



Prospectus

Crown Alternative UCITS plc

An umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds. A company incorporated with limited liability as an investment company with variable capital under the laws of Ireland with registered number 477894.

1 October, 2021

This Prospectus may not be distributed unless accompanied by, and must be read in conjunction with, the Supplement for the Shares of the Sub-Fund being offered.

Important information

Investors should review this Prospectus and any relevant Supplement carefully and should consult their stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial advisor prior to investing.

Structure of the Company

This Prospectus, dated 1 October, 2021, describes Crown Alternative UCITS Plc (the “**Company**”) and provides general information about offers of Shares in the Company. The Company is comprised of Sub-Funds, with each Sub-Fund comprising a separate portfolio of assets. Each Sub-Fund comprises one or more Classes.

The Prospectus may only be issued with one or more Sub-Fund Supplements, each containing information relating to a separate Sub-Fund. Details relating to Classes may be dealt with in the Supplement of the relevant Sub-Fund or in separate Supplements for each Class. Each Supplement forms part of, and should be read in conjunction with, this Prospectus. Save as disclosed in the relevant Supplement, the information in the Supplement complements, supplements and modifies the information contained in this Prospectus with specific details and terms of the relevant Shares issued. However, should there be any inconsistency between the contents of this Prospectus and any Supplement, the contents of the relevant Supplement will, to the extent of any such inconsistency, prevail.

The Company is an open-ended umbrella type investment company with variable capital, limited liability and segregated liability between Sub-Funds authorised in Ireland by the Central Bank as a UCITS pursuant to the Regulations.

The provisions of the Company’s Memorandum and Articles of Association are binding on all Shareholders.

Central Bank Authorisation

Authorisation of the Company by the Central Bank is not an endorsement or guarantee of the Company by the Central Bank nor is the Central Bank responsible for the contents of the Prospectus. Authorisation does not constitute a warranty by the Central Bank as to the performance of the Company and the Central Bank shall not be liable for the performance or default of the Company.

Directors Responsibility

The Directors of the Company whose names appear in the [Management and Administration of the Company](#) section of the Prospectus accept responsibility for the information contained in this Prospectus and each relevant Supplement. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure such is the case), the information contained in this Prospectus when read together with the relevant Supplement, is in accordance with the facts as at the date of this Prospectus and the relevant Supplement and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

Reliance on Prospectus and Suitability

The Shares are offered solely on the basis of the information and representations contained in this Prospectus, the relevant Supplement as well as in the Key Investor Information Documents and any further information given or representations made by any person may not be relied on as having been authorised by the Directors. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor the allotment or issue of Shares shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Company since the date hereof. Before investing in a Sub-Fund, each prospective investor should read the Prospectus and should understand the risks, costs and terms of investment in that Sub-Fund. In particular, investors should read and consider the section titled [Risk Factors](#) before investing in the Company.

This Prospectus or the relevant Supplement may, from time to time, be updated and intending subscribers should enquire of the Administrator as to the issue of any later Prospectus or Supplement or as to the issue of any reports and accounts of the Company.

Statements made in this Prospectus are based on the law and practice in force in the Republic of Ireland at the date of this Prospectus, which may be subject to change. This Prospectus will be updated to take into account material changes from time to time and any such amendments will be notified in advance to and cleared by the Central Bank.

Investors should not treat the contents of this Prospectus as advice relating to legal, taxation, investment or other matters.

Investors should inform themselves as to (a) the possible tax consequences, (b) the legal requirements, (c) any foreign exchange restrictions or exchange control requirements and (d) any other requisite governmental or other consents or formalities which they might encounter under the laws of the countries of their incorporation, citizenship, residence or domicile and which might be relevant to the subscription, purchase, holding or disposal of Shares.

The value of and income from Shares in the Company may go up or down and you may not get back the amount you have invested in the Company.

An investment in the Shares is only suitable for you if you (either alone or with the help of an appropriate financial or other advisor) are able to assess the merits and risks of such an investment and have sufficient resources to be able to bear any losses that may result from such an investment.

Neither the Company, the Manager nor any Investment Manager appointed shall be liable to investors (or to any other persons) for any error of judgement in the selection of each Sub-Fund's investments.

Selling Restrictions

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

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

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

United States of America

The Shares have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 (as amended) or the securities laws of any state or political subdivision of the United States and may not, except in a transaction which does not violate U.S. securities laws and unless otherwise stated in a Supplement, be directly or indirectly offered or sold in the United States or to any U.S. Person. The Company will not be registered under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940 as amended.

Translations

This Prospectus and any Supplement may be translated into other languages. Any such translation shall only contain the same information and have the same meanings as this English language document. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between this English language document and the document in another language, this English language document shall prevail.

Distributions from Capital

Where a Class may make distributions out of capital, investors should note that this will result in the reduction of an investor's original capital invested in the relevant Sub-Fund. The relevant Sub-Fund's capital will be eroded and the distribution will be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth; this cycle may continue until all capital is depleted. Distributions out of capital may have different tax implications to distributions of income and investors should seek advice from their professional advisers in this regard.

Repurchase Charge and Preliminary Charge

A Repurchase Charge of up to 3% of the Repurchase Price of any Class of Shares of a Sub-Fund may be charged by the Company. The amount of Repurchase Charge (if any) will be set out in the relevant Supplement.

Due to the Preliminary Charge and the Repurchase Charge, the difference at any one time between the sale and Repurchase Price of Shares in a Sub-Fund means that the investment should be viewed as medium to long term.

MiFID II Product Governance Rules – UCITS as non-complex financial instruments

Article 25 of MiFID II sets out requirements in relation to the assessment of suitability and appropriateness of financial instruments for clients. Article 25(4) contains rules relating to the selling of financial instruments by a MiFID-authorized firm to clients in an execution only manner. Provided the financial instruments are comprised from the list contained in Article 25(4)(a) (referred to broadly as non-complex financial instruments for these purposes), a MiFID-authorized firm selling the instruments will not be required to also conduct what is referred to as an ‘appropriateness test’ on its clients. An appropriateness test would involve requesting information on the client’s knowledge and experience on the type of investment offered and, on this basis, assessing whether the investment is appropriate for the client. If the financial instruments fall outside the list contained in Article 25(4)(a) (i.e. are categorised as complex financial instruments), the MiFID-authorized firm selling the instruments will be required to also conduct an appropriateness test on its clients. UCITS (other than structured UCITS) are specifically referenced in the list in Article 25(4)(a). Accordingly, each Sub-Fund is deemed to be a non-complex financial instrument for these purposes.

Definitions

Defined terms used in this Prospectus shall have the meanings attributed to them in the [Definitions](#) section below or as set out in the Prospectus and the Supplements, as applicable.

Governing Law

The provisions of the Prospectus, the Supplements, the Key Investor Information Documents, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Application Form, the terms of holding Shares and of membership of the Company and any matters relating to the Company or its operation will be governed by and construed in accordance with Irish law. The courts of Ireland have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute, controversy or claim arising in respect of the Company.

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Definitions

The following words and phrases shall have the meanings set out below:

“Accounting Period”	means a period ending on 31 December of each year;
“Administration Agreement”	means the administration agreement entered into between the Manager, the Company and the Administrator from time to time in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;
“Administrator”	means BNP Paribas Fund Administration Services Ireland Limited or any successor administrator appointed by the Manager in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;
“AIF”	means an alternative investment fund;
“Application Form”	means the application form to be completed by subscribers for Shares as prescribed by the Company from time to time;
“Articles”	means the Articles of Association of the Company as amended from time to time in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;
“Auditors”	means PricewaterhouseCoopers or such other audit firm as may be appointed to the Company from time to time;
“Base Currency”	means in relation to any Sub-Fund such currency as is specified in the relevant Supplement;
“Benchmark Regulation”	means Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as may be amended from time to time;
“Beneficial Owner”	means a natural person(s) who ultimately owns or controls the Company through either a direct or indirect ownership of a sufficient percentage of shares or voting rights or ownership interest in the Company (as a whole). Where a natural person holds more than 25% of the shares of the Company or has an ownership interest of more than 25%, then that shall be an indication of direct ownership by that person. Where a corporate or multiple corporates hold more than 25% of the shares or other ownership interest exceeding 25% in the Company and those holdings are controlled by the same natural person(s) that shall be an indication of indirect ownership;
“Beneficial Ownership Regulations”	means the European Union (Anti-Money Laundering Beneficial Ownership of Corporate Entities) Regulations 2019 as may be amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time;
“Business Day”	means in relation to any Sub-Fund such day or days as shall be specified in the relevant Supplement;
“Cash Equivalents”	shall include, but shall not be limited to, short-term fixed income securities including commercial paper (i.e. investment grade short-term paper issued by credit institutions) and money market obligations such as short and medium-term treasury bills and treasury notes (both fixed and floating rate), certificates of deposit and bankers’ acceptances which meet the requirements of the Regulations;

“Central Bank Rules”	means the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and any other statutory instrument, regulations, rules, conditions, notices, requirements or guidance of the Central Bank issued from time to time applicable to the Company pursuant to the Regulations;
“Central Bank UCITS Regulations”	means the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2019 as may be amended, supplemented, consolidated or substituted from time to time;
“Central Bank”	means the Central Bank of Ireland or any successor regulatory authority with responsibility for authorising and supervising the Company;
“Class(es)”	means the class or classes of Shares relating to a Sub-Fund;
“Companies Acts”	means the Companies Act, 2014 (as amended) including any regulations issued pursuant thereto, insofar as they apply to open ended investment companies with variable capital;
“Company”	means Crown Alternative UCITS plc;
“Contract for Difference”	means an agreement to pay out cash on the difference between the starting asset price and the asset price at the time when the contract is closed. A contract for difference does not have a fixed maturity and may be closed out at any time at the discretion of the position taker. A contract for difference allows a direct exposure to the market, a sector or an individual security. Contracts for differences are used to gain exposure to asset price movements without buying the assets themselves;
“Conversion Charge”	means the charge, if any, payable on the conversion of Shares as is specified herein;
“Convertible Bond”	means a special type of bond which not only provides the bondholder with an interest payment but also the right to convert the bond into (typically) stock of the bond issuer. A convertible bond can therefore also be interpreted as a bond with an embedded option;
“Country Supplement”	means a supplement to the Prospectus specifying certain information pertaining to the offer of Shares of the Company or a Sub-Fund or Class in a particular jurisdiction;
“Credit Linked Note” or “CLN”	means a fixed income security typically issued by banks which has the characteristics of a bond with the addition that the repayment of the principal amount at maturity by the issuer is subject to the non-occurrence of a credit event specified in the CLN’s terms. The credit event is typically the insolvency, payment default or restructuring of a single or a basket of issuers or bonds. In case a credit event occurs, an amount stipulated in the CLN’s terms is deducted from its principal amount and the remainder repaid to the CLN holders. The deducted amount largely depends on the type of credit event of the CLN but with a maximum equal to the principal amount. Therefore, typically the issuer pays, in addition to fixed coupon payment, a risk premium to the CLN’s holders in return for the right to reduce the principal amount upon occurrence of the credit event. A CLN can therefore also be interpreted as a bond with an embedded CDS;
“CRS”	means the Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information approved on 15 July 2014 by the Council of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, also known as the Common Reporting Standard, and any bilateral or multilateral competent authority agreements,

	intergovernmental agreements and treaties, laws, regulations, official guidance or other instrument facilitating the implementation thereof and any law implementing the Common Reporting Standard;
"Data Protection Legislation"	means the EU data protection regime introduced by the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation 2016/679);
"Dealing Day"	means in relation to each Sub-Fund such day or days as shall specified in the relevant Supplement for that Sub-Fund or such other day(s) as the Directors may with the approval of the Depositary determine and notify in advance to Shareholders provided always that there shall be at least one Dealing Day per fortnight during each calendar month;
"Dealing Deadline"	means in relation to applications for subscription, repurchase or conversion of Shares in a Sub-Fund, the day and time specified in the relevant Supplement;
"Depositary"	means BNP Paribas Securities Services, Dublin Branch or any successor depositary appointed by the Company in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;
"Depositary Agreement"	means the depositary agreement entered into between the Depositary and the Company from time to time in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;
"Directors"	means the directors of the Company, each a 'Director' or any duly authorized committee of the board of directors or, where the context so requires, any duly authorized delegate thereof;
"Duties and Charges"	all stamp and other duties, taxes, governmental charges, brokerage, bank charges, transfer fees, registration fees, investment research expenses and any transaction and safekeeping fees payable to the Depositary or its delegates or agents and other duties and charges whether in connection with the original acquisition or increase of the assets of the Company or the creation, issue or sale of shares or the sale or purchase of Investments by the Company or in respect of certificates or otherwise which may have become or may be payable in respect of or prior to or upon the occasion of the transaction or dealing in respect of which such duties and charges are payable but shall not include any commission, taxes, charges or costs which may have been taken into account in ascertaining the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund;
"EEA"	means European Economic Area (the members as at the date of this Prospectus being: EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway);
"EEA Member State"	means a member state of the EEA;
"Eligible Assets"	means assets eligible for investment by a UCITS as described in the Regulations;
"Eligible CIS"	means UCITS collective investment schemes and eligible AIFs which meet the requirements specified in the Regulations and the Central Bank guidance. To be an Eligible CIS, the scheme may not invest more than 10% of its net asset value in underlying collective investment schemes;
"Eligible Counterparty"	means a counterparty to OTC derivatives with which a Sub-Fund may trade and belonging to one of the categories approved by the Central Bank which at the date of this Prospectus comprise the following: (a) a Relevant Institution;

	<p>(b) an investment firm, authorised in accordance with the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive in an EEA Member State; or</p> <p>(c) a group company of an entity approved as a bank holding company by the Federal Reserve of the United States of America where that group company is subject to bank holding company consolidated supervision by the Federal Reserve;</p>
"Eligible Indices"	means financial indices which comply with the requirements set out in the Regulations, the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank's Guidance on UCITS Financial Indices;
"EMIR"	means Regulation (EU) No. 648/2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories as may be amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time;
"Environmentally Sustainable Investment(s)"	<p>means, in accordance with the Taxonomy Regulation, an underlying investment of a Sub-Fund which satisfies the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities, on the basis that it:</p> <p>(a) contributes substantially to one or more of the environmental objectives, as prescribed in the Taxonomy Regulation (the "Environmental Objectives");</p> <p>(b) does not significantly harm any of the Environmental Objectives, in accordance with the Taxonomy Regulation;</p> <p>(c) is carried out in compliance with minimum safeguards, prescribed in the Taxonomy Regulation; and</p> <p>(d) complies with technical screening criteria, prescribed in the Taxonomy Regulation;</p>
"ESG"	means environmental, social and governance;
"ESG Focused Fund"	means a Sub-Fund of the Company that meets the criteria in SFDR to qualify as a financial product (which includes a UCITS authorised in accordance with article 5 of EC Council Directive 2009/65/EC of 13 July 2009 as amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time) and has sustainable investment as its objective;
"ESG Orientated Fund"	means a Sub-Fund of the Company that meets the criteria in SFDR to qualify as a financial product (which includes a UCITS authorised in accordance with article 5 of EC Council Directive 2009/65/EC of 13 July 2009 as amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time) and promotes, among other characteristics, environmental or social characteristics, or a combination of those characteristics and provided that the companies that the fund invests in follow good governance practices;
"EU"	means the European Union;
"EU Member State"	means a member state of the EU;
"Euro", "EUR" or "€"	means the lawful currency of the participating EU Member States which have adopted the single currency in accordance with the EC Treaty of Rome dated 25th March 1957 (as amended by the Maastricht Treaty dated 7th February, 1992);
"Exchange Traded FDI"	means FDI dealt in or on a Regulated Market;

“Exempt Irish Shareholder”

means:

- (a) a qualifying management company within the meaning of section 739B(1) TCA;
- (b) an investment undertaking within the meaning of section 739B(1) TCA;
- (c) an investment limited partnership within the meaning of section 739J TCA;
- (d) a pension scheme which is an exempt approved scheme within the meaning of section 774 TCA, or a retirement annuity contract or a trust scheme to which section 784 or 785 TCA applies;
- (e) a company carrying on life business within the meaning of section 706 TCA;
- (f) a special investment scheme within the meaning of section 737 TCA;
- (g) a unit trust to which section 731(5)(a) TCA applies;
- (h) a charity being a person referred to in section 739D(6)(f)(i) TCA
- (i) a person who is entitled to exemption from income tax and capital gains tax by virtue of section 784A(2) TCA or section 848B TCA and the Shares held are assets of an approved retirement fund or an approved minimum retirement fund;
- (j) a person who is entitled to exemption from income tax and capital gains tax by virtue of section 787I TCA and the Shares held are assets of a personal retirement savings account as defined in section 787A TCA;
- (k) the National Asset Management Agency;
- (l) the Courts Service;
- (m) a credit union within the meaning of section 2 of the Credit Union Act 1997;
- (n) an Irish resident company, within the charge to corporation tax under section 739G(2) TCA, but only where the Company is a money market fund;
- (o) a company which is within the charge to corporation tax in accordance with section 110(2) TCA in respect of payments made to it by the Company;
- (p) any other person as may be approved by the Directors from time to time provided the holding of Shares by such person does not result in a potential liability to tax arising to the Company in respect of that Shareholder under Part 27, Chapter 1A TCA; and
- (q) the National Treasury Management Agency of Ireland, or a fund investment vehicle within the meaning of section 739D(6)(kb) TCA;

and the Company is in possession of a Relevant Declaration in respect of that Shareholder;

“FATCA”

means:

- (a) sections 1471 to 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or any associated regulations or other official guidance;
 - (b) any intergovernmental agreement, treaty, regulation, guidance or other agreement between the Government of Ireland (or any Irish government body) and the US, or any other jurisdiction (including any government bodies in such jurisdiction), entered into in order to comply with, facilitate, supplement, implement or give effect to the legislation, regulations or guidance described in paragraph (a) above; and
 - (c) any legislation, regulations or guidance in Ireland that give effect to the matters outlined in the preceding paragraphs.
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“FDI”	means a financial derivative instrument permitted by the Regulations;
“Ineligible Applicant”	means an ineligible applicant as described in the section of the Prospectus titled Ineligible Applicants ;
“Ineligible Pension Plan”	means: (i) an employee benefit plan (as described in section 3(3) of the United States Employee Retirement Income Securities Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”)), that is subject to the provisions of Title I of ERISA, (ii) a plan to which section 4975 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applies, or (iii) an entity whose assets are treated as assets of any such plan or employee benefit plan;
“Initial Issue Price”	means the price (excluding any Preliminary Charge) per Share at which Shares are initially offered during the Initial Offer Period as specified in the relevant Supplement;
“Initial Offer Period” or “Initial Subscription Day”	means the period during which Shares are initially offered at the Initial Issue Price as specified in the relevant Supplement;
“Investment Advisor”	means an entity appointed by the Investment Manager (or Manager) to provide investment advice in respect of some or all of the assets of a Sub-Fund and who does not have any discretionary powers over any of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund;
“Investment Management Agreement”	means the investment management agreement between the Manager and the Investment Manager as amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;
“Investment Management Fee”	means the fee (if any) payable to the Investment Manager from the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund as set out in the relevant Supplement;
“Investment Manager”	means LGT Capital Partners Ltd. or any successor thereto duly appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank to provide discretionary investment management in respect of some or all of the assets of the Sub-Funds;
“Investor Money Regulations”	means the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) Investment Firm Regulations 2017, as may be amended, supplemented or consolidated from time to time;
“Ireland”	means the Republic of Ireland;
“Irish Resident”	means any person resident in Ireland or ordinarily resident in Ireland (as described in the Taxation section of this Prospectus) other than an Exempt Irish Shareholder;
“KIID”	means a Key Investor Information Document;
“Management Agreement”	means the agreement entered into between the Company and the Manager from time to time in accordance with Central Bank Rules;
“Management Fee”	means the fee (if any) payable to the Manager from the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund as set out in the relevant Supplement;
“Manager”	means LGT Capital Partners (Ireland) Limited or any successor thereto duly appointed in accordance with the Central Bank Rules;
“MiFID II”	means Directive 2014/65 as may be amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time;

"Minimum Additional Investment Amount"	means the minimum number or value of Shares (if any) required for each subsequent subscription by each Shareholder for Shares in a particular Sub-Fund or Class as specified in the relevant Supplement;
"Minimum Initial Investment Amount"	means the minimum initial subscription required by each Shareholder for Shares in a particular Sub-Fund or Class as specified in the relevant Supplement;
"Minimum Repurchase Amount"	means such number or value of shares of any class (if any) as specified in the relevant Supplement;
"Minimum Shareholding"	the minimum number or value of Shares (if any) which must be held by Shareholders in a particular Sub-Fund or Class as specified in the relevant Supplement;
"Minimum Sub-Fund Size"	means the minimum value (if any) as the Directors may consider for each Sub-Fund and as set out in the relevant Supplement;
"Money Market Instruments"	means instruments normally dealt in on the money markets which are liquid, and have a value which can be accurately determined at any time as provided for under the Regulations;
"Net Asset Value"	means the Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund or attributable to a Class (as appropriate) calculated in accordance with the principles set out in the Calculation of Net Asset Value section below;
"Net Asset Value per Share"	means the Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund, or Class (as appropriate), divided by the number of Shares in issue in that Sub-Fund or Class rounded to 6 decimal places;
"OECD"	means the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development;
"OECD Governments"	as at the date of this Prospectus, the current members are; Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, South Korea (Republic), Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States or such other members as may be admitted to the OECD from time to time;
"OTC derivative"	means a FDI which is dealt in over the counter;
"Paying Agent"	means one or more paying agents, representatives, facilities agents, correspondent banks or centralizing agents, appointed by or in respect of the Company in certain jurisdictions as detailed in the relevant Country Supplement;
"Performance Fee"	means a performance fee (if any) payable to the Manager or an Investment Manager as may be specified in the relevant Supplement;
"Prospectus"	means this prospectus and any Supplements and addenda thereto issued by the Company in accordance with the Central Bank Rules;
"Regulated Markets"	means the stock exchanges and markets set out in Appendix 2 ;
"Regulations"	means the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. No. 352 of 2011) as amended, supplemented, consolidated or otherwise modified from time to time;

