## **Switching Commission:**

Up to 1.00% of the applicable Price per Share of the New Class.

## Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital or Income:

Income.

## **Dividend Frequency for Distribution Shares:**

Half-yearly, usually within two months following the end of February and August.

## The information contained in this section in relation to the Fund should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

## **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve superior capital growth over the long term.

## **Investment Policy:**

In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will invest predominantly in collective investment undertakings including, but not restricted to, Exchange Traded Funds. Such collective investment undertakings will be UCITS funds regulated in the European Union and/or Permitted Non-UCITS Funds.

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#### **Investor and Risk Profile:**

May suit investors looking for high levels of capital growth. The Fund has a more aggressive investment strategy than other Funds. The Fund is expected to experience a degree of risk broadly in line with general equity investment. The intended investment period for this Fund is at least 7 years.

## **Risk Warnings:**

Investors should read, be aware of and consider the risks set out under Risk Factors.

## **Base Currency:**

Sterling

## Valuation Point:

23.00 (Central European Time) on each Dealing Day.

#### **Dealing Cut-off Time:**

 $14.30 \, ({\sf Central \, European \, Time})$  on the relevant Dealing Day or such other day as the Directors may determine.

## **Initial Sales Charge and Management Fee:**

Share Class	Initial Sales Charge	Management Fee
	% of the subscription amount	% per annum of the Net Asset Value
Class A Shares	Up to 5.25%	1.25%
Class C Shares	Up to 5.25%	0.75%
Class I Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.50%
Class R Shares	None	0.35%

## **Switching Commission:**

Up to 1.00% of the applicable Price per Share of the New Class.

## Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital or Income:

Income.

## **Dividend Frequency for Distribution Shares:**

Half-yearly, usually within two months following the end of February and August.

## The information contained in this section in relation to the Fund should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

## **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to invest primarily in regulated collective investment undertakings with the aim to achieve an ongoing source of income with potential for some capital growth, from a portfolio with exposure mainly to bonds, and to a lesser extent, other Investments in accordance with the investment restrictions.

## **Investment Policy:**

In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will invest predominantly in collective investment undertakings managed by members of the Barclays Group and, to a lesser extent, non-affiliated companies. Such collective investment undertakings will be UCITS funds regulated in the European Union and/or Permitted Non-UCITS Funds.

While the Fund is a "fund of funds", it may also invest directly in, and actively manage exposure to, international government bonds, corporate bonds and other transferable securities including certificates of deposit, floating rate notes, commercial paper and equities. The Fund's Direct Investments will normally be listed or traded on Regulated Markets in Europe, the US and Japan but may alternatively be listed or traded on other Regulated Markets. The Fund may also invest in other Investments, including financial derivative instruments to achieve its investment objective. The Fund is actively managed. It is not managed in reference to any benchmark.

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## **Investor and Risk Profile:**

May suit investors seeking a regular income and limited potential for capital growth. The Fund takes a low risk approach to generating returns. As the Fund will have exposure to stock market investments, there is a degree of risk although the high level of exposure to fixed interest investment means risk is expected to be low compared to the other Funds. The intended investment period for this Fund is at least 5 years.

## **Risk Warnings:**

Investors should read, be aware of and consider the risks set out under Risk Factors.

#### **Base Currency:**

Sterling

#### **Valuation Point:**

23.00 (Central European Time) on each Dealing Day.

#### **Dealing Cut-off Time:**

14.30 (Central European Time) on the relevant Dealing Day or such other day as the Directors may determine.

## Initial Sales Charge and Management Fee:

Share Class	Initial Sales Charge	Management Fee
	% of the subscription amount	% per annum of the Net Asset Value
Class A Shares	Up to 5.25%	0.60%
Class C Shares	Up to 5.25%	0.50%
Class I Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.35%
Class R Shares	None	0.45%

#### **Switching Commission:**

Up to 1.00% of the applicable Price per Share of the New Class.

## Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital or Income:

Capital

Shareholders should note therefore that where fees and expenses are charged to the capital of a Fund, it will have the effect of reducing the capital value of Shareholders' investment in that Fund.

# **Dividend Frequency for Distribution Shares:**

Monthly, usually within two months following the end of each month.