“Relevant Declaration”	means the declaration relevant to the Shareholder as set out in Schedule 2B of TCA;
“Relevant Institutions”	means credit institutions authorised in an EEA Member State or credit institutions authorised within a signatory state (other than an EEA Member State) to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1998 or a credit institution in a third country deemed equivalent pursuant to Article 107(4) of the Regulation (EU) 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012;
“Repurchase Charge”	means the charge, if any, to be paid out of the Repurchase Price which Shares may be subject to, as described under Redemption of Shares and as may be specified in the relevant Supplement;
“Repurchase Payment Date”	means in respect of the dispatch of monies for the repurchase of Shares, the timeframe specified in the relevant Supplement;
“Repurchase Price”	means the price at which Shares are repurchased, as described under Redemption of Shares and as may be specified in the relevant Supplement;
“Repurchase Proceeds”	means the Repurchase Price less any Repurchase Charge and any charges, costs, expenses or taxes, as described under Redemption of Shares ;
“Revenue Commissioners”	means the Irish Revenue Commissioners;
“Securities Financing Transaction”	means any transactions within the scope of SFTR that a Sub-Fund is permitted to engage in, including, for example, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending agreements;
“Settlement Day”	means a day on which banks are open for business in the market of the Base Currency;
“SFDR”	means the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (Regulation EU/2019/2088) as amended and as may be further amended from time to time;
“SFT Regulations” or “SFTR”	means Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 of the European Parliament and of the Council on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012, as may be amended, supplemented, consolidated, substituted in any form or otherwise modified from time to time;
“Shareholders”	means holders of Shares, and each a ‘Shareholder’;
“Shares”	means participating shares in the Company representing interests in a Sub-Fund and where the context so permits or requires any class of participating shares representing interests in a Sub-Fund;
“Sterling”, “Pound” or “£”	means the lawful currency of the United Kingdom;
“Sub-Fund”	means a portfolio of assets which is invested in accordance with the investment objective and policies set out in the relevant Supplement and to which all liabilities, income and expenditure attributable or allocated to such sub-fund shall be applied and charged and ‘Sub-Funds’ means all or some of the Sub-Funds as the context requires or any other sub-funds as may be established by the Company from time to time with the prior approval of the Central Bank;

"Subscriber Shares"	means a non-participating share in the capital of the Company, the holder of which shall have the right to receive an amount not to exceed the consideration paid for such Subscriber Share;
"Subscription Payment Date"	means in respect of receipt of monies for subscription for Shares such timeframe as may be specified in the relevant Supplement;
"Subscription/Redemption Account"	means accounts opened by the Company for and on behalf of each Sub-Fund through which subscription monies, Repurchase Proceeds and dividend income (if any) for that Sub-Fund are held, the details of which are specified in the Application Form;
"Supplement"	means any supplement to the Prospectus issued on behalf of the Company from time to time specifying information in respect of a particular Sub-Fund or one or more Classes of Shares in a Sub-Fund;
"Sustainability Factors"	means environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters;
"Sustainability Risk"	means an environmental, social or governance event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause a negative material impact on the value of the investment;
"Taxonomy Regulation"	the Regulation on the Establishment of a Framework to Facilitate Sustainable Investment (Regulation EU/2020/852) as may be amended from time to time;
"TCA"	means the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended;
"Total Return Swap"	means a derivative transaction (within the scope of SFTR) whereby the total economic performance of a reference obligation is transferred from one counterparty to another counterparty;
"Transfer Agreement"	means the transfer agreement, as may be amended from time to time, to be submitted to the Administrator to apply for a transfer of Shares, which is available from the Administrator upon request;
"U.S. Person"	means (i) a natural person who is a resident of the United States; (ii) a corporation, partnership or other entity, other than an entity organised principally for passive investment, organised under the laws of the United States and which has its principal place of business in the United States; (iii) an estate or trust, the income of which is subject to United States income tax regardless of the source; (iv) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of an entity organised and with its principal place of business in the United States; (v) an entity organised principally for passive investment such as a pool, investment company or other similar entity; provided, that units of participation in the entity held by persons who qualify as U.S. persons or otherwise as qualified eligible persons represent in the aggregate 10% or more of the beneficial interests in the entity, and that such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. Persons; or (vi) any other 'U.S. Person' as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act of 1922, as amended;
"UCITS Directive"	means EC Council Directive 2009/65/EC of 13 July 2009 as amended and as may be further amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time;

"UCITS"	means an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities established pursuant to the UCITS Directive;
"United Kingdom" and "UK"	means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
"United States" and "U.S."	means the United States of America, (including each of the States, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico) its territories, possessions and all other areas subject to its jurisdiction;
"US Dollars", "Dollars" or "\$"	means the lawful currency of the United States or any successor currency;
"Valuation Day"	means in relation to a Sub-Fund, such day or days as shall be specified in the relevant Supplement for each Sub-Fund;
"Valuation Point"	means the point in time by reference to which the Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund and the Net Asset Value per Share are calculated as is specified in the relevant Supplement for each Sub-Fund.

In this Prospectus, any reference to any statute, statutory provision or regulatory requirement or guidance shall be construed as including a reference to that statute, statutory provision or regulatory requirement or guidance as amended, extended or re-enacted as at the date of this Prospectus and from time to time thereafter.

1 The Company and the Sub-Funds

The Company is an open-ended umbrella type investment company with variable capital, limited liability and segregated liability between Sub-Funds, incorporated in Ireland on 23 November 2009 with registration number 477894 and authorised by the Central Bank as a UCITS pursuant to the Regulations.

1.1 SUB-FUNDS

The Company has adopted an 'umbrella' structure to provide investors with a choice of different Sub-Funds. Each Sub-Fund will be differentiated by its specific investment objective, policy, currency of denomination or other specific features as described in the relevant Supplement. A separate pool of assets is maintained for each Sub-Fund and is invested in accordance with each Sub-Fund's respective investment objective.

Additional Sub-Funds (in respect of which a Supplement or Supplements will be issued) may be established by the Directors from time to time with the prior approval of the Central Bank.

At the date of this Prospectus, the Company has established six Sub-Funds, namely LGT Alpha Generix UCITS Sub-Fund, LGT Dynamic Protection UCITS Sub-Fund, MA Sustainable EM LC Bond Sub-Fund, LGT Crown Managed Futures UCITS Sub-Fund, LGT Alpha Generix Global Income UCITS Sub-Fund and LGT Crown Global Equity Alpha UCITS Sub-Fund.

The following sub-funds are in the process of termination and are no longer available for subscription; LGT Crown Managed Futures UCITS Sub-Fund, LGT Alpha Generix Global Income UCITS Sub-Fund and LGT Crown Global Equity Alpha UCITS Sub-Fund (the "**Terminated Funds**"). The Supplements for each of the Terminated Funds have been omitted from the Prospectus.

1.2 CLASSES OF SHARES

Each Sub-Fund comprises one or more Classes. All Classes of Shares relating to the same Sub-Fund will be commonly invested in accordance with such Sub-Fund's investment objective but may differ with regard to their Base Currency, currency hedging strategies if any applied to the currency of a particular Class, fee structure, Minimum Initial Investment Amount, Minimal Additional Investment Amount, Minimum Shareholding, Minimum Repurchase Amount, dividend policy (including the dates and payments of any dividends), investor eligibility criteria or other particular feature(s) as the Directors will decide. A separate Net Asset Value per Share will be calculated for each issued Class of Shares in relation to each Sub-Fund. The different features of

each Class of Shares available relating to a Sub-Fund are described in detail in the relevant Supplement.

The Company reserves the right to offer only one or several Classes of Shares for purchase by investors in any particular jurisdiction in order to conform to local law, custom or business practice. The Company also reserves the right to adopt standards applicable to certain classes of investors or transactions in respect of the purchase of a particular Class of Shares and to allocate any given Class of Shares to any particular Shareholder at the sole discretion of the Directors.

Additional Classes of Shares may be established by the Directors and notified to the Central Bank in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

1.3 DIVIDEND POLICY

The Directors decide the dividend policy and arrangements relating to each Class of Shares and details are set out in the relevant Supplement. The Company can issue both accumulating and distributing Shares in each Sub-Fund.

In the case of Classes comprised of accumulating Shares, the net income and profits (if any) available for distribution will be accumulated and reflected in the Net Asset Value of the Class. In the case of Classes comprised of distributing Shares, dividends will be declared by the Directors in accordance with the distribution frequency as set out in the relevant Supplement.

Under the Articles, the Directors are entitled to declare dividends out of the relevant Sub-Fund being: (i) the accumulated revenue (consisting of all revenue accrued including interest and dividends) less expenses and/or (ii) realised and unrealised capital gains on the disposal/valuation of investments and other funds less realised and unrealised accumulated capital losses of the relevant Sub-Fund-and/or (iii) the capital of the Sub-Fund, where disclosed in the relevant Supplement.

The Company will be obliged and entitled to deduct an amount in respect of Irish taxation from any dividend payable to a Shareholder in any Sub-Fund who is or is deemed to be an Irish Resident and pay such sum to the Irish tax authorities.

Dividends payable to Shareholders will be paid within four months of the date the Directors declared the dividend and may be paid; (i) in cash by electronic transfer to the bank account designated by the Shareholder in the Application Form at the expense of the Shareholder; or (ii) subject to the provision of shareholder consent by way of in specie transfer of assets of the relevant Sub-Fund to him. In selecting these assets, the Directors will consult with the Depositary to ensure that the remaining Shareholders are not disadvantaged. A Shareholder may require the Company instead of transferring any assets in specie to

him, to arrange for a sale of the assets and for payment to the Shareholder of the net proceeds of same. In addition, and where specified in the relevant Supplement, Shareholder may elect to have the proceeds of any distribution reinvested in more Shares of the relevant Class.

Pending payment to the relevant Shareholder, dividends shall be paid into a Subscription/Redemption Account and shall remain an asset of the relevant Sub-Fund. The Shareholder will therefore be an unsecured creditor of the relevant Sub-Fund with respect of the distribution amount held in the Subscription/Redemption Account until such distribution amount is paid to the Shareholder.

Shareholders are reminded that dividend monies shall not be paid out until the Application Form and all documentation required by or on behalf of the Company (including any documents in connection with anti-money laundering procedures) have been received from the relevant Shareholder(s). Dividends unclaimed within six months from the date they first become payable will lapse and revert to the relevant Sub-Fund without the necessity for any declaration or other action by the Company. No interest shall be paid on any dividend. However, negative interest rates and other charges may apply to reduce the value of the dividend actually received by the investor.

The Directors may change the dividend policy applicable to any Class of Shares provided that in such circumstances, they shall provide prior written notice to all affected Shareholders in order to allow them the opportunity to redeem their Shares prior to the change being effected.

2 Investment Objectives, Techniques, Instruments and Strategies

2.1 INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES

The Articles provide that the investment objective and policies for each Sub-Fund will be formulated by the Directors at the time of the creation of that Sub-Fund. Details of the investment objective and policies for each Sub-Fund appear in the Supplement for the relevant Sub-Fund.

Any change in the investment objective or any material change to the investment policies of a Sub-Fund may only be made with the approval of the majority of votes cast at general meeting of the Shareholders of the Sub-Fund. Subject and without prejudice to the preceding sentence of this paragraph, in the event of a change of investment objective and/or material change in policies of a Sub-Fund, a reasonable notification period must be

given to each Shareholder of the Sub-Fund to enable a Shareholder to have its Shares repurchased prior to the implementation of such change.

Prospective investors should note that a Sub-Fund's investment policies may not be able to be fully implemented or complied with during the launch and wind-down phase of a Sub-Fund when initial investment positions are being established or final positions are being liquidated, as appropriate. In addition, in respect of the launch phase of a Sub-Fund, the Central Bank permits a Fund to derogate from certain of the Regulations for six (6) months from the date of its authorisation, provided that the Sub-Fund still observes the principle of risk spreading. As a consequence, Shareholders may be exposed to different types of investment risk and may receive a return that is different to the return that would have been received if full compliance with the relevant investment policies and/or Regulations had been maintained (noting that there can be no assurance that any Sub-Fund will achieve its investment objective) during the launch and/or wind-down phase of a Sub-Fund.

Pending investment of the proceeds of a placing or offer for Shares or where market or other factors so warrant, a Sub-Fund's assets may be invested in Money Market Instruments and in cash deposits denominated in such currency or currencies as the Investment Manager may determine.

Investors should be aware that the performance of certain Sub-Funds may be measured against a specified benchmark and in this regard, Shareholders are directed towards the relevant Supplement, which will refer to any relevant benchmark used for performance measurement purposes. The Company may at any time change that reference benchmark where, for reasons outside of its control, that benchmark has been replaced, or another benchmark may reasonably be considered by the Company to have become the appropriate standard for the relevant exposure. In such circumstances, any change in benchmark will be disclosed in the annual or half-yearly report of the Company issues subsequent to such change and will be disclosed in an updated Supplement as soon as practicable thereafter.

2.2 ELIGIBLE ASSETS AND INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

Investment of the assets of each Sub-Fund must comply with the Regulations, and where applicable, the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. The Directors may impose further investment restrictions in respect of any Sub-Fund (which will be disclosed in the relevant Supplement).

Further information on the investment restrictions set down in the Regulations applying to the Company and each Sub-Fund is set out in [Appendix 1](#). Each Sub-Fund may also hold ancillary liquid assets. Where the

investment limits set down in [Appendix 1](#) are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of the Company or as a result of the exercise of subscription rights, the Company shall adopt as a priority objective for its sales transactions the remedying of that situation, taking due account of the interests of the Shareholders of the relevant Sub-Fund.

The Regulated Markets on which a Sub-Fund's investments in transferable securities, Money Market Instruments and FDIs (other than permitted investments in unlisted transferable securities, Money Market Instruments and OTC derivatives) will be listed or traded is set out in [Appendix 2](#). Accordingly, each Sub-Fund may invest up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in unlisted securities/securities listed on markets other than those set out in [Appendix 2](#) provided this is consistent with its investment objective.

2.3 BORROWING POWERS

The Company may only borrow, for the account of a Sub-Fund, up to 10% of the net assets of a Sub-Fund and the assets of such Sub-Fund may be charged as security for any such borrowings provided that such borrowing is only for temporary purposes. The Company, on behalf of a Sub-Fund, may acquire foreign currency by means of a back to back loan agreement(s). Foreign currency obtained in this manner is not classified as borrowing for the above mentioned 10% limit provided that the offsetting deposit equals or exceeds the value of the foreign currency loan outstanding. Currency risk (as described in the risk factor 'Currency Risk' in the section titled [Investment-Specific Risk](#) below) may arise where the offsetting balance is not maintained in the Base Currency of the relevant Sub-Fund.

The Company may not borrow for investment purposes.

2.4 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Manager has in place a risk management process which enables it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the various risks associated with the use of FDI and Securities Financing Transactions and details of this process have been provided to the Central Bank. A Sub-Fund may not utilise techniques or instruments which have not been included in the risk management process until such time as a revised risk management process has been submitted to the Central Bank. The Company will provide, upon request by Shareholders, supplementary information relating to the risk management methods employed by the Company in respect of the relevant Sub-Fund including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of investments.

2.4.1 Global Exposure Calculation Methodologies

Exposure arising from the use of FDI and, where applicable Securities Financing Transactions by a Sub-Fund will be measured and monitored using either (i) the 'commitment approach' or (ii) 'value at risk' (VaR). In determining the appropriate methodology, the Directors shall take into account the investment strategy pursued by the relevant Sub-Fund, the types and complexities of the FDI used and the proportion of the relevant Sub-Fund's portfolio which comprises of FDI. The methodology chosen for each Sub-Fund is set out in the relevant Supplement. The measurement and monitoring of all exposures relating to the use of FDI and Securities Financing Transactions will be performed on at least a daily basis.

2.4.2 Commitment Approach

Where a Sub-Fund uses the commitment approach to measure its global exposure, each FDI position shall be converted into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative.

2.4.3 Value at Risk Approach

VaR is a statistical methodology that predicts, under normal market conditions using historical data, the likely maximum daily loss that a Sub-Fund could lose calculated to a specific confidence level. Where the VaR methodology is used, a Sub-Fund will use either (i) the Relative VaR model where the VaR of the Sub-Fund's portfolio will not exceed twice the VaR of a reference portfolio which will reflect the Sub-Fund's intended investment style or (ii) the Absolute VaR model where the VaR of the Sub-Fund is capped as a percentage of Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund. The Absolute VaR of a Sub-Fund cannot be greater than 20% of the Net Asset Value of that Sub-Fund and the maximum VaR limit applicable to a particular Sub-Fund will be specified in the relevant Sub-Fund Supplement.

The Absolute VaR or Relative VaR of a Sub-Fund is calculated in accordance with the following parameters:- (a) one tailed confidence interval of 99%; (b) holding period equivalent to a maximum of one month (20 Business Days); (c) effective observation period of at least one year (250 Business Days) unless a shorter observation period is justified by a significant increase in price volatility (e.g. extreme market conditions). The holding period, the historical observation period or the confidence level applicable to a particular Sub-Fund will be specified in the relevant Sub-Fund Supplement.

It should be noted that VaR methods rely on a number of assumptions about the forecasting of investment markets and the ability to draw inferences about the future behaviour of market prices from historical movements. If those assumptions are incorrect by any significant degree, the size and frequency of losses

actually incurred in the investment portfolio may considerably exceed those predicted by a VaR model (and even a small degree of inaccuracy in the forecasting models used can produce large deviations in the forecast produced). VaR does enable a comparison of risks across asset classes and serves as an indicator to a portfolio manager of the investment risk in a portfolio. If used in this way, and having regard to the limitations of VaR methods and the particular model chosen, it can act as a signal to the Manager of an increase in the general level of risk in a portfolio and as a trigger for corrective action by the Manager.

Where a Sub-Fund uses VaR to measure its global exposure, it must also monitor the leverage of the Sub-Fund. The expected level of leverage which may be incurred by a Sub-Fund using VaR shall be disclosed in the relevant Supplement. It should be noted that the expected level of leverage disclosed for each Sub-Fund which uses VaR is an indicative level and is not a regulatory limit. The Sub-Fund's actual level of leverage might significantly exceed the expected level from time to time.

2.5 CROSS INVESTMENT

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Sub-Fund may invest in other Sub-Funds of the Company in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. A Sub-Fund may only invest in another Sub-Fund of the Company if that Sub-Fund does not itself hold Shares in any other Sub-Fund of the Company.

Where a Sub-Fund invests in the Shares of another Sub-Fund of the Company, the following requirements must be adhered to;

- the Manager, Investment Manager or Investment Advisor will waive any initial charge which it, or they, are entitled to charge for their own account; and
- the Management Fee charged by the Manager (and the Investment Management Fee where the Investment Manager is paid directly from the Sub-Funds assets) in respect of that portion of assets of the investing Sub-Fund which is invested in other Sub-Funds of the Company, whether such fee is paid by the investing Sub-Fund, indirectly at the level of the receiving Sub-Fund or a combination of both, shall not exceed the rate of the Management Fee (or Investment Management Fee if applicable) which is charged by the Manager or the Investment Manager in respect of the balance of the assets of the investing Sub-Fund, thus ensuring that there shall be no double-charging of the Management Fee (or Investment Management Fee where relevant) as a result of the investing Sub-Fund investing in the receiving Sub-Fund.

2.6 INVESTMENT IN CHINA VIA STOCK CONNECT

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Sub-Fund may invest in and have direct access to certain eligible China A shares via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and/or the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (together, the "**Stock Connect Scheme**").

The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links programme developed by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited ("**HKEX**"), Shanghai Stock Exchange ("**SSE**") and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited ("**ChinaClear**"). The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links programme developed by HKEX, Shenzhen Stock Exchange ("**SZSE**") and ChinaClear. The aim of the Stock Connect Scheme is to achieve mutual stock market access between Mainland China (which for the purposes herein, means the People's Republic of China (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) (the "**PRC**")) and Hong Kong. The stock exchanges of the two jurisdictions continue to issue details of Stock Connect Scheme, e.g. operational rules, from time to time. The Stock Connect Scheme enables investors to trade eligible shares listed on the other's market through local securities firms or brokers.

The Stock Connect Scheme comprises Northbound Trading Links and Southbound Trading Links. Under the Northbound Trading Links, investors, through their Hong Kong brokers and a securities trading service company established by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("**SEHK**"), are able to place orders to trade eligible China A shares listed on the SSE and SZSE by routing orders to such Mainland China stock exchange. All Hong Kong and overseas investors (including, where relevant, the Sub-Funds) are allowed to trade SSE Securities (as defined below) and SZSE Securities (as defined below) through the Stock Connect Scheme (through the relevant Northbound Trading Link).

Further information about the Stock Connect Scheme is available online at the website: <http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/csm/chinaConnect.asp?LangCode=en>

2.6.1 Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect

Under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Sub-Funds) are able to trade selective stocks listed on the SSE market (i.e. "**SSE Securities**"). These include all the constituent stocks from time to time of the SSE 180 Index and SSE 380 Index, and all the SSE-listed China A shares that are not included as constituent stocks of the relevant indices but which have corresponding H shares listed on SEHK, except the following:

- SSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB;

- SSE-listed shares which are included in the 'risk alert board'; and
- SSE-listed shares the trading of which has been suspended.

2.6.2 Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect

Under the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Sub-Funds) are able to trade selective stocks listed on the SZSE market (i.e. "**SZSE Securities**"). These include all the constituent stocks of the SZSE Component Index and SZSE Small/Mid Cap Innovation Index which have a market capitalisation of not less than RMB 6 billion, and all the SZSE-listed China A shares which have corresponding H shares listed on SEHK, except the following:

- SZSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB;
- SZSE-listed shares which are included in the 'delisting arrangement board', or under 'risk alert'; and
- SZSE-listed shares the trading of which has been suspended.

It is expected that both lists of SSE Securities and SZSE Securities will be subject to review and approval by the relevant regulatory bodies from time to time.

2.7 DIRECT ACCESS TO THE CHINA INTER-BANK BOND MARKET

To the extent permissible by the relevant PRC regulations or authorities and subject to compliance with the relevant Sub-Fund Supplement, a Sub-Fund may also directly invest in permissible Fixed Income Instruments traded on the China Inter-Bank Bond Market (the "**CIBM**"), including via Bond Connect as described below, in compliance with the relevant rules issued by the People's Bank of China ("**PBOC**"), including its Shanghai Head Office, in 2016 including the Announcement [2016] No.3 and its implementing rules ("**CIBM Rules**") through an application filed with the PBOC, without being subject to any investment quota restrictions. An onshore trading and settlement agent shall be engaged by the Investment Manager or an Investment Advisor to make the filing on behalf of the Sub-Fund and conduct trading and settlement agency services for the Sub-Fund.

Although there is no quota restriction under the CIBM Rules, relevant information about the Sub-Fund's investments needs to be filed with PBOC and an updated filing may be required if there is any significant change to the filed information. It cannot be predicted whether PBOC will make any comments on or require any changes with respect to such information for the purpose of filing. If so required, the Investment Manager

or an Investment Advisor will need to follow PBOC instructions and make the relevant changes accordingly.

Market volatility and potential lack of liquidity due to low trading volume of certain debt securities in the CIBM may result in prices of certain debt securities traded on such market fluctuating significantly. A Sub-Fund investing in such market is therefore subject to liquidity and volatility risks. The bid and offer spreads of the prices of such securities may be large, and the Sub-Fund may therefore incur significant trading and realisation costs and may even suffer losses when selling such investments.

To the extent that a Sub-Fund invests in the CIBM, the Sub-Fund may also be exposed to risks associated with settlement procedures and default of counterparties. The counterparty which has entered into a transaction with the Sub-Fund may default in its obligation to settle the transaction by delivery of the relevant security or by payment for value. In addition, since the relevant filings and account opening for investment in the CIBM have to be carried out via an onshore settlement agent, the Sub-Fund is subject to the risks of default or errors on the part of the onshore settlement agent.

The CIBM is also subject to regulatory risks. The CIBM Rules are very new and have yet to be tested on the market. At this stage the CIBM Rules are still subject to further clarification and/or changes, which may adversely affect the Sub-Fund's capability to invest in the CIBM. In the extreme circumstances where the relevant PRC authorities suspend account opening or trading on the CIBM, a Sub-Fund's ability to invest in the CIBM will be limited and the Sub-Fund may suffer substantial losses as a result.

The CIBM Rules allow foreign investors to remit investment amounts in RMB or foreign currency into China for investing in the CIBM. For repatriation of funds out of China by a Sub-Fund, the ratio of RMB to foreign currency should generally match the original currency ratio when the investment principal was remitted into China, with a maximum permissible deviation of 10%. Such requirements may change in the future which may have an adverse impact on the Sub-Fund's investment in the CIBM. PBOC will exercise on-going supervision on the Sub-Fund's trading under the CIBM Rules and may take relevant administrative actions such as suspension of trading and mandatory exit against the Sub-Fund and/or the Investment Manager and/or the Investment Advisor (as applicable) in the event of any non-compliance with the CIBM Rules.

Except for interest income from certain bonds (i.e. government bonds, local government bonds and railway bonds which are entitled to a 100% enterprise income tax exemption and 50% enterprise income tax exemption respectively in accordance with the Implementation Rules to the Enterprise Income Tax Law and a circular dated 10 March 2016 on the Circular on Income Tax Policies on Interest Income from Railway

Bonds under Caishui [2016] No. 30), interest income derived by non-resident institutional investors from other bonds traded through the Direct Access to the CIBM is PRC-sourced income and subject to PRC withholding income tax at a rate of 10% and VAT at a rate of 6%.

According to the Circular on the Enterprise Income Tax and Value-Added Tax Policies for Foreign Institutions investing in Onshore Bond Markets, the enterprise income tax and VAT of the coupon interest income gained by overseas institutions in China bond markets will be temporarily exempted from 7 November 2018 to 6 November 2021. The scope of the enterprise income tax exemption has excluded bond interest gained by foreign institutions' onshore entities/establishment that are directly connected with such onshore entities/establishment.

Capital gains derived by non-resident institutional investors from the trading of CIBM bonds are technically considered as non-PRC sourced gains hence not taxable for PRC withholding income tax. While the PRC tax authorities are currently enforcing such non-taxable treatment in practice, no clear guidance is available on such non-taxable treatment under the current tax regulations.

Pursuant to another circular dated 30 June 2016 on the Supplementary Circular on VAT Policies on Interbank Transactions of Financial Institutions under Caishui [2016] No. 70, the capital gains derived by foreign institutions approved by PBOC from the investment in the local currency markets of CIBM shall be exempted from VAT.

In addition, the tax law and regulations of the PRC are constantly changing, and they may be changed with retrospective effect. The interpretation and applicability of the tax law and regulations by tax authorities are not as consistent and transparent as those of more developed nations, and may vary from region to region. As a result, the PRC taxes and duties payable by the Investment Manager or Investment Advisor and which are to be reimbursed by the Sub-Fund to the extent attributable to the assets held through Direct Access to the CIBM may change at any time.

2.8 BOND CONNECT

The Bond Connect initiative was launched in July 2017 to facilitate CIBM access between Hong Kong and Mainland China. It was established by China Foreign Exchange Trade System & National Interbank Funding Centre ("CFETS"), China Central Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd ("CCDC"), Shanghai Clearing House ("SHCH") and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and Central Moneymarkets Unit ("CMU").

The Bond Connect platform is designed to be efficient and more convenient for offshore investors at an

operational level, by using familiar trading interfaces of established electronic platforms without requiring investors to register on the mainland. Orders are executed electronically with any of the more than 20 eligible onshore participating dealers who are part of CFETS. Cash is exchanged offshore in Hong Kong and bonds are held in custody onshore in Shanghai. While the infrastructure contemplates two-way access between Hong Kong and China, at present it is only open in respect of investment through Hong Kong into the CIBM (generally referred to as "**Northbound**" access). Eligible foreign investors utilising Bond Connect are required to appoint the CFETS or other institutions recognised by the PBOC as registration agents to apply for registration with the PBOC.

The platform has fewer restrictions (e.g. no minimum holding period, no repatriation restrictions, no investment quotas) than other avenues for offshore investors to access the CIBM. Bond Connect is governed by rules and regulations as promulgated by the Mainland authorities. Under the prevailing regulations in Mainland China, eligible foreign investors will be allowed to invest in the bonds circulated in the Mainland inter-bank bond market through the northbound trading of Bond Connect ("**Northbound Trading Link**"). There will be no investment quota for Northbound Trading Link.

Northbound Trading under Bond Connect adopts a multi-layered custody arrangement whereby CCDC/SHCH performs the primary settlement function as the ultimate central securities depository, which handles bond custody and settlement for the CMU in Mainland China. The CMU is the nominee holder of CIBM bonds acquired by overseas investors via the Northbound Trading. The CMU handles custody and settlement for the accounts opened with it for the beneficial ownership of those overseas investors.

There are two levels in Bond Connect below CCDC and SHCH:

- (a) the CMU as 'nominee holder' of CIBM bonds; and
- (b) overseas investors as 'beneficial owners' of CIBM bonds through CMU members.

CMU members appointed as sub-custodians of the Sub-Fund and are subject to the same regulatory, safekeeping and due diligence requirements as any other duly appointed sub-custodian.

Overseas investors invest through offshore electronic trading platforms where trade orders are executed on CFETS, CIBM's centralised electronic trading platform, between investors and onshore market makers.

2.9 EFFICIENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, the Manager, or where appointed the Investment Manager, may, on behalf of the Sub-Fund, employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and/or other financial instruments in which it invests for efficient portfolio management purposes within the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank.

Use of such techniques and instruments should be in line with the best interests of Shareholders and may be made for one or more of the following reasons:

- (a) the reduction of risk;
- (b) the reduction of cost; or
- (c) the generation of additional capital or income for the relevant Sub-Fund with an appropriate level of risk, taking into account the risk profile of the Sub-Fund as described in this Prospectus and the relevant Supplement and the risk diversification rules set out in the Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

The use of efficient portfolio management techniques and instruments must be economically appropriate in that they will be realised in a cost-effective way and must not result in a change to the investment objective of the Sub-Fund or add supplementary risks not covered in this Prospectus. The risks arising from the use of such techniques and instruments shall be adequately captured in the Manager's risk management process.

2.10 SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Sub-Fund may use Securities Financing Transactions which include repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and/or securities lending agreements for efficient portfolio management purposes only, in each case in accordance with the conditions and limits set down in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and SFTR.

Where a Sub-Fund is permitted to use Securities Financing Transactions, all types of assets which may be held by the relevant Sub-Fund in accordance with its investment objectives and policies may be subject to a Securities Financing Transactions.

Repurchase Agreement. An agreement pursuant to which the Sub-Fund sells a security to a counterparty and simultaneously agrees to repurchase the security at a specified price on a fixed future date. Where the Company, on behalf of a Sub-Fund, enters into a repurchase agreement, it shall seek to ensure that it can recall at all times any securities that are subject to the repurchase agreement or to terminate any repurchase agreement it has entered into.

Where the Company, on behalf of a Sub-Fund, enters into a repurchase agreement, it will incur a financing cost from engaging in this transaction which will be paid to the relevant counterparty. Cash collateral received under a repurchase agreement is typically reinvested in order to generate a return greater than the financing costs incurred by the Sub-Fund. In such circumstances, the Sub-Fund will be exposed to market risk and to the risk of failure or default of the issuer of the relevant security in which the cash collateral has been invested and therefore any exposure resulting from reinvestment of cash collateral must be taken into account in the global exposure calculation of the relevant Sub-Fund. Furthermore, the Sub-Fund retains the economic risks and rewards of the securities which it has sold to the counterparty and therefore it is exposed to market risk in the event that it repurchases such securities from the counterparty at the pre-determined price which is higher than the value of the securities.

Reverse Repurchase Agreement. A transaction whereby a Sub-Fund purchases securities from a counterparty and simultaneously commits to resell the securities to the counterparty at an agreed upon date and price. Where the Company, on behalf of a Sub-Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, the Company shall seek to ensure that it can recall the full amount of cash or can terminate the reverse repurchase agreement on either an accrued basis or mark to market basis at any time. When the cash is recallable at any time on a mark to market basis, the mark to market value of the reverse repurchase agreement should be used for calculating the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund.

There is no global exposure generated by a Sub-Fund as a result of entering into reverse repurchase arrangements, nor do any such arrangements result in any incremental market risk unless the additional income which is generated through finance charges imposed by the Sub-Fund on the counterparty is reinvested in which case the Sub-Fund will assume market risk in respect of such investments.

Securities Lending Arrangement. Is an arrangement where one party transfers securities to another party subject to a commitment that the other party will return equivalent securities on a future date or when requested to do so by the party transferring the securities. Where the Company on behalf of a Sub-Fund enters into a securities lending agreement, the Company shall ensure that it shall recall any security that has been lent out and terminate such agreement at any time.

Finance charges received by a Sub-Fund under a securities lending agreement may be reinvested in order to generate additional income. Similarly, cash collateral received by a Sub-Fund under a securities lending agreement may also be reinvested in order to generate additional income. In both circumstances, the Sub-Fund will be exposed to market risk in respect of any such investments and should be taken into account when calculating global exposure.

All revenues and losses arising from Securities Financing Transactions, net of direct and indirect operational costs will be returned to the relevant Sub-Fund. The direct and indirect operational costs and fees (which are all fully transparent) shall include fees and expenses payable to counterparties engaged by the Company from time to time and shall not include hidden revenue. The fees and expenses of any counterparties engaged by the Company will be borne by the relevant Sub-Fund in respect of which the relevant party has been engaged.

Information on the revenues and losses generated under such transactions shall be disclosed in the annual and semi-annual reports of the Company, along with the entities to whom direct and indirect operational costs and fees relating to such transactions are paid. Such entities may include the Manager, the Depositary or entities related to the Manager or Depositary, in which case the rules related to connected party transactions set down in the section below titled [Conflicts of Interest](#) may apply.

For further information in relation to the risks associated with Securities Financing Transactions, please refer to the section of the Prospectus titled [Investment-Specific Risk](#) and to the risk factor 'Risks Associated with Securities Financing Transactions' in that section.

Details in respect of the exposure of the relevant Sub-Fund to Securities Financing Transactions will be set out in the relevant Supplement.

2.11 FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Sub-Fund may invest in Exchange Traded FDI and/or in OTC derivatives in accordance with the Regulations and the relevant Central Bank Rules.

Where a Sub-Fund invests in Exchange Traded FDI, that Sub-Fund may buy or lease an exchange membership for cost efficiency purposes. A Sub-Fund may only enter into OTC derivatives with an Eligible Counterparty. Please see the section below titled [Investment-Specific Risk](#) and to the risk factor 'FDI Risk' in that section for further information.

A Sub-Fund may use FDIs for investment purposes and/or for efficient portfolio management where specified in the relevant Supplement. Any use of FDI must comply with the Regulations and Central Bank Rules applicable to FDI, further information in relation to which is set out in [Appendix 1](#) hereto. The relevant reference item of a derivative must comprise of transferable securities, Money Market Instruments, Eligible Indices, CIS, deposits, interest rates, foreign exchange rates, inflation rates, volatility or currencies. The FDI which the Manager, or Investment Manager where appointed, may invest on behalf of each Sub-Fund, the underlying of the FDI, the purpose of such

instruments and the expected effect of use of such FDI on the risk profile of the relevant Sub-Fund are set out in the relevant Supplement.

A Sub-Fund may not engage in uncovered sales at any time.

2.11.1 Types and Descriptions of FDI

The following is a description of the types of FDI which may be used by the Sub-Funds, where specified in the relevant Supplement:

Futures: Futures are contracts to buy or sell a standard quantity of a specific asset (or, in some cases, receive or pay cash based on the performance of an underlying asset, instrument or index) at a pre-determined future date and at a pre-agreed price through a transaction undertaken on an exchange. Futures contracts allow investors to hedge against market risk or gain exposure to the underlying market. Since these contracts are marked-to-market daily, investors can, by closing out their position, exit from their obligation to buy or sell the underlying assets prior to the contract's delivery date. Futures can be used to express both positive and negative views on the underlying. Therefore, where permitted by the investment policy of a Sub-Fund, they can be used to create a synthetic short position. Futures may also be used to equitize cash balances, both pending investment of a cash flow and with respect to fixed cash targets. Frequently, using futures to achieve a particular strategy instead of using the underlying or related security or index results in lower transaction costs being incurred. Futures contracts which may be entered into by a Sub-Fund include foreign exchange futures, index futures, interest rate futures, bond futures and equity futures, which in each case may be used to hedge against certain risk within the portfolio or in order to take a long or short position on the underlying of the future.

Forwards: A forward contract locks-in the price at which an underlying may be purchased or sold on a future date. In a forward, the contracts holders are obliged to buy or sell a particular underlying at a specified price in a specified quantity and on a specified future date. One party to the forward is the buyer (long) who agrees to pay the forward price on settlement date, the other party is the seller (short) who agrees to receive the forward price on settlement date. Forward contracts may be cash settled between the parties. In contrast to futures, forwards are traded OTC. Forward contracts can be used to hedge or generate exposure. Where permitted by the relevant investment policy of a Sub-Fund, they can be used to express both positive and negative views on the underlying assets and can create a synthetic short position. Forward contracts which may be entered into by a Sub-Fund include foreign exchange forwards, interest rate forwards, index forwards, bond forward and equity forwards, which in each case may be used to hedge against certain risks arising within the

relevant Sub-Fund's portfolio or in order to take a long or short position on the underlying of the forward.

Options: Options are the right to buy or sell a specific quantity of a specific asset at a fixed price at or before a specified future date. There are two forms of options, put and call options. Put options are contracts sold for a premium that gives one party (the buyer) the right, but not the obligation, to sell to the other party (the seller) of the contract, a specific quantity of an underlying asset at a specified price. Call options are similar contracts sold for a premium that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy from the seller of the option. Options may also be cash settled. A Sub-Fund may be a seller or buyer of put and call options. Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Sub-Fund may purchase or sell options to hedge against an increase in the price of a security, index, currency or other asset which the Sub-Fund intends to purchase or generate exposure to or hedge against a decrease in the price of any such asset or in the market generally. Where permitted by the investment policy of a Sub-Fund, options can be used to express both positive and negative views on the underlying, hence they can be used to create a synthetic short position. The Sub-Funds may trade options on an exchange or OTC. Options contracts which may be entered into by the Sub-Funds, include foreign exchange options, index options, bond options and equity options, which in each case may be used to hedge against certain risks arising within the portfolio or in order to take a long or short position on the underlying of the option.

Swaps: A standard swap is an agreement between two parties, whereby they agree to exchange the cash flows or proceeds of a reference asset, such as one or more securities, a currency, an index or an interest rate, against the proceeds of another reference asset. Where permitted by the relevant investment policy of a Sub-Fund, they can be used to express both positive and negative views on the underlying assets and can create a synthetic short position. Generally, swaps are traded OTC. The Sub-Funds may enter into swaps, including, but not limited to, equity swaps, swaptions, interest rate swaps, index swaps, inflation swaps, volatility swaps, variance swaps, currency swaps, credit default swaps and Total Return Swaps.

- Swaptions are contracts whereby one party is given the option to enter into a swap agreement (typically an interest rate swap agreement) on a specified future date in exchange for an option premium. Swaptions are typically used in order to protect against exposure to specific interest rates.
- Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by a Sub-Fund with another party of their respective commitments to make or receive interest payments (e.g. an exchange of fixed rate payments for floating rate payments).
- In an index swap, one or both of the cash flow streams are related to the return of an Eligible Index or Eligible Indices, calculated on a notional amount, at specified dates during the life of the swap.
- An inflation swap is a contract under which a fixed payment is exchanged for a variable payment linked to a measure of inflation.
- A volatility or variance swap involves the exchange of payoffs between two counterparties based on the realized volatility or variance of an underlying asset's price over a specified time period. Volatility and variance swaps settle in cash based on the difference between (i) the realized volatility or variance and (ii) the implied volatility or variance of an underlying asset as at the time the contract is agreed. Volatility and variance swaps allow participants to trade an asset's underlying volatility without directly trading the underlying asset.
- Currency swaps are agreements between two parties to exchange future payments in one currency for payments in another currency. Currency swaps are used to transform the currency denomination of assets and liabilities.
- A credit default swap ("CDS") is a credit derivative that gives the buyer of that swap protection in case the reference entity defaults or suffers a credit event. In return, the seller of the credit default receives from the buyer a regular fee, called a spread. These are used to transfer third party credit risk from one party to another. The 'buyer in a CDS contract is obligated to pay the 'seller' a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default on an underlying reference obligation has occurred. If an event of default occurs, the seller must pay the buyer the full notional value or 'par value' of the reference obligation. A Sub-Fund may either be the buyer or seller in a CDS transaction. If the Sub-Fund is a buyer and no credit event occurs the Sub-Fund's losses will be limited to the periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract. As a seller, the Sub-Funds will receive a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the contract, provided that there is no credit event. If a credit event occurs, the seller must pay the buyer the full notional value of the reference obligation.
- The use by any Sub-Fund of any form of swap that meets the criteria contained in the definition of a Total Return Swap shall be subject to the requirements of SFTR. The reference obligation of a Total Return Swap shall be an investment in which the relevant Sub-Fund is permitted to invest or gain exposure to in accordance with its investment policy. Where applicable, information on the underlying strategy or index and the composition of the investment portfolio or index

(i.e. the reference obligation) shall be disclosed in the relevant Supplement. The counterparty to a Total Return Swap entered into by a Sub-Fund shall not assume any discretion of the composition or management of the investment portfolio of the Sub-Fund or of the underlying reference obligation of the Total Return Swap and the approval of the counterparty will not be required in relation to any investment portfolio transaction of the relevant Sub-Fund.

Caps and Floors: A cap is an agreement under which the seller agrees to compensate the buyer if interest rates rise above a pre-agreed strike rate on pre-agreed dates during the life of the agreement. In return the buyer pays the seller a premium up front. A floor is similar to a cap except that the seller compensates the buyer if interest rates fall below a pre-agreed strike rate on pre-agreed dates during the life of the agreement. As with a cap, the buyer pays the seller a premium up front.

Contracts for Differences: The Sub-Funds may enter into contracts for differences which allow a direct exposure to the market, a sector or an individual security. Unlike a forward contract, there is no final maturity, the position being closed out at the discretion of the position taker. Contracts for differences (“CFD”) are used to gain exposure to share price movements without buying the shares themselves. A CFD on a company’s shares will specify the price of the shares when the contract was started. The contract is an agreement to pay out cash on the difference between the starting share price and when the contract is closed.

As new derivative instruments become available on the market, the Manager may add these to the techniques and instruments used by each Sub-Fund provided they correspond to the investment objectives and investment policies of such Sub-Fund and to the regulatory requirements applicable to the Company.

2.12 CURRENCY HEDGING

2.12.1 Portfolio Level Currency Hedging

Assets of a Sub-Fund may be denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency and changes in the exchange rate between the Base Currency and the currency of the assets may lead to a depreciation of the value of the relevant Sub-Fund’s assets as expressed in the Base Currency. Where specified in the relevant Supplement, the Manager or the Investment Manager may engage in portfolio level currency hedging in respect of a Sub-Fund. The aim of this hedging will be to reduce the Sub-Fund’s level of risk and to hedge the currency exposure of the Sub-Fund’s underlying securities into the Base Currency. No assurance however can be given that such mitigation will be successful. Any such transactions shall be carried out at normal commercial rates. Shareholders should note that further

information on the risks associated with portfolio level currency hedging are set out in the section of the Prospectus titled [Investment-Specific Risk](#) and to the risk factor ‘Currency Risk’ in that section.

Shareholders should also note that the hedging strategies implemented by the Manager or an Investment Manager at Sub-Fund level are distinct from any class level currency hedging undertaken, details of which are described below.

2.12.2 Hedged Share Classes

The Manager, or where appointed, the relevant Investment Manager may, where specified in the relevant Supplement, conduct share class level currency hedging transactions in order to seek to mitigate the exchange rate risks (i) between the denominated currency of the Share Class and the Base Currency of the Sub-Fund and/or (ii) between the denominated currency of the Class and the denominated currencies in which the assets of the Sub-Fund are denominated. Such hedging strategy shall be subject to the conditions and the limits laid down by the Central Bank in the Central Bank Rules and may not be implemented if, for example, it is uneconomical to do so.

The Manager or Investment Manager may utilise a variety of instruments (as described further below under the section titled [Currency Hedging Transactions](#)) to seek to hedge against changes in currency values which may affect the value of the relevant Class and such transactions will be clearly attributable to the Class (although the instrument itself will itself be an asset/liability of the Sub-Fund as a whole). The cost and any gains or losses associated with the currency hedging transactions in respect of the Class will be allocated solely to the Class.

Where the Manager or Investment Manager implements a currency hedging strategy at Class level, while not intended, this could result in over-hedged or under-hedged positions due to external factors outside the control of the Manager or Investment Manager. Over-hedged positions shall not exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value of the Class and under-hedged positions shall not fall below 95% of the portion of the Net Asset Value of the Class which is to be hedged against currency risk. Hedged positions will be kept under review to ensure that any over-hedged positions do not exceed the level specified above. Any currency hedging position that is materially in excess of 100% will not be carried forward from month to month. Under-hedged positions shall also be kept under review to ensure that such positions are not carried forward from month to month.