## The information contained in this section in relation to the Fund should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

## **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to invest primarily in regulated collective investment undertakings with the aim to achieve, over the medium to long term, capital growth with an ongoing source of income from a portfolio with exposure mainly to bonds and equities, and to a lesser extent, other Investments in accordance with the investment restrictions. Investment Policy:

In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will invest predominantly in collective investment undertakings managed by members of the Barclays Group and, to a lesser extent, non-affiliated companies. Such collective investment undertakings will be UCITS funds regulated in the European Union and/or Permitted Non-UCITS Funds.

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## **Investor and Risk Profile:**

May suit investors looking for a combination of capital growth and income. The Fund takes a cautious approach to generating returns. As the Fund will have exposure to stock market investments there is a degree of risk although the relatively high level of exposure to fixed interest investment means risk would be less than a more balanced investment. The intended investment period for this Fund is at least 5 years.

## **Risk Warnings:**

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#### **Base Currency:**

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#### **Valuation Point:**

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#### **Dealing Cut-off Time:**

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## Initial Sales Charge and Management Fee:

Share Class	Initial Sales Charge	Management Fee
	% of the subscription amount	% per annum of the Net Asset Value
Class A Shares	Up to 5.25%	1.35%
Class C Shares	Up to 5.25%	0.95%
Class I Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.40%
Class R Shares	None	0.75%

#### **Switching Commission:**

Up to 1.00% of the applicable Price per Share of the New Class.

Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital or Income:

Capital.

Shareholders should note therefore that where fees and expenses are charged to the capital of a Fund, it will have the effect of reducing the capital value of Shareholders' investment in that Fund.

# **Dividend Frequency for Distribution Shares:**

Quarterly, usually within two months following the end of February, May, August and November.

## The information contained in this section in relation to the Fund should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

## **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to invest primarily in regulated collective investment undertakings with the aim to achieve, over the medium to long term, capital growth and to a lesser extent, income, from a portfolio with exposure mainly to equities and bonds, and to a lesser extent, other Investments in accordance with the investment restrictions.

## **Investment Policy:**

In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will invest predominantly in collective investment undertakings managed by members of the Barclays Group and, to a lesser extent, non-affiliated companies. Such collective investment undertakings will be UCITS funds regulated in the European Union and/or Permitted Non-UCITS Funds.

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## **Investor and Risk Profile:**

May suit investors looking for capital growth with a moderate level of income. The Fund has a balanced approach to generating returns by holding a wide range of investments. Due to this balanced approach, the risk of investment would be less than general equity investment. The intended investment period for this Fund is at least 5 years.

## **Risk Warnings:**

Investors should read, be aware of and consider the risks set out under Risk Factors.

#### **Base Currency:**

Sterling

#### **Valuation Point:**

23.00 (Central European Time) on each Dealing Day.

#### **Dealing Cut-off Time:**

14.30 (Central European Time) on the relevant Dealing Day or such other day as the Directors may determine.

## Initial Sales Charge and Management Fee:

Share Class	Initial Sales Charge	Management Fee
	% of the subscription amount	% per annum of the Net Asset Value
Class A Shares	Up to 5.25%	1.50%
Class C Shares	Up to 5.25%	1.00%
Class I Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.50%
Class R Shares	None	0.75%
Class Y Shares	Up to 4.00%	Up to 2.00%

### **Switching Commission:**

Up to 1.00% of the applicable Price per Share of the New Class.

# Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital or Income:

Capital

Shareholders should note therefore that where fees and expenses are charged to the capital of a Fund, it will have the effect of reducing the capital value of Shareholders' investment in that Fund.

## **Dividend Frequency for Distribution Shares:**

Quarterly, usually within two months following the end of February, May, August and November.

## The information contained in this section in relation to the Fund should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

## **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to invest primarily in regulated collective investment undertakings with the aim to achieve, over the long term, capital growth from a portfolio with exposure mainly to equities, and to a lesser extent, other Investments in accordance with the investment restrictions.

## **Investment Policy:**

In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will invest predominantly in collective investment undertakings managed by members of the Barclays Group and, to a lesser extent, non-affiliated companies. Such collective investment undertakings will be UCITS funds regulated in the European Union and/or Permitted Non-UCITS Funds.