To the extent that hedging is successful for a particular Class, the performance of the hedged class is likely to move in line with the performance of the underlying assets with the result that investors in that hedged Class

will not gain if the Class currency falls against the Base Currency.

Any currency exposure of a hedged Class may not be combined with, or offset against, that of any other hedged Class of a Sub-Fund. The currency exposure of the assets attributable to a hedged Class may not be allocated to other Classes.

It should be noted that the successful execution of a hedging strategy which mitigates this currency risk exactly cannot be assured. Shareholders' attention is drawn to the risk factor titled 'Share Currency Designation Risk' in the section titled [Investment-Specific Risk](#).

Shareholders should also note that currency hedging at Class level is distinct from any currency hedging strategies that may be implemented at Sub-Fund level, as described above in the section titled [Portfolio Level Currency Hedging](#) and the 'Share Currency Designation Risk' risk factor.

2.12.3 Unhedged Share Classes

Where a Class is denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency of the relevant Sub-Fund and no currency hedging strategy is employed by the Manager or Investment Manager, such Class will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency and/or in relation to the designated currencies of the underlying assets.

Subscription monies are payable in the denominated currency of the Class. However, the Company may accept payment in such other currencies as the Manager or the Investment Manager may agree at the prevailing exchange rate available to the Administrator. The cost and risk of converting currency will be borne by the investor. In the case of Classes that are denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency and are not identified as hedged, a currency conversion will take place on subscriptions and also on redemptions, exchanges and distributions at prevailing exchange rates and the value of the Shares in the relevant Class will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency.

2.12.4 Currency Hedging Transactions

When undertaking currency hedging (either at portfolio level or share class level), the Manager, or where appointed the relevant Investment Manager may utilise a variety of FDI such as currency futures, forward foreign exchange contracts and currency swaps. The Manager or relevant Investment Manager may also enter into spot foreign exchange transactions which involve the purchase of one currency with another, a fixed amount of the first currency being paid to receive a fixed amount of the second currency. 'Spot' settlement means that delivery of the currency amounts normally takes place

within two business days and therefore spot foreign exchange transactions are not classed as FDI.

2.13 ELIGIBLE COUNTERPARTIES TO OTC DERIVATIVES AND SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

Any counterparty to an OTC derivative or a Securities Financing Transaction must be an Eligible Counterparty.

In addition, any counterparty to an OTC derivative or a Securities Financing Transaction shall be subject to an appropriate due diligence assessment carried out by the Manager or its delegate, which shall include amongst other considerations, external credit ratings of the counterparty, the regulatory supervision applied to the relevant counterparty, country of origin of the counterparty and legal status of the counterparty.

Save where the relevant counterparty to the relevant Securities Financing Transaction or OTC derivative is a Relevant Institution, where such counterparty (a) is subject to a credit rating by an agency registered and supervised by ESMA that rating shall be taken into account by the Manager in the credit assessment process; and (b) where a counterparty is downgraded to A-2 or below (or comparable rating) by the credit rating agency referred to in subparagraph (a) this shall result in a new credit assessment being conducted of the counterparty by the Manager or its delegate without delay. In accordance with the Credit Ratings Agencies Directive (2013/14/EU), the Manager shall not solely or mechanically rely on credit ratings in determining the credit quality of an issuer or counterparty.

2.14 COLLATERAL POLICY

Details of the collateral management policy applied in respect of collateral which may be received from a counterparty for the benefit of a Sub-Fund or posted to a counterparty by or on behalf of a Sub-Fund in respect of any Securities Financing Transactions or FDI is set out in [Appendix 3](#).

For the purpose of providing margin or collateral in respect of transactions in Securities Financing Transactions or FDI, the Company acting on behalf of a Sub-Fund may transfer, mortgage, pledge, charge or encumber any assets or cash forming part of the Sub-Fund in accordance with normal market practice and the requirements outlined in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

2.15 FINANCIAL INDICES

Certain Sub-Funds may refer to indices/benchmarks within the relevant Supplement. These indices/benchmarks may be referenced for various purposes, including, but not limited to, scenarios where the Sub-Fund is being managed with reference to an

index or benchmark (i.e. the Sub-Fund is managed by way of reference to a performance benchmark or it applies index/benchmark based portfolio constraints to the investment strategy).

Additionally, Shareholders should note that the Company and/or its distributors may from time to time refer to indices in marketing literature or other communications purely for financial or risk comparison purposes. However, unless such indices are referred to as such in the Supplement for the relevant Sub-Fund, they are not formal benchmarks by reference to which the Sub-Fund is managed.

A Sub-Fund may also gain exposure to a financial index via FDI, where considered appropriate to the investment objective and investment policies of the relevant Sub-Fund. Where a Sub-Fund will be using a financial index for investment purposes, the relevant Supplement shall provide sufficient disclosure to allow a prospective investor to understand the market that the index is representing, why the index is being used as part of the investment strategy of the Sub-Fund, whether the investment will be made directly or if the investment will be made indirectly through FDI and where additional information on the indices used may be obtained.

It may not be possible to comprehensively list the actual financial indices to which exposure may be taken by a Sub-Fund for investment purposes as they may change from time to time. As such, a list of the indices to which a Sub-Fund takes exposure will be set out in the annual financial statements of the Company. Details of any financial indices (including their name, rebalancing frequency and the markets that they represent) used by any Sub-Fund will be provided to Shareholders of that Sub-Fund by the Manager on request.

The following provisions will apply to any financial index which a Sub-Fund gains exposure to;

- the financial index must comply with the requirements applicable to financial indices as set out Central Bank UCITS Regulations;
- the financial index must be rebalanced/adjusted on a periodic basis in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank e.g. on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis. Prospective investors should note that the costs associated with gaining exposure to a financial index will be impacted by the frequency with which the relevant financial index is rebalanced;
- where the weighting of a particular constituent in any financial index exceeds the investment restrictions set down in Regulation 71 of the Regulations, the Manager, or Investment Manager if appointed, will, as a priority objective look to remedy the situation taking into account the interests of Shareholders in the relevant Sub-Fund.

It should be noted that where a financial index comprised of Eligible Assets does not comply with the risk diversification requirements set down in Regulation 71 of the Regulations, investment in such an index by a Sub-Fund through the use of derivatives is not considered a derivative on a financial index but is regarded as a derivative on the combination of assets comprised in the index. A Sub-Fund may only gain exposure to such a financial index where on a 'look-through' basis, the Sub-Fund is in a position to comply with the risk spreading rules set down in the Regulations taking into account both direct and indirect exposure of the Sub-Fund to the constituents of the relevant index.

As outlined above, certain Sub-Funds may refer to indices within the relevant Supplement. Referencing an index will not constitute 'use' of an index, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(7)(e) of the Benchmark Regulation, unless the relevant Supplement (in particular as part of its investment policy or strategy) defines constraints on the asset allocation of the portfolio in relation to the index (e.g. there is an investment restriction that the Sub-Fund must invest only in components of the index or must be partially invested in line with index composition). Other references to indices shall not constitute use of an index within the meaning of Article 3(1)(7)(e) of the Benchmark Regulation. Where relevant, the Manager or the Investment Manager shall put in place written plans, in accordance with Article 28(2) of the Benchmark Regulation, detailing the actions it will take in the event that any index it uses for any Sub-Fund (in accordance with Article 3 (1)(7)(e) of the Benchmark Regulation) materially changes or ceases to be provided. These written plans shall detail the steps the Manager or the Investment Manager will take to nominate a suitable alternative index. Any index used by a Sub-Fund in accordance with Article 3 (1)(7)(e) of the Benchmark Regulation shall be provided by an administrator either included in the register referred to in Article 36 of the Benchmark Regulation or availing of the transitional arrangements pursuant to Article 51 of the Benchmark Regulation,

2.16 INTEGRATION OF ESG

2.16.1 Fund Classification for SFDR

For SFDR purposes certain Sub-Funds of the Company may be classified as either (i) an ESG Orientated Fund; or (ii) an ESG Focused Fund.

If a Sub-Fund is classified as either an ESG Orientated Fund or an ESG Focused Fund, a clear indication of this classification (along with additional SFDR-related disclosure) will be made in the Supplement for the relevant Sub-Fund. As a default, and in the absence of such clear indication, each Sub-Fund will not be classified as an ESG Orientated Fund or an ESG Focused Fund.

2.16.2 The Integration of Sustainability Risks into Investment Decisions

As part of the process to undertake appropriate due diligence on investments, the Investment Manager will generally conduct a level of research on each investment. This will typically include a consideration of fundamental and quantitative elements, the composition of which may vary depending on the nature of the investment. Where relevant, this will also involve qualitative and non-financial elements such as ESG factors and consideration of Sustainability Risks.

The Investment Manager integrates an assessment of Sustainability Risks into its investment processes for each Sub-Fund (including those not classified as an ESG Orientated Fund or an ESG Focused Fund). This will occur both initially and on an ongoing basis for the duration of the period the Sub-Fund holds an investment or pursues a particular investment strategy. However, unless stated in the relevant Supplement that the Sub-Fund is classified as an ESG Orientated Fund or an ESG Focused Fund, an accentuated ESG investment process or enhanced exclusionary screening methodology will not be applied in respect of the Sub-Fund.

The Investment Manager may rely on third-party ESG data or research providers to produce any ESG-related analysis. Such data or research may be imprecise, incorrect or unavailable and the resulting analysis or use of such data by the Investment Manager may be impacted.

This assessment is based on the inclusion of Sustainability Risks in the Investment Manager's due diligence processes, forecasting, exclusionary screening methods and / or analysis based on currently available ESG data, as applicable. Once these factors have been taken into account, in combination with the fact that it is considered that Sustainability Risks may be factored into the price of an underlying instrument and that the risk factors as described in this Prospectus under the heading "Risk Factors" will have been assessed, it is not considered likely that ongoing, identifiable Sustainability Risks will materially alter the return profile of a Sub-Fund. Further, it is acknowledged that exceptional or unpredictable Sustainability Risk events may occur, which may impact this ongoing assessment. It is considered that the policies adopted by the Investment Manager to assess and mitigate Sustainability Risks may mitigate such risks to the Company. Investors should note the Investment Manager's assessment of ESG characteristics may change over time and the ESG conclusions of the Investment Manager might not reflect the ESG views of investors.

For the avoidance of doubt, Sustainability Risks are one of several factors considered as part of a broader assessment when making investment decisions.

Further details on the Investment Manager's approach to ESG integration and sustainability-related stewardship can be found on the Investment Manager's website.

3 Share Dealings

3.1 SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

Under the Articles, the Directors are given authority to effect the issue of Shares and to create new Classes of Shares (in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank) and have absolute discretion to accept or reject in whole or in part any application for Shares.

If an application for Shares is rejected, the Administrator at the cost and risk of the applicant will, subject to any applicable laws, return application monies or the balance thereof, without interest, by electronic transfer to the account from which it was paid within five Business Days of the rejection.

Applications for Shares should be submitted by completion of the Application Form which contains certain conditions regarding the application procedure for Shares in the Company and certain indemnities in favour of the Company, the relevant Sub-Fund, the Manager, the Administrator, the Depositary and the other Shareholders for any loss suffered by them as a result of certain applicants acquiring or holding Shares.

An initial application for Shares may only be made by submitting a completed Application Form along with supporting documentation referred to therein (including but not limited to documentation relating to money laundering prevention checks and tax status) (the "Supporting Documentation") to the Administrator by post, by facsimile or by approved electronic transmission (which may be signed in electronic form, as set out in the Application Form and where such electronic transmission is in accordance with Central Bank requirements). Where the signed Application Form and Supporting Documentation are submitted by facsimile, the originals shall be delivered by post to the Administrator promptly thereafter (unless otherwise determined by the Manager).

Where an initial application is made by post or by fax, provided that the original Application Form from the initial application together with any required Supporting Documentation have been received and approved by the Administrator, subsequent applications may be made to the Administrator by approved electronic transmission (including via an established electronic dealing platform).

Where an investor is applying to subscribe for Shares via an electronic dealing platform, such investor will be required to subscribe for Shares pursuant to the terms of such electronic dealing platform.

Requests for subscription of Shares (submitted in any manner as provided for above) may not be withdrawn save with the written consent of the Directors or in the event of suspension of calculation of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund or suspension of issues of Shares in the relevant Sub-Fund.

Amendments to a Shareholder's registration details or payment instructions will only be made following receipt by the Administrator of appropriately authorised original written instructions from the relevant Shareholder.

Where provided for in the relevant Supplement, each applicant must satisfy the Minimum Initial Investment Amount applicable to the relevant Class and each Shareholder must retain Shares equivalent to the Minimum Shareholding applicable to each Class. Any subsequent subscription for Shares in a Class must also meet the Minimum Additional Investment Amount, if any, specified in the relevant Supplement. For the purposes of calculating the Minimum Initial Investment Amount and the Minimum Shareholding, the Directors are permitted to aggregate investments received from multiple registered shareholders which are managed or controlled by the same entity.

The Directors or the Manager reserve the right from time to time to waive any requirements relating to the Minimum Initial Investment Amount, the Minimum Additional Investment Amount and the Minimum Shareholding as and when they determine, at their reasonable discretion.

3.1.1 Dealing Deadline

Applications for Shares received and accepted by the Administrator prior to the relevant Dealing Deadline for a Sub-Fund in respect of a particular Dealing Day will normally be processed as at that Dealing Day. Dealing Days and Dealing Deadlines relating to each Sub-Fund are specified in the relevant Supplement. Any applications for Shares received after the relevant Dealing Deadline for a particular Dealing Day will be processed on the following Dealing Day unless the Directors or the Manager in their discretion otherwise determine to accept one or more applications received after the Dealing Deadline but prior to the Valuation Point for that particular Dealing Day. Applications for Shares in a Sub-Fund received after the relevant Dealing Deadline but prior to the Valuation Point will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances, as determined and agreed by the Directors or senior management of the Manager. The exceptional circumstances under which the application was received will also be fully documented by the Directors or the Manager, as appropriate.

3.1.2 Issue Price

During the Initial Offer Period, the Initial Issue Price for Shares in the relevant Class shall be the amount set out in the relevant Supplement.

Thereafter, Shares shall be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class on the relevant Dealing Day, determined in accordance with the provisions set out in the section titled [Valuation Principals](#), minus (where applicable) an amount to reflect any anti-dilution levy and/or Duties and Charges.

Where provided for in the relevant Supplement, a Preliminary Charge of up to 5% on the issue of Shares may be payable. This charge will be in addition to any anti-dilution levy which may be imposed. It should be noted that the amount paid for Shares issued could exceed their value on the day of issue.

Further details regarding the Preliminary Charge are set out in the section titled [Fees and Expenses](#).

3.1.3 Payment for Shares

Payment in respect of the issue of Shares must be made by the Subscription Payment Date specified in the relevant Supplement by electronic transfer to the bank account specified in the Application Form. Payments must be made in cleared funds in the currency of denomination of the relevant Class. Subscription monies may be transferred from the segregated account into the Sub-Fund's operating account upon receipt and in advance of the Dealing Day. The Administrator may, in consultation with the Manager, accept payment in other currencies, but such payments will be converted into the currency of denomination of the relevant Class at the then prevailing exchange rate available to the Administrator and only the net proceeds (after deducting the conversion expenses) will be applied towards payment of the subscription monies. This may result in a delay in processing the application and investors should note that the cost and risk of converting currency in such circumstances will be borne by the investor.

Where the subscription monies are received into the Subscription/Redemption Account from an investor in advance of Shares being issued (as will be the case in the context of a Sub-Fund which operates on a cleared funds basis), such subscription monies will be the property of the relevant Sub-Fund and accordingly an investor will be treated as a general unsecured creditor of the Sub-Fund during the period between receipt of subscription monies into the Subscription/Redemption Account and the issue of Shares.

Further information relating to the operation of the Subscription/Redemption Account is set out in the section titled [Use of Subscription/Redemption Accounts](#) and your attention is also drawn to the risk factor 'Operation of Subscription/Redemption Accounts' in the section titled [Investment-Specific Risk](#).

3.1.4 Failure to Pay

The applicant for Shares shall be liable to the Company for, and shall indemnify it against, any loss, cost, expense or fees incurred by it or the relevant Sub-Fund arising out of the non-receipt or non-clearance of subscription monies by the relevant Subscription Payment Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the applicant shall not be entitled to any profit or benefit accrued by the Company in respect of such non-receipt or non-clearance of subscription monies.

If payment in full has not been received by the Subscription Payment Date, or in the event of non-clearance of funds, the Directors shall be entitled to charge the applicant interest together with an administration fee. Alternatively, where applicable, the Directors may cancel the issue and allotment of Shares in respect of such application or may effect a compulsory redemption of such Shares in accordance with the provisions relating to compulsory redemption outlined below, save that no Repurchase Proceeds shall be paid to the relevant Shareholder in such circumstances.

In addition, the Company has the right to sell all or part of the applicant's holding of Shares in the relevant Class, any other Class or any other Sub-Fund (if any) in order to meet any losses, costs expenses or fees incurred by the Company or the relevant Sub-Fund arising out of such non-receipt or non-clearance of subscription monies.

For the avoidance of doubt, where Shares are compulsorily redeemed in any of the above circumstances, the relevant Shareholder will not be entitled to any profit arising from such compulsory redemption of Shares in the event that the Repurchase Proceeds are worth more than the amount originally subscribed for. The defaulting Shareholder shall also be liable for any loss suffered by the Company in the event that the Repurchase Proceeds are less than the amount initially subscribed for.

3.1.5 In Specie Issues

The Directors may in their absolute discretion, subject to the Depositary being satisfied that no material prejudice would result to any existing Shareholder and subject to the Central Bank Rules, allot Shares in any Sub-Fund against the vesting in the Depositary or its sub-custodians on behalf of the relevant Sub-Fund of investments, the nature of which would qualify as suitable investments of the relevant Sub-Fund in accordance with the investment objectives, policies and restrictions of the Sub-Fund. Investments so transferred shall be vested with the Depositary or its sub-custodian or arrangements shall be made to vest the assets with the Depositary or its sub-custodian. The number of Shares to be issued shall be the number which would, on the day the investments are vested in the Depositary on behalf of the relevant Sub-Fund, have been issued

for cash (together with the relevant Preliminary Charge) against the payment of a sum equal to the value of the investments. The value of the investments to be vested shall be calculated by applying the valuation methods described in the section titled [Calculation of Net Asset Value](#). The Directors may provide that the whole of or any part of any duties and charges arising in connection with the vesting of the investments in the Depositary on behalf of the relevant Sub-Fund shall be paid out of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund or by the investor to whom the Shares are to be issued or partly by the Sub-Fund and partly by such investor.

Any prospective investor wishing to subscribe for Shares by transfer in specie of assets will be required to comply with any administrative and other arrangements (including any warranties to the Company in relation to the title of such assets being passed to the Depositary, if applicable) for the transfer specified by the Directors, the Manager, the Depositary and/or the Administrator from time to time.

3.1.6 Issue of Shares

Shares will be issued in registered form and will be denominated in the currency specified in the Supplement.

Title to Shares will be evidenced by entering the Shareholders name on the share register and no certificates will be issued. Written confirmation of entry on the share register will be issued in respect of each purchase of Shares on a periodic basis. Such written confirmation will be provided on a monthly basis for daily dealing Sub-Funds and also where specifically requested by a Shareholder.

Purchase contract notes will normally be issued within 48 hours after the issue of Shares.

3.1.7 Fractions of Shares

Fractions of Shares up to six decimal places may be issued. Subscription monies representing smaller fractions of Shares will not be returned to the applicant but will be retained as part of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund and accordingly available to Shareholders of the Sub-Fund on a pro rata basis based on each Shareholder's holding of Shares.

3.1.8 Joint Shareholders

In the case of joint holdings, and unless specifically stated in writing at the time of application and unless written authorisation to the contrary has been received from the other joint Shareholders, all registered joint Shareholders must sign any and all documents or give instructions in connection with that holding. Voting by joint Shareholders is detailed below in the section titled [Voting Rights and Written Resolutions](#).

3.1.9 Hard and soft closure of Classes of Shares

The Directors may close some or all of the Classes in a Sub-Fund to subscriptions from existing and/or new Shareholders if the assets attributable to the Sub-Fund are at a level, above which, as determined by the Directors, it is not in the best interests of Shareholders to accept further subscriptions – for instance where the size of the Sub-Fund may constrain the ability of the Manager or an Investment Manager to meet the investment objective.

The Directors may subsequently re-open some or all of the Classes in the Sub-Fund to further subscriptions from existing and/or new Shareholders at their discretion and the process of closing and potentially, re-opening the Share classes may be repeated thereafter as the Directors may determine from time to time. Shareholders may ascertain the closed or open status of the Classes of a particular Sub-Fund and if those Classes are open to existing and/or new Shareholders by contacting the Administrator. Closing the Classes to new subscriptions from existing and/or new Shareholders will not affect the redemption rights of Shareholders in such Classes and such closure will not be classified as a suspension of dealing in the relevant Class.

3.1.10 Subscription Limits

The Directors may, in their sole and absolute discretion, determine that in certain circumstances, it is detrimental for existing Shareholders to accept an application for shares in cash or in specie, representing more than 5% of the Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund. In such case, the Directors may postpone the application or, in consultation with the relevant investor, require such investor to stagger the proposed application over an agreed period of time.

3.1.11 Limitations on Subscriptions

Shares may not be issued or sold by the Company during any period when the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund is suspended in the manner described under the section titled [Suspension of Calculation of Net Asset Value](#) below. Applicants for Shares will be notified of such postponement and, unless withdrawn, their applications will be considered as at the next Dealing Day following the ending of such suspension.

3.1.12 Ineligible Applicants

Shares may not be directly or indirectly offered or sold to an Ineligible Applicant.

An Ineligible Applicant is any person or entity which;

- is or appears to be in breach of any law or requirement of any country or governmental

authority or by virtue of which such person is not qualified to hold such shares; or

- is a U.S. Person (unless pursuant to an exemption under U.S. securities laws); or
- holds shares in circumstances which (whether directly or indirectly affecting such person or persons and whether taken alone or in conjunction with any other person or persons connected or not, or any other circumstances appearing to the Directors to be relevant) in the opinion of the Directors might result in the Company or the relevant Sub-Fund incurring any liability to taxation or suffering other pecuniary legal or material administrative disadvantages or being in breach of any law or regulation which the Company or the relevant Sub-Fund might not otherwise have incurred, suffered or breached; or
- is an individual under the age of 18 (or such other age as the Directors think fit); or
- is an Ineligible Pension Plan.

Any additional restrictions applicable to a particular Sub-Fund or Class may be specified in the relevant Supplement.

The Directors have the power under the Articles to compulsorily redeem any Shares held or beneficially owned by an Ineligible Applicant as described in further detail below under the section titled [Compulsory Redemptions](#).

3.1.13 Anti-Money Laundering Provisions

Measures aimed at the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing, require a detailed verification of an applicant's identity, address and source of funds and where applicable the beneficial owner of the applicant and/or of any underlying investor on whose behalf Shares are being acquired. Politically exposed persons ("PEPs"), defined as individuals who are or have, at any time in the preceding year, been entrusted with prominent public functions, and immediate family members, or persons known to be close associates of such persons, must be specifically identified.

The Company, or the Administrator acting on behalf of the Company, reserves the right to request such information as is necessary to verify the identity of an applicant for shares and where applicable the beneficial owner of the applicant and in a nominee arrangement, the beneficial owner of the Shares in the relevant Sub-Fund. In particular, each reserve the right to carry out additional procedures in relation to any investor who is classed as a PEP.

3.1.14 AML-Initial Application

Verification of the investor's identify is required to take place before the establishment of the business relationship and no Shares will be issued until anti-money laundering verification checks have been conducted to the Administrator and Company's satisfaction.

The types of documentation that may be requested by the Administrator in order to comply with anti-money laundering prevention checks will vary depending on whether the applicant is an individual investor or a corporate investor. Details of the requirements are set out in the Application Form and are also available on request from the Administrator.

In the event of delay or failure by an applicant to produce any information required for anti-money laundering verification purposes, the Administrator acting on behalf of the Company, may refuse to accept the application and subscription monies and, subject to applicable law, return subscription monies to the account from which it was paid at the cost and risk of the applicant and/or payment of Repurchase Proceeds may be delayed (no Repurchase Proceeds will be paid if the Shareholder fails to produce such information).

None of the Company, the Directors, the Manager or the Administrator shall be liable where an application for Shares is not processed due to a failure by the applicant to provide the documentation requested by the Company or by the Administrator on behalf of the Company.

3.1.15 AML-Ongoing Monitoring

The Administrator will also conduct ongoing monitoring of the business relationship with Shareholders in order to comply with the applicable Irish anti-money laundering obligations and may require additional or refreshed anti-money laundering verification documentation on request.

The Company, or the Administrator acting on behalf of the Company, may refuse to pay or delay payment of Repurchase Proceeds where the requisite information for ongoing AML monitoring and verification purposes has not been produced by a Shareholder.

For further information regarding the actions which the Company may take in circumstances where a Shareholder fails to comply with the Company and Administrator's ongoing AML verification checks, please refer to the section below titled [Payment of Repurchase Proceeds](#).

3.1.16 Beneficial Ownership Regulations

The Company, or the Administrator on behalf of the Company, may request information as may be required for the establishment and maintenance of the Company's beneficial ownership register in accordance with the Beneficial Ownership Regulations.

Under the Beneficial Ownership Regulations, the Company shall be obliged to file certain information about its Beneficial Owners (including name, nationality, country of residence, social security number and details of interest held in the Company) with a central register which will be accessible to the public.

3.1.17 FATCA

The United States and Ireland have entered into an intergovernmental agreement to implement FATCA (the "IGA"). Under the IGA, an entity classified as a Foreign Financial Institution (an "FFI") that is treated as resident in Ireland is expected to provide the Revenue Commissioners with certain information in respect of its 'account' holders (i.e. Shareholders). The IGA further provides for the automatic reporting and exchange of information between the Revenue Commissioners and the IRS in relation to accounts held in Irish FFIs by U.S. persons, and the reciprocal exchange of information regarding U.S. financial accounts held by Irish residents. Provided the Company complies with the requirements of the IGA and the Irish legislation, it should not be subject to FATCA withholding on any payments it receives and should not be required to impose FATCA withholding on payments which it makes.

Although the Company will attempt to satisfy any obligations imposed on it to avoid the imposition of the FATCA withholding tax, no assurance can be given that the Company will be able to satisfy these obligations. In order to satisfy its FATCA obligations, the Company will require certain information from investors in respect of their FATCA status. If the Company becomes subject to a withholding tax as a result of the FATCA regime, the value of the Shares held by all Shareholders may be materially affected.

All prospective investors / shareholders should consult with their own tax advisors regarding the possible FATCA implications of an investment in the Company.

3.1.18 CRS

Ireland has provided for the implementation of CRS through section 891F of the TCA and the enactment of the Returns of Certain Information by Reporting Financial Institutions Regulations 2015 (the "CRS Regulations").

The Company is a Reporting Financial Institution for CRS purposes and will be required to comply with the Irish CRS obligations. In order to satisfy its CRS obligations, the Company will require its investors to provide certain information in respect of their tax residence and may, in some cases, require information in relation to the tax residence of the beneficial owners of the investor. The Company, or a person appointed by the Company, will report the information required to the Revenue Commissioners by 30 June in the year following the year of assessment for which a return is due.

The Revenue Commissioners will share the appropriate information with the relevant tax authorities in participating jurisdictions.

All prospective investors / shareholders should consult with their own tax advisors regarding the possible CRS implications of an investment in the Company.

3.1.19 Data Protection

Prospective investors 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 individuals will be providing the Company and its affiliates and delegates with certain personal information which constitutes personal data within the meaning of the Data Protection Legislation. The Company shall act as a data controller in respect of this personal data and its affiliates and delegates, such as the Manager, the Administrator, any Investment Manager or sub-distributor may act as data processors (or joint data controllers in some circumstances).

The Company has prepared a document outlining the Company's data protection obligations and the data protection rights of individuals under the Data Protection Legislation (the "**Privacy Notice**").

All new investors shall receive a copy of the Privacy Notice as part of the process to subscribe for Shares in the Company and a copy of the Privacy Notice was sent to all existing investors in the Company prior to the Data Protection Legislation coming into effect.

The Privacy Notice contains information on the following matters in relation to data protection:

- that investors will provide the Company with certain personal information which constitutes personal data within the meaning of the Data Protection Legislation;
- a description of the purposes and legal bases for which the personal data may be used;
- details on the transmission of personal data, including (if applicable) to entities located outside the EEA;
- details of data protection measures taken by the Company;

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

Given the specific purposes for which the Company and its affiliates and delegates envisage using personal data, under the provisions of the Data Protection Legislation, it is not anticipated that individual consent will be required for such use. However, as outlined in the Privacy Notice, individuals have the right to object to the processing of their data where the Company has considered this to be necessary for the purposes of its or a third party's legitimate interests.

3.2 REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Subject to any limits which may be specified herein, a Shareholder may request the repurchase of all or part of their Shares on any Dealing Day.

Requests for the repurchase of Shares should be made to the Company (care of the Administrator) prior to the Dealing Deadline for the relevant Redemption Day as specified in the relevant Sub-Fund Supplement. Redemption requests may be made by fax, by email or in writing, or by using an established electronic dealing platform. Redemption requests will only be accepted electronically where the Shareholder has accepted the terms and conditions of use of such service.

Redemption requests shall only be processed where payment is requested to be made to the account of record and where all necessary anti-money laundering and other verification documentation required by the Company and Administrator has been received and processed by the Administrator. The Administrator will not accept repurchase requests, which are incomplete, until all the necessary information is obtained.

Requests received on or prior to the Dealing Deadline specified in the relevant Supplement will, subject to the provisions outlined in the section titled [Limitations on Redemptions](#) below, normally be dealt with on the relevant Dealing Day. Redemption requests received after the Dealing Deadline will normally be treated as having been received by the following Dealing Deadline. The Manager may on an exceptional basis accept repurchase requests received after the Dealing Deadline provided that these requests have been received before the relevant Valuation Point. The exceptional circumstances under which the application was received will be documented by the Directors or the Manager, as appropriate.

If requested, the Directors may, in their absolute discretion and subject to the prior approval of the

Depository and advance notification to all of the Shareholders, agree to designate additional Dealing Days and Valuation Points for the repurchase of Shares relating to any Sub-Fund.

3.2.1 Repurchase Price

Shares will be repurchased at the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class on the relevant Dealing Day and shall be repaid to redeeming shareholders at the Repurchase Price or, where provided for in the relevant Supplement at the Repurchase Price less any Repurchase Charge payable. This charge will be in addition to any anti-dilution levy and/or Duties and Charges which may be imposed.

Potential investors should note that payments received for Shares redeemed could be less than the Net Asset Value per Share on the relevant Dealing Day.

3.2.2 Payment of Repurchase Proceeds

The amount due on repurchase of Shares will be paid by electronic transfer at the risk and expense of the relevant Shareholder to the bank account specified in the Application Form or as subsequently notified to the Administrator in writing. Payment of Repurchase Proceeds will be made to the account of the registered Shareholder or in favour of the joint registered Shareholders as appropriate. The Repurchase Payment Date will be no more than ten Business Days after the relevant Dealing Deadline, or, if later, the receipt of completed repurchase documentation.

Repurchase Proceeds are payable in the Base Currency of the relevant Class (or in such other currency as the Directors shall determine and agree in advance with the relevant Shareholders) by the Repurchase Payment Date.

Repurchase Proceeds payable to an investor subsequent to the Dealing Day as of which the Shares were redeemed (and consequently the investor is no longer a Shareholder of the Sub-Fund) and held in a Subscription/Redemption Account will be treated as an asset of the relevant Sub-Fund until paid to that investor. The investor will therefore be an unsecured creditor of the relevant Sub-Fund with respect to such Repurchase Proceeds held by the Company.

When a repurchase request has been submitted by an investor who is or is deemed to be an Irish Resident or is acting on behalf of an Irish Resident, the Company shall be entitled to deduct or withhold from the Repurchase Proceeds an amount which is equal to the tax payable by the Company to the Revenue Commissioners in respect of the relevant transaction. In addition, the Company shall also be entitled to deduct or withhold from the Repurchase Proceeds an amount which is equal to the tax payable by the Company in respect of non-Irish Resident investors to any other tax authority in other jurisdictions, where appropriate.

Investors are reminded that Repurchase Proceeds will only be paid provided the Application Form and all necessary anti-money laundering verification documentation have been provided to and accepted by the Administrator (in the format agreed with the Manager or the Administrator).

The Company, or the Administrator acting on behalf of the Company, may refuse to pay or delay payment of Repurchase Proceeds, beyond the Repurchase Payment Date, where, for example, the requisite information for ongoing AML monitoring and verification purposes has not been produced by a Shareholder. In such circumstances where a redemption request is received, the Administrator may process the redemption request received from the relevant Shareholder, however, the proceeds of that redemption will be held in a Subscription/Redemption Account until such time as the Administrator and Company are satisfied that its anti-money laundering and terrorist financing procedures have been fully complied with, following which repurchase proceeds will be released.

Further information relating to the operation of the Subscription/Redemption Account is set out in the section titled [Use of Subscription/Redemption Accounts](#) and your attention is also drawn to the risk factor 'Operation of Subscription/Redemption Accounts' in the section titled [Investment-Specific Risk](#).

3.2.3 Limitations on Redemptions

The Company may not repurchase Shares of any Sub-Fund during any period when the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund is suspended in the manner described in the section titled [Suspension of Calculation of Net Asset Value](#). Applicants for repurchases of Shares will be notified of such postponement and, unless withdrawn, their applications will be considered as at the next Dealing Day following the ending of such suspension.

Where the number of Shares to be repurchased on any Dealing Day are for more than ten per cent (10%) of the total number of Shares of a Sub-Fund in issue on that Dealing Day or more than ten per cent (10%) of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund on that Dealing Day, the Company may at its discretion refuse to repurchase any Shares in excess of 10% of the total number of Shares in issue or 10% of the Net Asset Value as aforesaid and, if they so refuse, the requests for repurchase on such Dealing Day shall be reduced pro rata and Shares which are not repurchased by reason of such refusal shall be treated as if a request for repurchase had been made in respect of each subsequent Dealing Day until all Shares to which the original request related have been repurchased. Redemption requests which have been carried forward from an earlier Dealing Day shall (subject always to the foregoing limits) be treated equally with all other Shareholders seeking timely redemption of their Shares on that Dealing Day.

3.2.4 Redemptions in Specie

The Company may, at the discretion of the Directors, and upon request or by consent of the relevant Shareholder, satisfy any request for a repurchase of Shares by the transfer to those redeeming Shareholder(s) investments in a Sub-Fund having a value equal to the Repurchase Price of the Shares redeemed, as if the repurchase proceeds were paid in cash less any Repurchase Charge and other expenses of the transfer as the Directors may determine.

The Articles contain special provisions where a repurchase request received from a Shareholder would result in Shares representing more than five per cent (5%) of the Net Asset Value of any Sub-Fund being repurchased by the Company on any Dealing Day. In such a case, the Manager may at its discretion (and without the necessity to obtain Shareholder consent) determine to satisfy the repurchase request (in full or in part) by a distribution of investments of the relevant Sub-Fund in specie to the relevant Shareholder. Where the Shareholder requesting such repurchase receives notice of the Manager's intention to elect to satisfy the repurchase request by way of an in specie distribution of assets, that Shareholder may require the Company, instead of transferring those assets, to arrange for their sale and the payment of the proceeds of sale to that Shareholder less any costs incurred in connection with such sale.

The nature and type of assets to be transferred in specie to a Shareholder shall be determined by the Directors (subject to the approval of the Depositary as to the allocation of assets) on such basis as the Directors shall deem equitable.

3.2.5 Compulsory Redemptions

Shareholders are required to notify the Company immediately if they become aware that they are an Ineligible Applicant and such Shareholders may be requested to redeem or transfer their Shares to another person who is qualified to hold such Shares. Failure to take such action as required by the Company within the timeframe specified may result in the Company or the Manager, at their discretion, transferring the Shares held by the Ineligible Applicant to another person who is qualified to hold such Shares or compulsorily redeeming all of the Shares held by the Ineligible Applicant.

The Company or the Manager may also compulsorily redeem Shares in the following circumstances;

- if a Shareholder does not provide cleared settlement monies by the relevant Subscription Payment Date;
- if a Shareholder does not supply any information or declarations (including for the avoidance of doubt

anti-money laundering documents) requested by the Company or its delegate;

- if a Shareholder, other than as a result of depreciation in the value of his holding, holds less than the Minimum Shareholding for a particular Sub-Fund or Class;
- where such redemption is required for the purpose of satisfying any Performance Fee payable by that Shareholder to the Manager or an Investment Manager;
- where Irish Residents acquire and hold Shares, the Company shall, where necessary for the collection of Irish tax, repurchase and cancel Shares held by a person who is or is deemed to be an Irish Resident or is acting on behalf of an Irish Resident on the occurrence of a chargeable event for taxation purposes and to pay the proceeds thereof to the Revenue Commissioners.

The decision to effect a compulsory redemption in the circumstances above, is solely at the discretion of the Company or the Manager.

All of the Shares in a particular Sub-Fund or Class may be redeemed in circumstances where the relevant Sub-Fund or Class is being terminated in line with the process outlined in the section titled [Closure of Sub-Funds or Classes](#) below.

In all cases of compulsory redemption, the Company or the Manager retain the right to determine the Dealing Day for the redemption. Where Shares have been compulsorily redeemed by the Company or the Manager as a result of a failure to provide any information, documentation or declarations required by the Company or the Administrator in order to comply with applicable anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing laws, the proceeds of such compulsorily redemption shall be held in the Subscription/Redemption Account.

Where relevant, the Company may apply the proceeds of such compulsory redemption in the discharge of any taxation or withholding tax arising to the Company as a result of the holding or beneficial ownership of Shares by a Shareholder who has become an Ineligible Applicant including any interest or penalties payable thereon.

3.2.6 Temporary Suspension of Redemptions

The Directors may declare a temporary suspension of redemptions in any Sub-Fund in any of the circumstances listed in the section titled [Suspension of Calculation of Net Asset Value](#).

Any suspension of redemptions will be notified, without delay, to the Central Bank and to the competent

authorities of any EU Member State in which the relevant Sub-Fund markets its Shares.

A suspension of redemptions may correspond with a suspension of the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund. However, the Directors reserve the right to continue to calculate the Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund notwithstanding any suspension of dealing.

Shareholders will be notified of any such suspension and Shareholders who have submitted redemption requests may withdraw such requests provided that notice of withdrawal is received by the Administrator prior to the termination of the suspension. Unless withdrawn, redemption requests will be processed on the first Dealing Day for the relevant Sub-Fund after the suspension has been lifted.

3.3 USE OF SUBSCRIPTION/REDEMPTION ACCOUNTS

The Company operates a separate Subscription / Redemption Account for each Sub-Fund in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. All subscription monies received from investors in advance of the issue of Shares, all redemption monies due to investors who have redeemed Shares and all dividend monies owing to Shareholders are held in the Subscription /Redemption Account until paid to the relevant Sub-Fund or investor/Shareholder as the case may be. All monies in each Subscription/Redemption Account are deemed assets of the relevant Sub-Fund and shall not have the protection of the Investor Money Regulations (i.e. such monies will not be held on trust as investor monies for the relevant investor). Accordingly, an investor will be treated as a general unsecured creditor of the Sub-Fund with respect to the monies held in the Subscription/Redemption Account.

It should be noted however that the Depositary will monitor each Subscription/Redemption Account in performing its cash monitoring obligations and ensuring effective and proper monitoring of the Company's cash flows in accordance with its obligations as prescribed under UCITS V Directive 2014/91/EU. Nonetheless, there remains a risk for investors where monies are held in a Subscription/Redemption Account if a Sub-Fund becomes insolvent. In the event of the insolvency of a particular Sub-Fund, there is no guarantee that the Sub-Fund will have sufficient funds to pay unsecured creditors and in such circumstances investors will be entitled to a pro-rata shares of the monies (if any) which are made available to all unsecured creditors by the insolvency practitioner. Therefore, investors may not recover all monies originally paid into any such Subscription/Redemption Account on their behalf.

It should be noted that any redemption monies or dividend monies which remain in the Subscription/Redemption Account as a result of failure to provide information required for verification purposes

for a period of more than 6 years (or such shorter period as may be agreed by the relevant Shareholder in the Application Form or otherwise) from the date when such monies became payable to the Shareholder shall be forfeited and revert to the relevant Sub-Fund.

3.4 CONVERSION OF SHARES

3.4.1 Voluntary Conversion

Subject to the Minimum Initial Investment Amount and Minimum Shareholding of the relevant Sub-Fund or Class (if any) and any other restrictions set down in the relevant Supplement, Shareholders can request to convert, on any Dealing Day, all or part of their holding of Shares in any Class (the "**Original Class**") for Shares of another Class (such Class being in the same Sub-Fund or a different Sub-Fund) which are being offered at that time (the "**New Class**") provided that the prior consent of the Directors has been obtained.

Requests for conversion of Shares should be made to the Company, care of the Administrator, by post, facsimile or electronically and must include such information as may be specified from time to time by the Director or the Administrator.

Requests for conversion should be received by the Administrator prior to the earlier of the relevant redemption Dealing Deadline for the Original Class and the relevant subscription Dealing Deadline for subscriptions in the New Class. The Directors may on an exceptional basis only at their discretion agree to accept requests for conversions received after the relevant redemption/subscription Dealing Deadlines provided they are received prior to the relevant Valuation Points.

The general provisions and procedures relating to the issue and repurchase of Shares will apply equally to conversions, save in relation to charges payable, details of which are set out below and in the relevant Supplement.

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

When requesting the conversion of Shares as an initial investment in a Sub-Fund, Shareholders should ensure that the value of the Shares converted is equal to, or exceeds, the Minimum Initial Investment Amount for the relevant New Class specified in the relevant Supplement. In the case of a conversion of a partial holding only, the value of the remaining holding must also be at least equal to the Minimum Shareholding for the Original Class.

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

$$S = \frac{[R \times (RP - ER)] - F}{SP}$$

where:

- S = the number of Shares of the New Class to be issued;
- R = the number of Shares of the Original Class to be converted;
- RP = the Repurchase Price per Share of the Original Class as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day;
- ER = in the case of a conversion of Shares designated in the same Base Currency the value of ER is 1. In any other case, it is the currency conversion factor determined by the Manager at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day as representing the effective rate of conversion applicable to the transfer of assets relating to the Original and New Classes of Shares after adjusting such rate as may be necessary to reflect the effective costs of making such transfer;
- F = the Conversion Charge (if any) payable on the conversion of Shares.
- SP = the subscription price per Share of the New Class as at the Valuation Point for the applicable Dealing Day; and

Where there is a conversion of Shares, Shares of the New Class will be allotted and issued in respect of and in proportion to the Shares of the Original Class in the proportion S to R.

A Conversion Charge of up to 3% of the Repurchase Price of the Shares being converted may be charged by the Company on the conversion of Shares.

3.4.2 Compulsory Conversion

The Company or the Manager may compulsorily exchange all or any Shares of one Class in a Sub-Fund (the “**X Class**”) for Shares of any Class of the same Sub-Fund (the “**Y Class**”) by providing advance written notice (which notice shall provide the longer of two weeks or two dealing days’ notice to Shareholders) to Shareholders in X Class (the “**Compulsory Exchange Notice**”) on the following terms;

- The exchange of Shares specified in the Compulsory Exchange Notice shall occur on the Dealing Day specified in the Compulsory Exchange Notice (the “**Compulsory Exchange Date**”);

- Exchange of Shares of the X Class as specified in the Compulsory Exchange Notice shall be effected as follows;
 - Shares in the X Class shall be repurchased by the issue of Shares in the Y Class;
 - The Shares of the Y Class shall be issued in respect of and in proportion to the holding of the Shares of the X Class which is being exchanged;
- The Company or the Manager shall determine the number of Shares of the Y Class to be issued on exchange in accordance with the formula outlined above in the section titled [Voluntary Conversion](#). In applying the formula, the X Class will be the ‘Old Class’ and the ‘Y Class’ will be the ‘New Class’;
- The compulsory exchange shall not result in the Shareholder holding Shares in the Y Class which are subject to less favourable terms than those terms applicable to the X Class (unless otherwise agreed with the relevant Shareholder).

If Shareholders receive a Compulsory Exchange Notice and do not wish to receive Shares in the Y Class, they may, in advance of the Compulsory Exchange Date, redeem their Shares in the X Class in accordance with the standard redemption procedure for the X Class.

3.4.3 Limitations on Conversion

Shares may not be converted for Shares of a different Class during any period when the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund or Sub-Funds is suspended in the manner described under the section titled [Suspension of Calculation of Net Asset Value](#) below. Applicants for conversion of Shares will be notified of such postponement and, unless withdrawn, their applications will be considered as at the next Dealing Day following the ending of such suspension.