While the Fund is a "fund of funds", it may also invest directly in, and actively manage exposure to, shares of international companies, government and corporate bonds and other transferable securities, including certificates of deposit, floating rate notes and commercial paper. The Fund's Direct Investments will normally be listed or traded on Regulated Markets in Europe, the US and Japan but may alternatively be listed or traded on other Regulated Markets. The Fund may also invest in other Investments, including financial derivative instruments to achieve its investment objective. The Fund is actively managed. It is not managed in reference to any benchmark.

The Base Currency of the Fund is Sterling and the Fund is valued in Sterling. The Fund may, however, invest in assets denominated in currencies other than its Base Currency. The currency exposure of the underlying assets of the Fund may be hedged back into the Base Currency to provide an element of protection against currency fluctuation.

## **Investor and Risk Profile:**

May suit investors looking for high levels of capital growth. The Fund has a bias to growth orientated assets such as equities. The Fund is expected to experience a reasonable degree of risk although less than that of general equity investment. The intended investment period for this Fund is at least 7 years.

## **Risk Warnings:**

Investors should read, be aware of and consider the risks set out under Risk Factors.

#### **Base Currency:**

Sterling

#### **Valuation Point:**

23.00 (Central European Time) on each Dealing Day.

#### **Dealing Cut-off Time:**

14.30 (Central European Time) on the relevant Dealing Day or such other day as the Directors may determine.

## Initial Sales Charge and Management Fee:

Share Class	Initial Sales Charge	Management Fee
	% of the subscription amount	% per annum of the Net Asset Value
Class A Shares	Up to 5.25%	1.50%
Class C Shares	Up to 5.25%	1.00%
Class I Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.50%
Class R Shares	None	0.75%
Class Y Shares	Up to 4.00%	Up to 2.00%

### **Switching Commission:**

Up to 1.00% of the applicable Price per Share of the New Class.

# Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital or Income:

Income.

## **Dividend Frequency for Distribution Shares:**

Half-yearly, usually within two months following the end of February and August.

## The information contained in this section in relation to the Fund should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

## **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to invest primarily in regulated collective investment undertakings with the aim to achieve, over the long term, superior capital growth from a portfolio with exposure mainly to equities, and to a lesser extent, other Investments in accordance with the investment restrictions.

## **Investment Policy:**

In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will invest predominantly in collective investment undertakings managed by members of the Barclays Group and, to a lesser extent, non-affiliated companies. Such collective investment undertakings will be UCITS funds regulated in the European Union and/or Permitted Non-UCITS Funds.

While the Fund is a "fund of funds", it may also invest directly in, and actively manage exposure to, shares of international companies, government and corporate bonds and other transferable securities, including certificates of deposit, floating rate notes and commercial paper. The Fund's Direct Investments will normally be listed or traded on Regulated Markets in Europe, the US and Japan but may alternatively be listed or traded on other Regulated Markets. The Fund may also invest in other Investments, including financial derivative instruments to achieve its investment objective. The Fund is actively managed. It is not managed in reference to any benchmark.

The Base Currency of the Fund is Sterling and the Fund is valued in Sterling. The Fund may, however, invest in assets denominated in currencies other than its Base Currency. The currency exposure of the underlying assets of the Fund may be hedged back into the Base Currency to provide an element of protection against currency fluctuation.

## **Investor and Risk Profile:**

May suit investors looking for high levels of capital growth. The Fund has a more aggressive investment strategy than other Funds. The Fund is expected to experience a degree of risk broadly in line with general equity investment. The intended investment period for this Fund is at least 7 years.

## **Risk Warnings:**

Investors should read, be aware of and consider the risks set out under Risk Factors.

#### **Base Currency:**

Sterling

#### **Valuation Point:**

23.00 (Central European Time) on each Dealing Day.

#### **Dealing Cut-off Time:**

14.30 (Central European Time) on the relevant Dealing Day or such other day as the Directors may determine.