3.5 TRANSFER OF SHARES

In order to transfer Shares, the transferor and the transferee may be required to execute the Transfer Agreement as shall be provided by the Administrator upon request. Transferees will also be required to complete an Application Form and provide any other documentation reasonably required by the Administrator in accordance with the procedure outlined in the section above titled [Subscription for Shares](#). No transfer will be registered until such time as all requested documents have been provided to the Administrator by the transferee.

Transfers of Shares to an Ineligible Applicant are not permitted and registration of any transfer may be refused by the Directors if, following the transfer, either transferor or transferee would hold Shares having a

value less than the Minimum Shareholding for that Class of Shares specified in the relevant Supplement.

The Directors may further, in their absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefore, decline to register any transfer of a Shares.

The Directors may repurchase and cancel such number of Shares held by the transferor in accordance with the procedures set out above in the section titled [Compulsory Redemptions](#) as is sufficient to discharge any tax liability payable to the tax authorities arising from the transfer of Shares or may withhold from future distributions to the transferee such cash amount as is necessary to discharge any tax liability owing to any tax authorities arising as a result of a transfer of shares by a Shareholder.

4 Valuation Principals

4.1 CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

The Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund, and if there are different Classes, each Class will be calculated by the Administrator as at the Valuation Point with respect to each Valuation Day in accordance with the provisions of the Articles.

The Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund shall be calculated by ascertaining the value of the assets of the Sub-Fund and deducting therefrom the liabilities of the Sub-Fund (excluding Shareholders equity) as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Valuation Day. The Net Asset Value per Class shall be determined by notionally allocating the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund amongst the Classes making such adjustments for subscriptions, repurchases, fees, dividends accumulation or distribution of income and the expenses, liabilities or assets attributable to each such Class (including the gains/losses on and costs of financial instruments employed for currency hedging between the currencies in which the assets of the Sub-Fund are designated and the designated currency of the Class, which gains/losses and costs shall accrue solely to that Class) and any other factor differentiating the Classes as appropriate.

The Net Asset Value per Share will be calculated as at the Valuation Point on or with respect to each Valuation Day by dividing the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund or attributable to a Class by the number of Shares in the Sub-Fund then in issue or deemed to be in issue in the relevant Sub-Fund or Class at the relevant Valuation Point and rounding the result to six decimal places or such other number of decimal places as may be determined by the Manager from time to time.

The Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund, Class or Share will be expressed in the currency in which the Sub-Fund, Class or Share is designated or such other currency as the Directors may determine from time to time.

4.2 VALUATION OF ASSETS

The assets of a Sub-Fund will be valued as at the Valuation Point on the relevant Valuation Day in the following manner;

- (a) Assets listed or traded on a stock exchange (other than those referred to at (e), (g), (h) and (i) below) for which market quotations are readily available shall be valued at the last traded price on the principal exchange or market for such assets, provided that the value of any asset listed on a stock exchange but acquired or traded at a premium or at a discount outside or off the relevant market may be valued taking into account the level of premium or discount at the date of valuation and the Depositary must ensure the adoption of such a procedure is justifiable in the context of establishing the probable realisation value of the security. Such premiums or discounts thereon above shall be provided by an independent broker or market maker or if such premiums/discounts are unavailable, by the Manager. However, the Directors in agreement with the Manager may adjust the value of investments traded on an over-the-counter market if they consider such adjustment is required to reflect the fair value thereof in the context of currency, marketability, dealing costs and/or such other considerations as are deemed relevant. If, for specific assets, the last traded prices do not, in the opinion of the Directors or the Manager, reflect their fair value or are not available, the value shall be calculated with care and in good faith by a competent person, (appointed by the Manager and being approved by the Depositary as a competent person for such purpose) with a view to establishing the probable realisation value for such assets as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Valuation Day.
- (b) If the assets are listed or traded on several stock exchanges or over-the-counter markets, the official last traded price on the stock exchange or over-the-counter market which, in the opinion of the Directors or the Manager, constitutes the main market for such assets, will be used.
- (c) In the event that any of the assets as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Valuation Day are not listed or traded on any stock exchange or over-the-counter market or where the last traded prices do not, in the opinion of the Directors or the Manager, reflect their fair value, such securities shall be valued at their probable realisation value determined by a competent person (appointed by the Directors as and being approved by the Depositary as a competent person for such purpose) with care and in good faith in consultation with the Manager. Such probable realisation value will be determined:
 - 1) by using the original purchase price;

- 2) where there have been subsequent trades with substantial volumes, by using the last traded price provided the Directors or their delegate in consultation with the Manager considers such trades to be at arm's length;
- 3) where the Directors or their delegate in consultation with the Manager believes the investment has suffered a diminution in value, by using the original purchase price which shall be discounted to reflect such a diminution;
- 4) if the Directors or their delegate in consultation with the Manager believes a mid-quotation from a broker is reliable, by using such a mid-quotation or, if unavailable, a bid quotation.

Alternatively, the Directors or their delegate, in consultation with the Manager, may use such probable realisation value estimated with care and in good faith by;

- 1) the Directors or the Manager; or
- 2) a competent person, firm or incorporation appointed by the Directors or the Manager and approved by the Depositary as a competent person for such purpose. For the avoidance of doubt, such competent professional may be related to the Manager; or
- 3) any other means, provided that the value is approved by the Depositary.

Where reliable market quotations are not available for fixed income securities, the value of such investments may be determined using a matrix methodology compiled by any party referred to in (i), (ii) or (iii) above. The securities used in the matrix must be comparable in rating, yield, due date and other characteristics. Matrix pricing shall not ignore a reliable market quotation.

- (d) Cash and other liquid assets will be valued at their face value with interest accrued, where applicable.
- (e) Units or shares in open-ended collective investment schemes will be valued at the latest available net asset value as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day and published by the collective investment scheme; units or shares in closed-ended collective investment schemes will, if listed or traded on a stock exchange or regulated market, be valued at the last traded price for such investment as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day or, if unrepresentative or unavailable at the probable realisation value, as estimated with care and in good faith by a competent person appointed by the Directors or the manager and approved for the purpose by the Depositary.

- (f) Any value (whether of an investment or cash) expressed otherwise than in the Base Currency of the relevant Sub-Fund and any non-Base Currency borrowing shall be converted into the Base Currency at the rate which a competent person (being independent from the counterparty), appointed by the Directors or the Manager and approved for such purpose by the Depositary, deems appropriate in the circumstances.
- (g) Exchange traded derivative instruments will be valued at the settlement price for such instruments on the market traded. If such price is not available, the value shall be the probable realisation value estimated with care and in good faith by any party as described in points (i)-(iii) of paragraph (c) above.
- (h) Over-the-counter derivative instruments will be valued at the latest valuation for such instruments as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day as provided by the counterparty on a daily basis and verified on a weekly basis by a competent person (being independent from the counterparty), appointed by the Directors and approved for such purpose by the Depositary. Alternatively, the value of any over-the-counter derivative contract may be the quotation from an independent pricing vendor or that calculated by the Manager itself and shall also be valued daily. Where this alternative valuation is used the Manager must follow international best practice and adhere to specific principles on such valuations established by bodies such as IOSCO and AIMA. Any such alternative valuation must be provided by any of the parties listed in points (i)-(iii) of paragraph (c) above. Any such alternative valuation must be reconciled to the counterparty valuation on a monthly basis. Where significant differences arise these must be promptly investigated and explained.
- (i) Forward foreign exchange contracts shall be valued by reference to freely available market quotations, namely, the price at which a new forward contract of the same size and maturity could be undertaken, or, if unavailable, they shall be valued at the settlement price provided by the counterparty on a daily basis and verified on a weekly basis by a competent person (being independent from the counterparty), appointed by the Directors or the Manager and approved for such purpose by the Depositary.
- (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) to (i) above:
 - 1) The Directors or their delegate may, at its discretion in relation to any particular Sub-Fund which is a money market fund, value any investment using the amortized cost method of valuation where such collective investment schemes comply with the Central Bank's requirements for money market funds and where a review of the amortized cost

valuation vis-à-vis market valuation will be carried out in accordance with the Central Bank's guidelines.

- 2) The Directors or their delegate may, at their discretion, in relation to any particular Sub-Fund which is not a money market fund but which invests in money market instruments, value any investment on the basis of the amortised cost method, provided that each such security being valued using the amortised cost basis of valuation shall be carried out in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements.
- (k) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Manager may adjust the value of investments if it considers such adjustment is required to reflect the fair value thereof in the context of currency, marketability, dealing costs and/or such other considerations as are deemed relevant. The Manager shall document clearly the rationale for adjusting the value of any such investments.
- (l) In the event of it being impossible or incorrect to carry out a valuation of a specific investment in accordance with the valuation rules set out in paragraphs (a) to (i) above, or if such valuation is not representative of the investments fair market value, the value shall be estimated with care and in good faith at the probable realisation value in the manner provided above.
- (m) Notwithstanding the above, if the Manager shall consider that some other method of valuation better reflects the fair value of an investment, then in such case the Manager may in its absolute discretion determine an alternative method of valuation provided such alternative method of valuation is approved by the Depositary.

The Manager may instruct the Administrator to recalculate a previously calculated Net Asset Value for a Sub-Fund where they have determined that the Net Asset Value for the Sub-Fund has not been calculated correctly in accordance with the valuation provisions and may instruct the Administrator to make appropriate adjustments to the register to reflect the revised Net Asset Value and/or take such other steps as are deemed necessary in the circumstances.

4.3 LIABILITIES

The liabilities of each Sub-Fund shall be valued by reference to the prices or value as at the Valuation Point and shall be deemed to include any and all actual or estimated liabilities of the relevant Sub-Fund (except liabilities taken into account in determining the value of the assets of the Sub-Fund) including, without limitation the following;

- the remuneration and expenses of the Directors, the Manager, the Administrator, the Depositary,

any Investment Manager, any Distributor, the Auditor and any other providers of services to the Company or the relevant Sub-Fund (including without limitation any Performance Fee payable as described in the relevant Supplement), accrued but remaining unpaid together with a sum equal to the value added tax chargeable thereon (if any);

- the total amount (whether actual or estimated) of any liabilities properly payable out of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund including, without limitation all establishment expenses, all organisational expenses and all other operational and ongoing fees, costs and expenses together with the costs of dealing in the assets of the Company;
- any and all outstanding borrowings of the Company in respect of a particular Sub-Fund including, all interest, fees and expenses payable on such borrowings;
- taxation and duty payable (or estimated to be payable) by the Company in respect of the assets of the Company including any dealings in Shares or assets;
- any amount payable under indemnity provisions contained in the Articles or any agreement with any appointee of the Company;
- the amount of any unpaid dividend declared upon the Shares or for the payment of money and other outstanding payments on Shares previously repurchased;
- legal and other professional fees and expenses incurred in any proceedings instituted or defended to enforce, protect, safeguard, defend or recover the rights or assets of a Sub-Fund;
- an amount representing the projected liability of the relevant Sub-Fund in respect of costs and expenses to be incurred by the Sub-Fund in the event of a closure of that Sub-Fund or the winding up or liquidation of the Company;
- all other liabilities of the Company of whatsoever kind and nature including an appropriate provision for taxes (other than taxes taken into account as Duties and Charges) and contingent liabilities as determined by the Manager, from time to time.

In determining the amount of such liabilities the Manager may calculate administrative, operational and other expenses of a regular or recurring nature on an estimated figure for yearly or other periods in advance and accrue the same in equal proportions over any such period.

4.4 NAV-BASED ADJUSTMENTS

4.4.1 Swing Pricing

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, in calculating the Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund, the Manager may value the investments of a Sub-Fund at lowest market dealing bid or exit prices where on any Dealing Day the value of all redemption requests received exceeds the value of all applications for Shares received for that Dealing Day ("**Net Redemptions**") or at highest market dealing offer prices or entry prices where on any Dealing Day the value of all applications for Shares received for that Dealing Day exceeds the value of all redemption requests received for that Dealing Day ("**Net Subscriptions**"), in each case in order to preserve the value of the Shares held by existing Shareholders. This valuation policy shall be applied consistently throughout the life of the relevant Sub-Fund.

4.4.2 Application of a Swing Factor

Under certain circumstances and where provided in the Supplement relating to a Sub-Fund, the Manager has the power to adjust the Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund upwards or downwards by a percentage (the "**Swing Factor**") to be determined from time to time at the Manager's discretion, for Net Subscription or Net Redemption applications received in relation to that Sub-Fund.

The primary goal of the of the application of the Swing Factor to adjust the Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund is to cover the transaction costs, tax burdens or bid/offer spreads that are incurred by the relevant Sub-Fund due to the receipt of Net Subscriptions or Net Redemptions for a particular Sub-Fund. Existing Shareholders are not required to bear these costs, as these costs are directly integrated into the calculation of the Net Asset Value and are therefore borne by incoming and outgoing Investors.

The adjustments to the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund shall be identical for all subscriptions/redemptions dealt with as of that Business Day.

Where specified in the relevant Sub-Fund Supplement and unless the Manager determines otherwise, the Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund will be adjusted in the following circumstances:

- (a) on a Sub-Fund experiencing Net Subscriptions, the Net Asset Value will be adjusted upwards by the Swing Factor set by the Manager from time to time;
- (b) on a Sub-Fund experiencing Net Redemptions, the Net Asset Value will be adjusted downwards by the Swing Factor set by the Manager from time to time;
- (c) in any other case where the Directors are of the opinion that it is in the interests of existing/remaining Shareholders and potential Shareholders that the Net Asset Value be adjusted.

4.4.3 Anti-Dilution Levy

Where a Sub-Fund buys/enters or sells/exits investments in response to a request for the issue or redemption of Shares, it will generally incur a reduction in value made up of dealing costs incurred as a result of the purchase or sale of such investments.

Where disclosed in the relevant Supplement, the Directors may charge an anti-dilution levy, the aim of which is to reduce the impact of such costs (which, if material, disadvantage existing Shareholders of the relevant Sub-Fund) so as to preserve the underlying assets of the relevant Sub-Fund.

The need to charge a dilution levy will depend amongst other things on general market liquidity of the Sub-Fund's investments and on the net share transactional activity of Shares on any given Dealing Day, and this will be evaluated by the Manager and implemented by the Administrator without prior notification to the relevant Shareholder. Net transactional activity of Shares is determined with reference to the cumulative subscription and redemption requests (including subscriptions and/or redemptions which would be effected as a result of conversions from one Sub-Fund into another Sub-Fund) processed in respect of any given Dealing Day.

4.5 SUSPENSION OF CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

The Directors may at any time temporarily suspend the calculation of the Net Asset Value of any Sub-Fund and suspend the issue, repurchase and exchange of Shares or suspend the payment of repurchase proceeds during:

- (a) any period when any of the Regulated Markets on which a substantial portion of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund, from time to time, are quoted, listed or dealt in is closed, otherwise than for ordinary holidays, or during which dealings therein are restricted or suspended; or
- (b) any period when, as a result of political, economic, military or monetary events or any circumstances outside the control, responsibility and power of the Directors, disposal or valuation of a substantial portion of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund is not reasonably practicable without this being detrimental to the interests of Shareholders of the relevant Sub-Fund or if, in the opinion of the Directors, the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund cannot be fairly calculated; or
- (c) any breakdown in the means of communication normally employed in determining the price of a substantial portion of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund, or when, for any other reason the current prices on any Regulated Market of any of the investments of the relevant Sub-Fund cannot be promptly and accurately ascertained; or

- (d) any period during which any transfer of funds involved in the realisation or acquisition of assets of the relevant Sub-Fund cannot, in the opinion of the Directors, be effected at normal prices or rates of exchange; or
- (e) any period when the Directors are unable to repatriate funds required for the purpose of making payments due on the repurchase of Shares in the relevant Sub-Fund; or
- (f) any period when the Directors consider it to be in the best interest of the relevant Sub-Fund; or
- (g) where necessary to facilitate the winding up of the Company or the closing or termination of any Sub-Fund or Class or the compulsory redemption of Shares by the Company; or

where so instructed by the Central Bank to do so.

Where possible, all reasonable steps will be taken to bring any period of suspension to an end as soon as possible.

Any such suspension will be notified without delay to the Central Bank and will be communicated to the competent authorities in the Member States in which the relevant Sub-Fund markets its Shares. Details of any such suspension will also be notified to all Shareholders.

Shareholders who have requested the issue, repurchase or conversion of Shares in any Sub-Fund (or Class thereof) will be notified of any such suspension in such manner as may be directed by the Directors and, unless withdrawn, their requests will be dealt with on the first Dealing Day for the relevant Sub-Fund after the suspension is lifted.

5 Management and Administration of the Company

5.1 DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

The powers of management of the Company are vested in the Directors pursuant to the Articles. The Directors have delegated the day-to-day management of each Sub-Fund to the Manager. The Directors will review the operations of the Company at meetings held at least quarterly and will receive periodic reports from the Manager detailing the performance of the Company and providing an analysis of its investment portfolio. The Manager will provide such other information as may from time to time be reasonably required by the Directors for the purpose of such meetings.

The Directors of the Company are described below:

Dr. Urs Gähwiler (Swiss citizen) qualified as a Doctor of law from St. Gallen University, is admitted as a

barrister to the Swiss Courts and holds a licence as a notary public in Switzerland. He joined LGT Bank in Liechtenstein Ltd. in 1988 as a legal and tax counsel and was from 2001 to 2011 Head Tax & Products of LGT Group. Since 2012 Dr. Gähwiler is the Head of the Legal and Tax department and the General Counsel of LGT Group and the Legal and Tax Advisor to the Family Office of the Prince of Liechtenstein. Apart from his main function Dr. Gähwiler is Board Member of different investment funds in Ireland, Luxemburg and the Cayman Islands approved by the competent regulatory authorities, acts as lecturer at the University of Liechtenstein, holds the position as Chairman of the Tax Committee of the Liechtenstein Banking Association and is an Advisor to the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein for international tax matters. Prior to this Dr. Gähwiler worked as a judge's legal assistant at the District Court in St. Gallen. He also worked as a legal counsel in the legal department of the State Administration in St. Gallen and as an attorney at law at the law firm Dres. Kaufmann David & Partner in St. Gallen.

Paul Garvey (Irish citizen) joined LGT Bank (Ireland) Limited in 1998 as Financial Controller and was appointed Finance Director in 2000. In 2001 he was appointed general manager of LGT Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited and Operations Executive from 2018. He previously worked with Irish Life plc Corporate Life and Pensions division in systems development. Prior to this he worked with GAM Fund Management Limited and GT Asset Management Limited in fund accounting and systems development for shareholder services. In Dublin and Canada he worked for Deloitte and Touche in the areas of audit and corporate restructuring. Mr. Garvey received a B.Comm from University College Dublin and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

Kathryn O'Driscoll (Irish citizen) joined LGT Bank (Ireland) Limited in 2008 as Legal Counsel and is currently employed by the Manager with responsibility for its legal department and advising in relation to its funds under management and distribution (the "**LGT Funds**"). Kathryn is a member of the Manager's executive management committee and its product, distribution and compliance committee and sits on the boards of certain Irish LGT Funds. She previously trained and worked with Dillon Eustace Solicitors in Dublin and has experience in the structuring, establishment and ongoing operation of collective investment schemes and in providing legal and regulatory advice to UCITS management companies, alternative investment fund managers, global distributors, investment managers and fund service providers. She received a BA (Hons) Degree from University College Dublin and was admitted to the Law Society of Ireland's roll of solicitors in 2006.

Kevin Mathews (Irish citizen) received a certificate in financial services from the Institute of Bankers at University College Dublin in 1995. He joined the Irish

Department of Labour in Dublin prior to working in key accounting management from Svenska Handelsbanken in Luxembourg between 1986 and 1995. He was managing director of LGT Bank (Ireland) Ltd between 1995 and 2006, during which time he also acted as director of a number of fund of hedge funds and private equity funds. He is currently providing consultancy and advisory services to banking, investment funds, local government and charitable organisations. Mr. Mathews was elected to the Board of Directors in 2014.

Roger Gauch (Swiss citizen) As a Managing Partner, Roger Gauch is a member of the Executive Board and head of Operations Liquid Strategies of LGT Capital Partners Ltd. Moreover, Mr. Gauch is CEO of LGT Capital Partners (FL) Ltd. From 2010 to 2014 Mr. Gauch was COO of LGT Capital Management Ltd. From 2004 to 2010 Mr. Gauch was head of the business segment Asset Management Services and Distribution of LGT Capital Management Ltd. and prior to that he was head of the business area Premium Solutions. Previously, Mr. Gauch has also held positions within LGT as head of Premium Funds and as portfolio manager for fund of hedge funds. Mr. Gauch was a member of the Executive Board of LGT Capital Management Ltd. in Pfäffikon (CH) and Vaduz (FL) from 2002 until the merger with LGT Capital Partners Ltd. in 2014. Mr. Gauch was appointed as CEO of LGT Capital Management Ltd. in Liechtenstein since 2012. Mr. Gauch is with LGT since 1992. Born in 1966, Mr. Gauch holds a Certificate in Behavioural Finance from Zurich University and a Swiss Federal Finance and Investment Expert Diploma from AZEK, the Swiss training centre for investment professionals. His graduate studies were in Business IT and General Management.

5.2 ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

Frank Sheedy (Irish citizen) acts as alternate director to Paul Garvey. Mr Sheedy joined LGT Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited in 2012 and was appointed Fund Operations Manager in 2013 and General Manager in 2018. He previously worked in Dublin and Chicago for PricewaterhouseCoopers in the areas of audit with particular focus on Private Equity clients during his time spent in Chicago. Mr. Sheedy received an Honours Degree from National College of Ireland in Accounting and Human Resource Management and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

Brian Goonan (Irish citizen) acts as alternate director to Kathryn O'Driscoll. Mr Goonan joined LGT Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited in 2004 as a Funds Operational Manager. He was appointed General Manager of LGT Capital Partners (Ireland) Limited in 2005. He previously worked with Cogent Investment Operations Limited (formerly part of Henderson plc) as operational manager both in UK and Ireland. He has a Diploma in Business Studies (Accounting) and is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

None of the Directors have entered into an employment or service contract with the Company nor is any such contract proposed. Accordingly, all Directors of the Company are non-executive Directors. All of the Directors and alternate Directors other than Kevin Mathews are employees and/or directors of the LGT Group.

For the purposes of this Prospectus, the address of all the Directors of the Company is the registered office of the Company.

5.3 DELEGATION TO COMMITTEE

The Directors may delegate any of their powers to any committee comprising at least one Director. Any such delegation may be made subject to any conditions the Directors may impose. Subject to any such conditions, the proceedings of a committee with two or more members shall be governed by the provisions of the Articles regulating the proceedings of Directors so far as they are capable of applying.

The Directors have approved the establishment by the Company of an Executive Management Committee (“**EMC**”) for the purposes of approving and/or reviewing various ad hoc matters on behalf of the Directors on an ongoing basis (provided such authority does not conflict with the authority of the full Board as outlined in the EMC and Board terms of reference). The Directors collectively will however (notwithstanding any delegation of tasks) take all key material operational, strategic, procedural and ad-hoc decisions in relation to the Company (subject always to matters reserved for the Shareholders), where appropriate.

5.4 MANAGER

The Company has appointed LGT Capital Partners (Ireland) Limited, as manager to the Company, pursuant to the Management Agreement. The Manager was incorporated in Ireland on 28 January 2005 as a limited liability company and is a wholly owned subsidiary of LGT Holding Denmark ApS and, ultimately, a wholly owned subsidiary of LGT Group Foundation, whose sole beneficiary is the Prince of Liechtenstein Foundation. LGT Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited is appointed as the Manager's company secretary in respect of the Company.

The Manager is authorised by the Central Bank to act as a fund management company pursuant to the Regulations and an Alternative Investment Fund Manager pursuant to the European Communities (Alternative Investment Fund Managers) Regulations, 2013, as amended.

The directors of the Manager are as follows:

Desmond Tobin (Irish citizen) joined LGT Bank (Ireland) Limited in 1997 and was later appointed Managing

Director of LGT Bank (Ireland) Limited in October 2006 with overall responsibility for Irish operations. He was appointed as CEO of LGT Capital Partners (Ireland) Limited in 2019 and holds various board seats on behalf of LGT entities in Ireland. He previously worked with Bankers Trust in Sydney and Bank of Ireland Securities Services in Dublin in finance and custody roles. He has a Master's in business administration from University College Dublin and is an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants in Ireland.

Brian Goonan (Irish citizen) - please see biography above for description.

Werner von Baum (German citizen) received his Masters in Business Administration from the European Business School, Frankfurt, London and Paris (1985-1989). He has passed the SFA in the UK. He joined LGT Capital Partners Ltd. in July 2005 as Head of Hedge Fund Programs and was made Partner and Member of the Executive Management Team in April of 2007. From 1997 to 2005, he worked for HypoVereinsbank in Munich where he was the Head of High Yield and structured capital markets, focusing on the integration of debt origin, High Yield execution and SME financing. Prior to this, he worked for Bankers Trust (1991-1997) in both London and Frankfurt, in positions that included Trading, Risk Management, Structuring Fixed-Income, FX and Equity-Derivatives and marketing of OTC warrants. He started his career with Salomon Brothers (1989-1991) in New York, London and Frankfurt in sales and trading of both bonds and index derivatives.

Dr. Hans Markvoort (Swiss and Dutch citizen) studied economics at Erasmus University Rotterdam in the Netherlands and the University of St. Gallen (HSG), Switzerland where he qualified as a Doctor in Economics in 1995. He was Head of Controlling and Company Secretary of Industrieholding Cham, a diversified Swiss industrial group, until 1998. He subsequently served as Chief Financial Officer of Universal Holding, a European subsidiary of a US-American industrial equipment supplier. Dr. Markvoort joined LGT Capital Partners' private equity team in 2000, serving as Managing Director of Castle Private Equity AG and of LGT Private Equity Advisers AG.

Gerald Brady (Irish Citizen) was appointed to the Board in 2019. He is an independent non-executive director with over 25 years of experience in the funds' industry. He has acted as INED and consultant to both funds and management companies since 2010. Prior to 2010, he worked as the country head for Northern Trust and as MD of Capital Financial Group. From 1990 to 2004, Mr. Brady worked at Bank of Bermuda in a number of roles including as country head for Ireland. He has served as a council member in the Irish Funds industry association and is a former executive board member of Financial Services Ireland. He is a chartered accountant and holds a B.Sc. from Queen's University Belfast.

5.5 ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

Paul Garvey (Irish citizen) acts as alternate director to Mr. Desmond Tobin. Please refer to Mr. Garvey's biography above for details.

Frank Sheedy (Irish citizen) acts as alternate director to Mr. Brian Goonan. Please refer to Mr. Sheedy's biography above for details.

Under the terms of the Management Agreement, the Manager has responsibility for the management and administration of the Company's affairs and the global distribution of the Shares, subject to the overall supervision and control of the Directors.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Management Agreement, the Manager may delegate one or more of its functions. In particular, the Manager may delegate to one or more investment managers, sub-investment managers or investment advisers to provide certain investment services to the Manager in respect of a Sub-Fund. Details of any Investment Manager, sub-investment manager or investment adviser appointed by the Manager in respect of a Sub-Fund and paid directly by the Sub-Fund are set out in the Supplement for the relevant Sub-Fund or, where such investment manager, sub-investment manager or investment adviser is not paid directly by the relevant Sub-Fund, shall be made available to Shareholders on request and shall also be disclosed in the Company's periodic reports.

The Manager may also delegate some or all of its duties as distributor to sub-distributors.

Further information regarding the terms of the Management Agreement are set out in the section titled [Material Contracts](#).

5.6 DEPOSITARY

The depositary, BNP Paribas Securities Services, Dublin Branch, has been appointed by the Company to act as depositary of the Company's assets pursuant to a Depositary Agreement. The Depositary is a branch of BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A., a company incorporated in France as a partnership limited by shares and authorised by the ACP (Autorité de Contrôle Prudential) and supervised by the AMF (Autorité des Marchés Financiers) whose head office is at 3 rue d'Antin, 75002, Paris, France. The Depositary is authorised and regulated by the Central Bank.

The Depositary Agreement provides that the Depositary will act as depositary of all of the Company's and Sub-Funds' assets save for cash deposited with it as principal, which shall constitute a debt due by the Depositary, with the result that it shall be held as a banker on and subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Depositary Agreement.

The Depositary's duties are specified in the Depositary Agreement in detail. In summary, such duties shall include oversight duties, duties regarding the safe-keeping of the Sub-Fund's assets and monitoring the Sub-Fund's cash flows in accordance with the provisions of the Depositary Agreement and the Regulations. The Depositary is also obliged to enquire into the conduct of the Company in each Accounting Period and report thereon to Shareholders. In performing its duties, the Depositary is obliged to act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interest of the Company and its Shareholders.

The Depositary may, in accordance with, and subject to the terms of the Depositary Agreement and the Regulations, appoint certain entities as its delegates for the purposes of providing sub-custodial functions in countries where the Depositary does not have a direct local presence. A list of any such sub-custodial arrangements is set out in [Appendix 4](#), however, this list may be updated from time to time and an up to date list of delegates appointed by the Depositary will be made available to investors on request.

Pursuant to the Depositary Agreement, the Depositary will be liable to the Company and its Shareholders for the loss of financial instruments held in custody (i.e. those assets which are required to be held in custody pursuant to the Regulations) or in the custody of any sub-custodian, unless it can prove that loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond its control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary.

The Depositary shall also be liable for all other losses suffered as a result of the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations or its improper performance of them.

The liability of the Depositary shall not be affected by the fact that it has entrusted to a third party some or all of the assets in its safekeeping.

Further information regarding the terms of the Depositary Agreement are set out in the section titled [Material Contracts](#).

Up-to-date information regarding (i) the Depositary's identity; (ii) its duties; (iii) conflicts of interest that may arise; and (iv) its delegation of any of its duties, the list of delegates and any conflicts of interest that may arise from such delegation, will be provided to Shareholders on request.

The Depositary is not involved directly or indirectly with the business affairs, organisation, sponsorship or management of the Company and is responsible and liable only for the trustee and custodial services that it provides to the Company pursuant to the Depositary Agreement.

The Depositary is a service provider to the Company and is not responsible for the preparation of this document or the activities of the Company and therefore accepts no responsibility for any information contained in this document other than the relevant descriptions. The Depositary will not participate in any Company's investment decision-making process.

5.7 ADMINISTRATOR

BNP Paribas Fund Administration Services Ireland Limited has been appointed by the Manager to provide administration services to the Company pursuant to the Administration Agreement. The Administrator is a private limited liability company incorporated in Ireland on 6 August, 2010.

The Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Sub-Funds, with responsibilities including, without limitation:

- processing of all issues, redemptions, conversions and transfers of Shares;
- sending of subscription, redemption, conversion, transfer and any other confirmations to investors;
- the calculation of the Net Asset Value, Net Asset Value per Class and Net Asset Value per Share on each Valuation Day, as described in section titled [Calculation of Net Asset Value](#);
- daily trade and position reconciliation and portfolio reporting to the Company in respect of certain Sub-Funds;
- the maintenance of accounting records;
- liaising with auditors; and
- assisting the auditors in the preparation of financial statements for audit purposes.

The Administrator has also been appointed by the Company to act as the registrar and transfer agent for the Company. In this regard, the Administrator will maintain the register of members holding Shares and conduct appropriate investor due diligence.

Further information regarding the terms of the Administration Agreement are set out in the section of titled [Material Contracts](#).

The Administrator is not involved directly or indirectly with the business affairs, organisation, sponsorship or management of the Company. The Administrator is not responsible for the production of this Prospectus and accepts no responsibility or liability for any information contained in this document other than for those duties that it provides to the Company in accordance with the Administration Agreement.

5.8 INVESTMENT MANAGER

The Manager has appointed LGT Capital Partners Ltd. as investment manager to manage the Sub-Funds' investments. The Investment Manager is a traditional investment management company founded in Switzerland on 30 November 2000 and its registered office is at Schützenstrasse 6, P.O. Box, CH – Pfäffikon (SZ), Switzerland. The Investment Manager is regulated by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA).

5.9 PROMOTER

The promoter of the Company is LGT Capital Partners Ltd., a company limited by shares incorporated under the laws of Switzerland. LGT Capital Partners Ltd. is indirectly wholly owned by the LGT Group Foundation, whose sole beneficiary is the Prince of Liechtenstein foundation.

5.10 PAYING AGENTS

Local laws/regulations in EEA Member States may require the appointment of Paying Agents and maintenance of accounts by such agents through which subscription and redemption monies or dividends may be paid. Shareholders who choose or are obliged under local regulations to pay or receive subscription or redemption monies or dividends via an intermediate entity rather than directly to the Depositary (e.g. a Paying Agent in a local jurisdiction) bear a credit risk against that intermediate entity with respect to (a) subscription monies prior to the transmission of such monies to the Depositary for the account of the Company or the relevant Sub-Fund and (b) redemption monies or dividends payable by such intermediate entity to the relevant Shareholder.

Country Supplements dealing with matters pertaining specifically to Shareholders in certain jurisdictions may be prepared for circulation to such Shareholders. All Shareholders of the Company or the Sub-Fund on whose behalf a Paying Agent is appointed may avail themselves of the services provided by the Paying Agent appointed by or on behalf of the Company.

Details of the Paying Agents appointed will be set out in the relevant Country Supplement.

6 Conflicts of Interest; Connected Party Transactions; Soft Commissions and Commission Rebates

6.1 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Directors, the Manager, an Investment Manager, an Investment Advisor, a sub-investment manager, the Administrator, the Depositary, and any of their respective subsidiaries, affiliates, associates, directors, shareholders, agents, employees or delegates (the "Parties"), are or may be involved in other financial, investment and professional activities which may on occasion cause a conflict of interest with the management of the Company and/or their respective roles with respect to the Company or the Sub-Funds. These activities may include managing or advising other funds, including funds in which the Sub-Funds may invest, purchases and sales of financial instruments, banking and investment management services, brokerage services, currency hedging services, valuation of unlisted investments (in circumstances in which fees payable to the entity valuing such investments may increase as the value of the investments increases) and serving as directors, officers, advisers or agents of other funds or companies, including funds or companies in which the Sub-Funds may invest.

The Parties will devote as much of their time to the activities of the Company as they deem necessary and appropriate.

There is no prohibition on transactions between the Company and the Parties and the Company may contract or enter into any financial, banking or other transaction with any of the Parties. This includes, without limitation, investment by the Company in securities of any of the Parties or investment by any of the Parties in any company or bodies any of whose investments form part of the assets comprised in any Sub-Fund or be interested in any such contract or transactions. The Parties may also deal as agent or principal in the sale or purchase of securities and other investments (including foreign exchange and stock lending transactions) to or from the relevant Sub-Fund. There will be no obligation on the part of any of the Parties to account to the relevant Sub-Fund or to Shareholders of that Sub-Fund for any benefits so arising and any such benefits may be retained by the relevant party, provided that such transactions are conducted at arm's length and in the best interests of Shareholders.

In addition, any of the Parties may invest in and deal in Shares relating to any Sub-Fund or any property of the kind included in the property of any Sub-Fund for their respective individual accounts or for the account of someone else.

An overview of potential conflicts of interest in respect of the various Parties is detailed below. Investors should note, however, that the below does not purport to be a comprehensive list or complete explanation of all potential conflicts of interest that may affect the Company or the Sub-Funds. The Company may encounter circumstances or enter into transactions in which conflicts that are not discussed below may arise.

6.1.1 Directors

The Directors may engage in other business activities in addition to acting as Director to the Company. The Directors are not required to refrain from any other activity or to account for any profits for any such activity to the Company.

With the exception of Kevin Mathews, all of the Directors of the Company are employees or directors of the Manager or its affiliated group companies. One or more Directors may also act as director to other investment funds in which the Sub-Funds may invest or which may have similar investment objective and approach to the Sub-Funds. To the extent that there are other conflicts of interest on the part of any Director between the Company and any other account, company, partnership or venture in respect of which such Director may now or later be so engaged, such Director will endeavour to treat all such persons equitably.

In addition, a Director may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is interested, provided that he has disclosed to the other Directors, prior to the conclusion of any such transaction or arrangement the nature and of any material interest of his therein. Subject to the Articles, a Director shall not vote at a meeting of the Directors or any committee established by the Directors on any resolution concerning a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, an interest which is material (other than an interest arising by virtue of his interest in Shares or debentures or other securities or otherwise in or through the Company) or a duty which conflicts or may conflict with the interests of the Company. A Director shall not be counted in the quorum present at a meeting in relation to any such resolution on which he is not entitled to vote. For the avoidance of doubt, a Director shall be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of any resolutions concerning any proposal concerning any other company in which he is interested, directly or indirectly and whether as an officer or shareholder or otherwise howsoever.

At the date of the Prospectus, no Director or connected person of any Director has any material interest in the Company or in any agreement or arrangement with the Company.

Provided that the nature and extent of his interest shall be disclosed as set out above, no Director or intending Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company nor shall any such contract or any contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of any other company in which any Director shall be in any way interested be avoided nor shall any Director so contracting or being so interested be liable to account to the Company for any profit realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of such Director

holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established.

6.1.2 Manager, Investment Manager and Investment Advisor

The Manager or an Investment Manager or Investment Advisor may advise or manage other funds and other collective investment schemes in which a Sub-Fund may invest or which have similar or overlapping investment objectives to or with the Sub-Funds. The Manager or an Investment Manager or Investment Advisor may provide management or advisory services for accounts in which the Manager, an Investment Manager or Investment Advisor or their directors, shareholders, employees are the principal investors or beneficiaries (the “**Proprietary Accounts**”). Neither the Manager, an Investment Manager or Investment Advisor or any of their affiliates are under any obligation to offer investment opportunities of which any of them becomes aware to the Company or to account to the Company in respect of (or share with the Company of or inform the Company of) any such transaction or any benefit received by any of them from any such transaction, but will allocate such opportunities in its absolute discretion between the Company and other clients (which clients may include Proprietary Accounts).

The Manager and its delegates and affiliates (including any Investment Manager or Investment Advisor appointed by the Manager from time to time) are not restricted from forming additional investment funds, from entering into other investment advisory relationships or from engaging in other business activities, even though such activities may be in competition with the Company and/or may involve substantial time and resources. These activities could be viewed as creating a conflict of interest in that the time and effort of the Manager, its delegates and their officers and employees will not be devoted exclusively to the business of the Company but will be allocated between the business of the Company and such other activities. Future activities by the Manager and its delegates and affiliates, including the establishment of other investment funds, may give rise to additional conflicts of interest.

The Manager or an Investment Manager may be consulted by the Administrator in relation to the valuation of investments. There is a conflict of interest between any involvement of the Manager or an Investment Manager in this valuation process and with the Manager or Investment Manager’s entitlement to any proportion of a Management Fee, or where applicable Performance Fee, which fees are calculated on the basis of the Net Asset Value.

The Manager or an Investment Manager or Investment Advisor may have potential conflicts of interest with the Company in circumstances other than those referred to above. In the event that a conflict of interest does arise,

the directors of the Manager will endeavour to ensure that such conflicts are resolved fairly.

6.1.3 Depositary

The Depositary and/or its affiliates may act as depositary or trustee to other funds. In addition, the Company, or the Manager on behalf of the Company may maintain other business relationships with the Depositary or any of its affiliates or delegates, where the Depositary, its affiliates or delegates have a financial or business interest in such product or services, or receives remuneration for other related products or services it provides to the Company or any Fund. Such services may include (but are not limited to) currency hedging services, brokerage services and provision of credit facilities to the Company or its Sub-Funds.

It is possible that the Depositary (or any of its affiliates) may, in the course of its business, be involved in other financial and professional activities which may on occasion have conflicts or potential conflicts of interest with those of the Company or a particular Sub-Fund. In the event of any potential conflict of interest, which may arise during the normal course of business, the Depositary will have regard to the applicable laws. Where a conflict or potential conflict of interest arises, the Depositary will have regard to its obligations to the Company under the Depositary Agreement, the Regulations and the Central Bank Rules and will treat the Company and the other funds for which it acts fairly and in a manner that, so far as is practicable, any transactions are effected on terms which are not materially less favourable to the Company than if the conflict or potential conflict had not existed.

6.1.4 Administrator

The Administrator and/or its affiliates may act as Administrator to other funds.

It is possible that the Administrator may, in the course of its business, be involved in other financial and professional activities which may on occasion have conflicts or potential conflicts of interest with those of the Company or a particular Sub-Fund. In the event of any potential conflict of interest, which may arise during the normal course of business, the Administrator will have regard to the applicable laws. Where a conflict or potential conflict of interest arises, the Administrator will have regard to its obligations to the Company under the Administrator Agreement.

6.1.5 Common Counsel

Maples and Calder LLP is Irish counsel to the Company. Maples and Calder LLP may also act as counsel to the Manager in matters not involving the Company, and may also represent the LGT Group and its affiliates. Consequently, certain conflicts of interest may arise.

6.1.6 Deposits

Any cash of the Company may be deposited, subject to the provisions of the Central Bank Acts, 1942 to 1998, of Ireland as amended by the Central Bank and Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ireland Acts, 2003 to 2004 with a Connected Party or invested in certificates of deposit or banking instruments issued by a Connected Party. Banking and similar transactions may also be undertaken with or through a Connected Party.

6.1.7 Connected Party Transactions

A transaction will be deemed to be with a connected party where it is with; the Manager, the Depositary an Investment Manager or the delegates, sub-delegates or associated/group companies of those parties (excluding any non-group company sub-custodians appointed by the Depositary) (each a "**Connected Party**") (each transaction a "**Connected Party Transaction**").

There are no prohibitions on Connected Party Transactions, however, any such transaction must be conducted on an arm's length basis and in the best interests of shareholders and must satisfy the following conditions;

- (a) the value of such transaction is certified by a person approved by the Depositary (or in the case of any such transaction entered into by the Depositary, the Manager) as independent and competent; or
- (b) execution is on best terms on an organised investment exchange under its rules; or
- (c) execution is on terms which the Depositary is (or in the case of any such transaction entered into by the Depositary, the Directors are) satisfied conforms with the principle that such transactions are conducted at arm's length and in the best interest of the Shareholders.

The Depositary (or the Manager, in the case of transactions involving the Depositary), must document how it complied with paragraphs (a) – (c) above. Where transactions are conducted in accordance with paragraph (c), the Depositary, or the Manager in the case of transactions involving the

Depositary, must document their rationale for being satisfied that the transaction was conducted at arm's length and in the best interests of the Shareholders of the relevant Sub-Fund.

Dealings in Shares of the Company on the terms set out in this Prospectus and the entry into service level agreements with Connected Parties shall not be deemed to be Connected Party Transactions.

The Manager, or an associated company of the Manager may invest in Shares so that a Sub-Fund or Class may have a viable minimum size or is able to operate more efficiently. In such circumstances the

Manager or its associated company may hold a high proportion of the Shares of a Sub-Fund or Class in issue. Details of the proportion of shares held by the Manager will be made available to investors and prospective investors upon request.

6.2 SOFT COMMISSIONS AND COMMISSION REBATES

The Manager and its delegates may not retain cash or other rebates received from a third party in connection with investment transactions conducted by the Manager or its delegate on behalf of the Sub-Funds, but may, where permitted under applicable rules and regulations, receive, and are entitled to retain, research products and services (known as soft dollar benefits) from brokers and other persons through whom investment transactions for the Sub-Funds are carried out. In the event that the Manager or the Investment Manager or any sub-investment manager do enter into soft commission arrangement(s) they shall ensure that (i) the broker or counterparty to the arrangement will agree to provide best execution to the Company; (ii) the benefits under the arrangement(s) shall be those which assist in the provision of investment services to the relevant Sub-Fund and (iii) brokerage rates will not be in excess of customary institutional full service brokerage rates. Details of any soft commission arrangements affecting the Company will be contained in the next following report of the Company. In the event that this is the unaudited semi-annual report, details shall also be included in the following annual report.

Where the Manager or any of its delegates successfully negotiates the recapture of a portion of the commissions charged by brokers or dealers in connection with the purchase and/or sale of securities permitted derivative instruments or techniques and instruments for a Sub-Fund, the rebated commission shall be paid to the relevant Sub-Fund. The Manager or its delegates may be reimbursed out of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund for reasonable properly vouched costs and expenses directly incurred by the Manager or its delegates in this regard. The Manager or its delegates may also receive a fee which shall be disclosed in the relevant Supplement for the arrangement and management of the provision of brokerage services to the Company or the relevant Sub-Fund.

7 Fees and Expenses

7.1 ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES

The cost of establishing the Company have been fully amortised.

The fees and expenses relating to the establishment of any subsequent Sub-Funds will be set out in the relevant Supplement.

7.2 OPERATING EXPENSES AND FEES

Fees and expenses are payable by the Company to the Directors, the company secretary, the Auditors and to any service provider appointed to provide services to the Company.