## Initial Sales Charge and Management Fee:

Share Class	Initial Sales Charge	Management Fee
	% of the subscription amount	% per annum of the Net Asset Value
Class A Shares	Up to 5.25%	1.50%
Class C Shares	Up to 5.25%	1.00%
Class I Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.50%
Class R Shares	None	0.75%
Class Y Shares	Up to 4.00%	Up to 2.00%

### **Switching Commission:**

Up to 1.00% of the applicable Price per Share of the New Class.

# Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital or Income:

Income.

## **Dividend Frequency for Distribution Shares:**

Half-yearly, usually within two months following the end of February and August.

## **Liquid Alternative Strategies**

## The information contained in this section in relation to the Fund should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

## **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to invest primarily in regulated collective investment undertakings with the aim to provide long term capital growth from a portfolio with exposure to absolute return strategies.

## **Investment Policy**:

In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will invest primarily in UCITS and other UCIs that have exposure to equities, bonds and other transferable securities, either directly or through derivatives providing long and synthetic short positions.

While the Fund's primary objective is to invest its assets in UCITS and other UCIs, it may also invest directly in, and actively manage exposure to, transferable securities, as well as cash equivalents such as money market instruments and bank deposits (excluding bank deposits at sight). The Fund may also employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities, including engaging in transactions in financial derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management. The Fund is actively managed. It is not managed in reference to any benchmark.

The Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets up to 20% of its net assets in order to cover current or exceptional payments, or for the time necessary to reinvest in eligible assets provided under article 41(1) of the 2010 Law, or for a period of time strictly necessary in case of unfavourable market conditions. On a temporary basis and if justified by exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, the Fund may, in order to take measures to mitigate risks relative to such market conditions and in the best interests of the Shareholders, hold ancillary liquid assets up to 100 % of its net assets.

The Base Currency of the Fund is Sterling and the Fund is valued in Sterling. The Fund may, however, invest in assets denominated in currencies other than its Base Currency. The currency exposure of the underlying assets of the Fund may be hedged back into the Base Currency to provide an element of protection against currency fluctuation.

## Investor and Risk Profile:

The Fund may be suitable for investors who seek to invest over a minimum period of 5 years and who are willing to have returns that have a low correlation to equity markets.

# Risk Warnings:

Investors should read, be aware of and consider the risks set out under Risk Factors. Investors should be aware that the Shares in the Fund can only be subscribed to and redeemed, weekly. In some circumstances, the underlying investments of the UCITS and UCIs in which the Fund invests, may be less liquid and may experience short-term price volatility and wider spreads between dealing prices.

As a result, the Price of the Fund's Shares may be more volatile than daily priced funds.

Whilst the Fund will have exposure to absolute return strategies, it does not guarantee a positive return and you could get back less than you invested much like any other investment.

#### **Base Currency:**

Sterling

#### **Dealing Day:**

Thursday of each week, or the following Business Day if Thursday is not a Business Day, or such other day as the Directors may determine.

#### Valuation Point:

23.00 (Central European time) on each Dealing Day. The Directors may carry out additional valuations for non-dealing purposes.

#### **Dealing Cut-off Time:**

14.30 (Central European time) 7 Business Days prior to the relevant Dealing Day. The Directors may, from time to time, resolve to reduce the 7 Business Days with prior notice for a particular Dealing Day. In such a case, appropriate information shall be disclosed on <a href="https://www.barclaysinvestments.com">www.barclaysinvestments.com</a>.

## Initial Sales Charge and Management Fee:

Share Class	Initial Sales Charge	Management Fee
	% of the subscription amount	% per annum of the Net Asset Value
Class A Shares	Up to 5.00%	Up to 1.00%
Class R Shares	None	0.50%

## **Switching Commission:**

Up to 1.00% of the applicable Price per Share of the New Class.

## Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital or Income:

Income.

## **Dividend Frequency for Distribution Shares:**

Annually, usually within two months following the end of August.

# Barclays PB<sup>2</sup> Multi-Asset Diversified Fund (GBP)

## The information contained in this section in relation to the Fund should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

## **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide, over the medium to long term, capital growth and to a lesser extent, income.

#### **Investment Policy:**

In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will invest majority of its net assets in Direct Investments composed of shares of international companies, government and corporate bonds, as well as closed-end real estate investment trusts (up to 10% of its net assets), certificates of deposit, floating rate notes and commercial paper.

Fixed income exposure may be increased from time to time for defensive purposes, however, the Fund's portfolio will always remain diversified to achieve its objective.

The Fund may have up to 20% direct or indirect exposure in high yield bonds.

The Fund can invest in any country (including emerging markets), region, currency and sector. The Fund may have up to 20% exposure to emerging markets.

The Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets up to 20% of its net assets in order to cover current or exceptional payments, or for the time necessary to reinvest in eligible assets provided under article 41(1) of the 2010 Law, or for a period of time strictly necessary in case of unfavourable market conditions. On a temporary basis and if justified by exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, the Fund may, in order to take measures to mitigate risks relative to such market conditions and in the best interests of the Shareholders, hold ancillary liquid assets up to 100 % of its net assets.

The Fund may also invest in UCITS and other UCIs. These UCITS and other UCIs may have exposure to the above assets classes as well as to alternative asset classes (such as property and commodities).

Financial derivative instruments such as forwards, swaps, options and futures may be used for efficient portfolio management purposes or to a limited extent to achieve the Fund's investment objective.

The Fund is actively managed without any reference to a benchmark. The Investment Manager will use its expertise to select assets through a combination of asset allocation and security selection decisions, and will not select assets by reference to an index or other benchmark. The Investment Manager determines the appropriate mix of assets in order to achieve the investment objective by considering the following factors:

- an assessment of macro-economic and market conditions, including analysis of economic data and leading indicators;
- risk profile of the assets;
- relative valuation opportunity between assets; and
- fundamental security analysis, combining financial metrics with qualitative research.

The Fund will typically maintain exposure to a range of risk assets (such as developed market equity securities). However, it will also have some exposure to lower risk assets (such as investment grade fixed income securities and money market instruments) and higher risk assets (such as emerging market equity securities).

The Base Currency of the Fund is Sterling and the Fund is valued in Sterling. The Fund may, however, invest in assets denominated in currencies other than its Base Currency. The currency exposure of the underlying assets of the Fund may, at the Investment Manager's discretion, be hedged back into the Base Currency to provide an element of protection against currency fluctuation.

## Investor and Risk Profile:

The Fund is aimed at retail and professional investors seeking total return over a period of at least five years. While the Fund may invest in asset classes which, individually, are risky in nature, the overall blend of investments should reduce the volatility of investment returns. The intended investment period for this Fund is at least 5 years.

## **Risk Warnings:**

Investors should read, be aware of and consider the risks set out under Risk Factors.

### **Base Currency:**

Sterling

## Valuation Point:

23.00 (Central European Time) on each Dealing Day.

## **Dealing Cut-off Time:**

14.30 (Central European Time) on the relevant Dealing Day or such other day as the Directors may determine.

#### Initial Sales Charge and Management Fee:

Share Class	Initial Sales Charge	Management Fee
	% of the subscription amount	% per annum of the Net Asset Value
Class B Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.70%
Class D Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.55%
Class G Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.80%
Class H Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 1.55%
Class I Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.60%
Class K Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.95%
Class R Shares	None	Up to 1.05%
Class Z Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.60%

# **Switching Commission:**

Up to 1.00% of the applicable Price per Share of the New Class.

## Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital or Income:

Capital.

Shareholders should note therefore that where fees and expenses are charged to the capital of a Fund, it will have the effect of reducing the capital value of Shareholders' investment in that Fund.

## **Dividend Frequency for Distribution Shares:**

Half-yearly, usually within two months following the end of February and August.

## Relevant risk factors

- Fixed income securities risk;
- Sovereign debt;
- Equity risk;
- Liquidity risk;
- Emerging markets;

<sup>2</sup> Private Bank

- Commodities;
- Financial derivative instruments;
- Depositary receipts;
- Real Estate;
- REIT or Real Estate Investment Trust
- High yield securities;
- Non-investment grade securities.

## Barclays PB<sup>3</sup> Multi-Asset Diversified Fund (USD)

## The information contained in this section in relation to the Fund should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

## **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide, over the medium to long term, capital growth and to a lesser extent, income.

#### **Investment Policy:**

In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will invest majority of its net assets in Direct Investments composed of shares of international companies, government and corporate bonds, as well as closed-end real estate investment trusts (up to 10% of its net assets), certificates of deposit, floating rate notes and commercial paper.

Fixed income exposure may be increased from time to time for defensive purposes, however, the Fund's portfolio will always remain diversified to achieve its objective. The Fund may have up to 20% direct or indirect exposure in high yield bonds.

The Fund can invest in any country (including emerging markets), region, currency and sector. The Fund may have up to 20% exposure to emerging markets.

The Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets up to 20% of its net assets in order to cover current or exceptional payments, or for the time necessary to reinvest in eligible assets provided under article 41(1) of the 2010 Law, or for a period of time strictly necessary in case of unfavourable market conditions. On a temporary basis and if justified by exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, the Fund may, in order to take measures to mitigate risks relative to such market conditions and in the best interests of the Shareholders, hold ancillary liquid assets up to 100 % of its net assets.

The Fund may also invest in UCITS and other UCIs. These UCITS and other UCIs may have exposure to the above assets classes as well as to alternative asset classes (such as property and commodities).

Financial derivative instruments such as forwards, swaps, options and futures may be used for efficient portfolio management purposes or to a limited extent to achieve the Fund's investment objective. The Fund is actively managed without any reference to a benchmark. The Investment Manager will use its expertise to select assets through a combination of asset allocation and security selection decisions, and will not select assets by reference to an index or other benchmark. The Investment Manager determines the appropriate mix of assets in order to achieve the investment objective by considering the following factors:

- an assessment of macro-economic and market conditions, including analysis of economic data and leading indicators;
- risk profile of the assets;
- relative valuation opportunity between assets; and
- fundamental security analysis, combining financial metrics with qualitative research.

The Fund will typically maintain exposure to a range of risk assets (such as developed market equity securities). However, it will also have some exposure to lower risk assets (such as investment grade fixed income securities and money market instruments) and higher risk assets (such as emerging market equity securities).

The Base Currency of the Fund is US Dollars and the Fund is valued in US Dollars. The Fund may, however, invest in assets denominated in currencies other than its Base Currency. The currency exposure of the underlying assets of the Fund may, at the Investment Manager's discretion, be hedged back into the Base Currency to provide an element of protection against currency fluctuation.

## **Investor and Risk Profile:**

The Fund is aimed at retail and professional investors seeking total return over a period of at least five years. While the Fund may invest in asset classes which, individually, are risky in nature, the overall blend of investments should reduce the volatility of investment returns. The intended investment period for this Fund is at least 5 years.

## **Risk Warnings:**

Investors should read, be aware of and consider the risks set out under Risk Factors.

#### **Base Currency:**

**US Dollars** 

## **Valuation Point:**

23.00 (Central European Time) on each Dealing Day.

## Dealing Cut-off Time:

14.30 (Central European Time) on the relevant Dealing Day or such other day as the Directors may determine.

#### Initial Sales Charge and Management Fee:

Share Class	Initial Sales Charge % of the subscription amount	Management Fee % per annum of the Net Asset Value
Class B Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.70%
Class D Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.55%
Class G Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.80%
Class H Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 1.55%
Class I Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.60%
Class K Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.95%
Class R Shares	None	Up to 1.05%
Class Z Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.60%

## **Switching Commission:**

Up to 1.00% of the applicable Price per Share of the New Class.

## Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital or Income:

Capital

Shareholders should note therefore that where fees and expenses are charged to the capital of a Fund, it will have the effect of reducing the capital value of Shareholders' investment in that Fund.

## **Dividend Frequency for Distribution Shares:**

Half-yearly, usually within two months following the end of February and August.

## Relevant risk factors

- Fixed income securities risk;
- Sovereign debt;

<sup>3</sup> Private Bank

- Equity risk;
- Liquidity risk;
- Emerging markets;
- Commodities;
- Financial derivative instruments;
- Depositary receipts;
- Real Estate;
- REIT or Real Estate Investment Trust;
- High yield securities;
- $\hbox{-} \ \ \hbox{Non-investment grade securities}.$

## Barclays PB<sup>4</sup> Multi-Asset Diversified Fund (EUR)

## The information contained in this section in relation to the Fund should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

#### **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide, over the medium to long term, capital growth and to a lesser extent, income.

## **Investment Policy:**

In order to achieve this objective, the Fund will invest majority of its net assets in Direct Investments composed of shares of international companies, government and corporate bonds, as well as closed-end real estate investment trusts (up to 10% of its net assets), certificates of deposit, floating rate notes and commercial paper.

Fixed income exposure may be increased from time to time for defensive purposes, however, the Fund's portfolio will always remain diversified to achieve its objective.

The Fund may have up to 20% direct or indirect exposure in high yield bonds.

The Fund can invest in any country (including emerging markets), region, currency and sector. The Fund may have up to 20% exposure to emerging markets

The Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets up to 20% of its net assets in order to cover current or exceptional payments, or for the time necessary to reinvest in eligible assets provided under article 41(1) of the 2010 Law, or for a period of time strictly necessary in case of unfavourable market conditions. On a temporary basis and if justified by exceptionally unfavourable market conditions, the Fund may, in order to take measures to mitigate risks relative to such market conditions and in the best interests of the Shareholders, hold ancillary liquid assets up to 100 % of its net assets.

The Fund may also invest in UCITS and other UCIs. These UCITS and other UCIs may have exposure to the above assets classes as well as to alternative asset classes (such as property and commodities).

Financial derivative instruments such as forwards, swaps, options and futures may be used for efficient portfolio management purposes or to a limited extent to achieve the Fund's investment objective.

The Fund is actively managed without any reference to a benchmark. The Investment Manager will use its expertise to select assets through a combination of asset allocation and security selection decisions, and will not select assets by reference to an index or other benchmark. The Investment Manager determines the appropriate mix of assets in order to achieve the investment objective by considering the following factors:

- an assessment of macro-economic and market conditions, including analysis of economic data and leading indicators;
- risk profile of the assets;
- relative valuation opportunity between assets; and
- fundamental security analysis, combining financial metrics with qualitative research.

The Fund will typically maintain exposure to a range of risk assets (such as developed market equity securities). However, it will also have some exposure to lower risk assets (such as investment grade fixed income securities and money market instruments) and higher risk assets (such as emerging market equity securities).

The Base Currency of the Fund is Euro and the Fund is valued in Euro. The Fund may, however, invest in assets denominated in currencies other than its Base Currency. The currency exposure of the underlying assets of the Fund may, at the Investment Manager's discretion, be hedged back into the Base Currency to provide an element of protection against currency fluctuation.

#### **Investor and Risk Profile:**

The Fund is aimed at retail and professional investors seeking total return over a period of at least five years. While the Fund may invest in asset classes which, individually, are risky in nature, the overall blend of investments should reduce the volatility of investment returns. The intended investment period for this Fund is at least 5 years.

#### **Risk Warnings:**

Investors should read, be aware of and consider the risks set out under Risk Factors.

## **Base Currency:**

Furo

#### **Valuation Point:**

23.00 (Central European Time) on each Dealing Day.

#### **Dealing Cut-off Time:**

14.30 (Central European Time) on the relevant Dealing Day or such other day as the Directors may determine.

#### Initial Sales Charge and Management Fee:

Share Class	Initial Sales Charge % of the subscription amount	Management Fee % per annum of the Net Asset Value
Class B Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.70%
Class D Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.55%
Class G Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.80%
Class H Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 1.55%
Class I Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.60%
Class K Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.95%
Class R Shares	None	Up to 1.05%
Class Z Shares	Up to 5.25%	Up to 0.60%

# **Switching Commission:**

Up to 1.00% of the applicable Price per Share of the New Class.

# Charging of Fees and Expenses to Capital or Income:

Capital.

Shareholders should note therefore that where fees and expenses are charged to the capital of a Fund, it will have the effect of reducing the capital value of Shareholders' investment in that Fund.

# **Dividend Frequency for Distribution Shares:**

Half-yearly, usually within two months following the end of February and August.

## Relevant risk factors

- Fixed income securities risk;
- Sovereign debt;
- Equity risk;

<sup>4</sup> Private Bank

- Liquidity risk;
- Emerging markets;
- Commodities;
- Financial derivative instruments;
- Depositary receipts;
- Real Estate;
- REIT or Real Estate Investment Trust;
- High yield securities;
- Non-investment grade securities.