Other fees and expenses payable by the Company may include but are not limited to; expenses relating to the acquisition and disposal of investments, fees and expenses of transaction and execution related services and post-trade transaction processing, brokerage and banking commissions and charges, interest on borrowings, all taxes and VAT applicable to the Company or a Sub-Fund, administrative costs incurred due to risk management, tax, legal and other professional advisory fees, stock exchange listing fees, fees associated with the use of financial indices/fees of benchmark administrators, investment research expenses, costs and expenses associated with the lease or purchase of futures memberships, statutory and regulatory fees in respect of the Company or any Sub-Fund (in Ireland or in any other jurisdiction), costs incurred in respect of the distribution of income to Shareholders, costs and expenses of preparing, translating, printing, updating and distributing the Company's Prospectus and Supplements, KIIDs, annual and semi-annual reports and other documents furnished to current and prospective Shareholders, expenses applicable to the Company for the costs of preparation, translation, printing and distribution of marketing material and periodic shareholder reports, fees and expenses incurred in connection with the registration of the Company or any Sub-Fund or Class for sale in other jurisdictions, fees and costs and expenses (to include legal or other professional advisory fees) incurred as a result of periodic updates to the Prospectus, all litigation and indemnification expenses, expenses of Shareholders and Directors meetings, all sums payable in respect of directors and officers liability insurance cover, expenses incurred in publishing and distributing details of the Net Asset Value, clerical costs of issue or redemption of Shares, and any other expenses in each case together with any applicable value added tax

7.3 SERVICE PROVIDER FEES

Particulars of the specific fees and expenses payable to the Manager, the Administrator and the Depositary are set out in the relevant Supplement.

Where an Investment Manager or Investment Advisor has been appointed by the Manager for a particular Sub-Fund, details of the fees (if any) payable out of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund to such entity shall also be set out in the relevant Supplement.

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, the Manager will be entitled to a Management Fee as well as a Performance Fee based on the performance of any Fund or Class. The Manager may, in its absolute discretion, pay any portion of the Management Fee (or Performance Fee if applicable) to any third party (including to other LGT entities) in any manner whatsoever, whether by rebate, distribution fee or otherwise.

7.4 MANAGER'S REMUNERATION POLICY

The Manager has in place a remuneration policy which seeks to ensure that the interests of the Manager and the investors of the Company are aligned. Such remuneration policy imposes remuneration rules on staff and senior management within the Manager whose activities have an impact on the risk profile of the Company. The Manager shall seek to ensure that such remuneration policies and practices will be consistent with sound and effective risk management and shall not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profile and Articles of the Company and shall be consistent with the UCITS V Directive 2014/91/EU and ESMA's remuneration guidelines.

The Manager shall seek to ensure the remuneration policy will at all times be consistent with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of the Company and the investors of the Company and that the remuneration policy includes measures to ensure that all relevant conflicts of interest can be managed appropriately at all times. In line with the provisions of the UCITS Directive, the Manager applies its remuneration policy and practices in a way and to the extent that is proportionate to its size, internal organisation and the nature, scope and complexity of its activities.

Where the Manager delegates investment management functions in respect of any Fund, it will, in accordance with the requirements of the ESMA Guidelines on Sound Remuneration Policies under the UCITS Directive (ESMA/2016/575) ("**ESMA Remuneration Guidelines**"), ensure that;

- the entities to which investment management activities have been delegated are subject to regulatory requirements on remuneration that are equally as effective as those applicable under the ESMA Remuneration Guidelines; or
- appropriate contractual arrangements are put in place that there is no circumvention of the remuneration rules set out in the ESMA Remuneration Guidelines.

Details of the up-to-date remuneration policy of the Manager, including, but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, the

identity of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits, are available on <https://www.lgtcp.com/en/regulatory-information/>. A paper copy of the Manager's remuneration policy will be made available free of charge upon request.

7.5 PAYING AGENT FEES

The fees and expenses of Paying Agents appointed to the Company or a Sub-Fund or particular Class, will be at normal commercial rates together with VAT, if any, thereon. Such fees and expenses will be borne by the Company, the Sub-Fund or the relevant Class in respect of which the Paying Agent has been appointed.

7.6 DIRECTORS' FEES

All current Directors, other than Kevin Mathews, are employees and/or directors of members of the LGT Group. No fees will be payable to any Director who is an employee or director of any member of the LGT Group. The Company may pay fees not to exceed EUR20,000 per annum in aggregate to other Directors in their capacity as Directors of the Company. No other remuneration will be payable by the Company to the Directors except for the out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred by them, in the performance of their duties. Shareholders shall be notified in advance of any change to the fees payable to Directors.

7.7 COMPANY SECRETARY'S FEES

The Company shall pay the Company Secretary an annual fee for acting as corporate secretary to the Company which shall be charged at normal commercial rates. The Company Secretary shall also be entitled to charge the Company for its reasonable properly vouched out-of-pocket expenses.

7.8 REPURCHASE CHARGE

The Directors may levy a Repurchase Charge not exceeding 3% of the Net Asset Value per Share. Details of the Repurchase Charge, if any, shall be disclosed in the relevant Supplement.

Save where otherwise disclosed in the relevant Supplement, the Repurchase Charge, if applied is payable to the relevant Fund. Any applicable Repurchase Charge will be deducted from the repurchase proceeds payable to the relevant Shareholder. In the event of a Repurchase Charge being imposed, Shareholders will be notified of this in their contract note.

7.9 PRELIMINARY CHARGE

A Preliminary Charge of up to 5% may be payable on the issue of Shares. Details of this Preliminary Charge, if any, will be set out in the relevant Supplement.

The Preliminary Charge, if applicable, is payable to the Manager which may in turn be paid in full or in part to sub-distributors, introducing agents or intermediaries.

7.10 CONVERSION CHARGE

A Conversion Charge of up to 3% of the Repurchase Price of the Shares being converted may be charged by the Company on a voluntary conversion of Shares. There will be no Conversion Charge applicable in the case of a compulsory conversion.

7.11 ALLOCATION OF FEES AND EXPENSES

Fees, costs or expenses attributable to a Sub-Fund will be charged to the relevant Sub-Fund and within such Sub-Fund to the Classes in respect of which they were incurred. Where a fee or expense is not considered by the Directors to be attributable to any one Sub-Fund, the fee or expense will be borne by all Sub-Funds in proportion to the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund or in a manner which the Directors deem to be fair and equitable to Shareholders. Where a fee or expense is not considered by the Directors to be attributable to any one Class within a Sub-Fund, the fee or expense will be borne by all Classes within the Sub-Fund in proportion to the Net Asset Value of the relevant Class or in a manner which the Directors deem to be fair and equitable to Shareholders.

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.

7.12 FEE INCREASES

The maximum fees payable to the Manager or Investment Manager (where the fees of an Investment Manager are discharged directly from the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund) or the maximum Repurchase Charge as disclosed in the relevant Supplement shall not be increased beyond the maximum fee stated in the relevant Supplement without requisite approval of Shareholders and advance notice of the intention to implement such increase.

Shareholders must be notified in advance of the intention of the Company to increase the fees payable to the Manager or the Investment Manager within the maximum fee disclosed in the relevant Supplement.

8 Risk Factors

An investment in the Shares entails risks. Investment should only be undertaken by investors capable of

evaluating the risks of the investment including the risk of a loss of all of their investment. There is no guarantee that in any time period, particularly in the short term, a Sub-Fund's portfolio will achieve any capital growth or even maintain its current value. Prospective Investors are advised that the value of Shares may go down as well as up, and, accordingly an investor may not get back the full amount invested.

It should not be assumed that an investment in the Shares will be profitable or that the future performance of the Shares will equal the past performance of other investment vehicles managed by an investment manager and/or affiliates thereof. Prospective investors should carefully consider the risks involved including, but not limited to, those set forth below.

The discussion of risk factors below does not purport to be a complete explanation of the risks involved in investing in the Company or any particular Sub-Fund.

Different risks may apply to different Sub-Funds and/or Classes. Details of certain additional risks attaching to a particular Sub-Fund or Class can be disclosed in the relevant Supplement. Prospective investors should review this Prospectus and the relevant Supplement carefully and in its entirety and consult with their professional advisers before making an application for Shares.

Persons interested in purchasing Shares should inform themselves as to (a) the legal requirements within their own countries for the purchase of Shares, (b) any foreign exchange restrictions which may be applicable, and (c) the income and other tax consequences of purchase and redemption of Shares.

8.1 GENERAL

Cross Liability for Other Funds

While the provisions of the Companies Act provides for segregated liability between Sub-Funds, the Company may operate or have assets in countries other than Ireland which may not recognise the segregation of liability between Sub-Funds and there is no guarantee that creditors of one Sub-Fund will not seek to enforce one Sub-Fund's obligations against another Sub-Fund. Furthermore, under the Companies Act, the assets of one Sub-Fund may be applied to discharge some or all of the liabilities of another Sub-Fund on the grounds of fraud or misrepresentation. Accordingly, it is not free from doubt that the assets of any Sub-Fund of the Company may not be exposed to the liabilities of other Sub-Funds of the Company.

Limitation of Liability of Shareholders

The liability of Shareholders is limited to any unpaid amount on its Shares and all Shares in the Company will only be issued on a fully paid basis. However, under the

Application Form and the Articles investors will be required to indemnify the Company and other parties as stated therein for certain matters including inter alia losses incurred as a result of the holding or acquisition of Shares by an Ineligible Applicant, losses arising as a result of an applicant for Shares failing to settle subscription monies by the relevant Subscription Payment Date, any liabilities arising due to any tax the Company is required to account for on an investor's behalf, including any penalties and interest thereon, any losses incurred as a result of a misrepresentation by an investor of any matters specified in the Application Form.

Lack of Operating History

Upon launch, each Sub-Fund is a newly formed entity and has no operating history upon which prospective investors can evaluate the likely performance of a Sub-Fund. The past investment performance of the Manager, an Investment Manager or any of its affiliates, or entities with which it has been associated, may not be construed as an indication of the future results of an investment in the Sub-Fund. There can be no assurance that; (i) the Sub-Fund's investment policy will prove successful; or (ii) investors will not lose all or a portion of their investment in the Sub-Fund.

Legal, Tax and Regulatory Risk

Legal and regulatory (including taxation) changes could adversely affect the Company. Regulation (including taxation) of investment vehicles such as the Company is still evolving and therefore subject to change. In addition, many governmental agencies, self-regulatory organisations and exchanges are authorised to take extraordinary actions in the event of market emergencies. The effect of any future legal or regulatory (including taxation) change on the Company is impossible to predict, but could be substantial and have adverse consequences on the rights and returns of Shareholders.

Controlling Shareholder

There is no restriction on the percentage of the Company's Shares that may be owned by one person or a number of connected persons. It is possible, therefore, that one person, including a person or entity related to the Manager or, a collective investment scheme managed by the Manager or its affiliates, may be a majority Shareholder in a Sub-Fund.

Information Rights

The Company may provide a Shareholder with historic performance or portfolio level holding information in respect of a particular Sub-Fund. This information will be available to all Shareholders upon request but if not requested it may not be systematically obtained by all Shareholders in a Sub-Fund. As a result, a Shareholder that has received this information may be able to act on

such additional information requested that other Shareholders may not systematically receive.

Impact of Fees and Expenses on Value of Shareholding

A Sub-Fund will pay fees and expenses regardless of whether it experiences any profits. Therefore, an investor who realises his Shares after a short period may not (even in the absence of a fall in the value of the relevant investments) realise the amount originally invested. The Shares should therefore be viewed as medium to long-term investments.

Capital Erosion Risk

Shareholders should note that where a Sub-Fund or Class facilitates the payment of some or all of its distributions out of capital this may have the effect of eroding capital and the value of future returns in the Sub-Fund or Class could be diminished. The maximising of income will be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. On redemptions of holdings Shareholders may not receive back the full amount invested.

Service Provider Risk

The Company is reliant upon the performance of third party service providers. In particular, the Manager, any Investment Manager, the Depositary and the Administrator will be providing services which are integral to the operation of the Company. Failure by any service provider to carry out its obligations to the Company in accordance with the terms of its appointment, including in circumstances where the service provider has breached the terms of its contract, could have a materially detrimental impact upon the operations of the Company.

Absent a direct contractual relationship between a shareholder and a service provider to the Company, a Shareholder will generally have no direct rights against the service provider, and there are only limited circumstances in which a Shareholder could potentially bring a claim against a service provider. Instead, the proper plaintiff in an action in respect of which wrongdoing is alleged to have been committed against the Company by the relevant service provider is the Company.

Depositary Risk; Custody Risk

If a Sub-Fund invests in assets that are financial instruments that can be held in custody ("**Custody Assets**"), the Depositary is required to perform full safekeeping functions and will be liable for any loss of such assets held in custody unless it can prove that the loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond its reasonable control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary. In the event of such a loss (and

the absence of proof of the loss being caused by such an external event), the Depositary is required to return identical assets to those lost or a corresponding amount to the Sub-Fund without undue delay.

If a Sub-Fund invests in assets that are not financial instruments that can be held in custody ("**Non-Custody Assets**"), the Depositary is only required to verify the Sub-Fund's ownership of such assets and to maintain a record of those assets which the Depositary is satisfied that the Sub-Fund holds ownership of. In the event of any loss of such assets, the Depositary will only be liable to the extent the loss has occurred due to its negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations pursuant to the Depositary Agreement.

As it is likely that the Sub-Funds may each invest in both Custody Assets and Non-Custody Assets, it should be noted that the safekeeping functions of the Depositary in relation to the respective categories of assets and the corresponding standard of liability of the Depositary applicable to such functions differs significantly.

The Sub-Funds enjoy a strong level of protection in terms of Depositary liability for the safekeeping of Custody Assets. However, the level of protection for Non-Custody Assets is significantly lower. Accordingly, the greater the proportion of a Sub-Fund invested in categories of Non-Custody Assets, the greater the risk that any loss of such assets that may occur may not be recoverable. While it will be determined on a case-by-case whether a specific investment by the Sub-Fund is a Custody Asset or a Non-Custody Asset, generally it should be noted that derivatives traded by a Sub-Fund over-the-counter will be Non-Custody Assets. There may also be other asset types that a Sub-Fund invests in from time to time that would be treated similarly. Given the framework of Depositary liability under UCITS V Directive 2014/91/EU, these Non-Custody Assets, from a safekeeping perspective, expose the Sub-Fund to a greater degree of risk than Custody Assets, such as publicly traded equities and bonds.

Reliance on the Manager or an Investment Manager and Key Persons

The Company will rely on the Manager and/or an Investment Manager (where appointed in respect of a particular Sub-Fund) in formulating the investment strategies for each Sub-Fund and the Sub-Funds performance is largely dependent on the continuation of an agreement with the Manager or the relevant Investment Manager and the skills and services of their respective officers and employees. In the case of loss of service of the Manager or an Investment Manager or any of its key personnel, as well as any significant interruption of the Manager or an Investment Manager's business operations, or in the extreme case, the insolvency of the Manager or any Investment Manager, a Sub-Fund may not find successor investment managers quickly and the new appointment

may not be equivalent terms or of similar quality. Therefore, the occurrence of those events could cause a deterioration in a Sub-Fund's performance and investors may lose money in those circumstances

The Manager or an Investment Manager or its principals and employees are not required to devote substantially all their business time to the Company's business.

A Sub-Fund's investment activities depend upon the experience and expertise of the Manager's and/or an Investment Manager's portfolio management team. The loss of the services of any or all of these individuals, or the termination of the Management Agreement or any Investment Management Agreement, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations.

Operational Risk

A Sub-Fund's investments may be adversely affected due to a failure in the operational process of the Company or its service providers. A Sub-Fund may be subject to losses arising from inadequate or failed internal controls, processes and systems, or from human error. While the Company seeks to minimize such events through controls and oversight, there may still be failures that could cause losses to a Sub-Fund.

The Company depends on the Manager and the Investment Manager(s) appointed, to develop and implement appropriate systems for the investment activities of the relevant Sub-Fund. The Manager and the Investment Manager(s) in turn rely extensively on computer programs and systems to trade, clear and settle transactions, to evaluate certain securities based on real-time trading information, to monitor its portfolios and net capital and to generate risk management and other reports that are critical to the oversight of the Sub-Funds investment activities. In addition, certain of the Manager's or Investment Manager's systems interface with or depend on systems operated by third parties, market counterparties and other service providers and the Manager or Investment Manager, as appropriate, may not be in a position to verify the risk or reliability of such third party systems. Those programs or systems may be subject to certain defects, failures or interruptions. Any such defect or failure could cause settlement of trades to fail, lead to inaccurate accounting, recording or processing of trades and cause inaccurate reports which may affect the Manager or Investment Manager's ability to monitor their investment portfolios and the associated risks.

Performance Fee Risk

Where Performance Fees are payable by a Sub-Fund, these will be charged as set out in the relevant Supplement. A performance fee will increase in conjunction with any unrealised appreciation in a Sub-Fund as well as realised gains and as a result,

performance fees may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised as positions may be closed out at a loss in a later period with a consequent reduction in the Net Asset Value per Share on a later Dealing Day. Further, payment of performance fees may create an incentive to the Manager or an Investment Manager (where appointed) to select riskier or more speculative trades than would be the case in the absence of such a fee arrangement.

There may be circumstances where Performance Fees accrue as a result of market movements rather than due to performance of the Manager or the relevant Investment Manager.

Fraud Risk

None of the Company, the Manager, any Investment Manager, the Administrator or the Depositary or any of their respective directors, officers, employees or agents will be responsible or liable for the authenticity of or acting upon instructions from Shareholders, including but not limited to requests for redemptions of Shares, reasonably believed to be genuine, and shall not in any event be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising out of or in conjunction with any unauthorised or fraudulent instructions. The Administrator shall employ reasonable procedures to seek to establish that instructions are genuine and that the subscription, redemption and conversion procedures of the Company are adhered to, as appropriate. In the event that a Sub-Fund suffers a loss due to the payment of redemption monies to, for example, a fraudster who has successfully redeemed a Shareholder's holding or part thereof, the Net Asset Value of that Sub-Fund shall be reduced accordingly and in the absence of any negligence, fraud, or wilful default on the part of the Manager, an Investment Manager, the Administrator or in the case of the Depositary its negligent or intentional failure to perform its obligations or its improper performance of them, the Company will not be compensated for any such loss which will therefore be absorbed by the Shareholders equally.

Cyber Security Risk

The Company and its service providers are susceptible to operational and information security and related risks of cyber security incidents. In general, cyber incidents can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events. Cyber security attacks include, but are not limited to, gaining unauthorised access to digital systems (e.g., through 'hacking' or malicious software coding) for purposes of misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting data or causing operational disruption. Cyber attacks also may be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorised access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on websites (i.e., efforts to make services unavailable to intended users). Cyber security incidents affecting the Company, the Manager, an Investment Manager, the Administrator or the Depositary or other

service providers have the ability to cause disruptions and impact business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses, including by interference with the Company's ability to calculate its Net Asset Value; impediments to trading for a Sub-Fund's portfolio; the inability of Shareholders to transact business with a Sub-Fund; violations of applicable privacy, data security or other laws; regulatory fines and penalties; reputational damage; reimbursement or other compensation or remediation costs; legal fees; or additional compliance costs. Similar adverse consequences could result from cyber security incidents affecting issuers of securities in which a Sub-Fund invests, counterparties with which the Company engages in transactions, governmental and other regulatory authorities, exchange and other financial market operators, banks, brokers, dealers, insurance companies and other financial institutions and other parties. While information risk management systems and business continuity plans have been developed which are designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security, there are inherent limitations in any cyber security risk management systems or business continuity plans, including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified. The Company therefore remains subject to the risk that the procedures implemented by its service providers will be ineffective to protect the Company and the Sub-Funds fully from any such risks, particularly in light of the evolving nature of the threat to cyber security. The Company may therefore be exposed to risk of losses in circumstances where the relevant service provider may have no liability for any such losses suffered by the Company or a Sub-Fund.

Epidemics and Other Health Risks

Many countries have experienced outbreaks of infectious illnesses in recent decades, including swine flu, avian influenza, SARS and the 2019-nCoV (the "**Epidemics**"). Some of the Epidemics have resulted in numerous deaths and the imposition of both local and widespread quarantine measures, border closures and other travel restrictions, causing social unrest and commercial disruption on a global scale. The ongoing spread of the Epidemics has had, and will continue to have, a material adverse impact on local economies in the affected jurisdictions and also on the global economy, as cross border commercial activity and market sentiment are increasingly impacted by the outbreak and government and other measures seeking to contain its spread. In addition to these developments having adverse consequences to the value of certain portfolio companies and other issuers in or through which a Sub-Fund may directly or indirectly invest, the operations of the Manager, an Investment Manager or other service providers may be adversely impacted, including through quarantine measures and travel restrictions imposed on personnel or service providers based or temporarily located in affected countries, or any related health issues of such personnel or service providers. Any of the foregoing events could materially

and adversely affect a Sub-Funds ability to source, manage and divest its investments and its ability to fulfil its investment objectives.

MiFID II: Classification of UCITS Funds as non-complex financial instruments

UCITS (other than structured UCITS) are deemed to be non-complex financial instruments for the purposes of Article 25 of MiFID II. Accordingly, where a MiFID authorised firm is selling Shares in the Company to its clients on an execution only basis, it will not be required to conduct an appropriateness test on its clients and is not required to assess whether the investment in a Sub-Fund is appropriate for its clients.

Taxation

Prospective investors and Shareholders should be aware that they may be required to pay income tax, withholding tax, capital gains tax, wealth tax, stamp taxes or any other kind of tax on distributions or deemed distributions from the Company or any Sub-Fund. The requirement to pay such taxes will be according to the laws and practices of the country where the Shares are purchased, sold, held or redeemed and in the country of residence or nationality of the Shareholder and such laws and practices may change from time to time.

As is the case with any investment, there can be no guarantee that the tax position or proposed tax position prevailing at the time an investment is made in the Company will endure indefinitely. Prospective investors and Shareholders should consult their tax advisors with respect to their particular tax situations and the tax consequences of an investment in a particular Sub-Fund.

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

Uncertain Tax Positions

Prospective investors should be aware that tax laws and regulations are constantly changing and that they may be changed with retrospective effect. Moreover, the interpretation and application of tax laws and regulations by certain tax authorities may not be clear, consistent nor transparent. As a result of uncertainty relating to the Company's potential tax liabilities, including on any historical realised or unrealised gains, as well as liabilities that may arise as a result of investments made by the relevant Sub-Fund which have not reflected tax liabilities in their valuation, the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Funds on any Dealing Day may not accurately reflect such liabilities (including those that are imposed with retrospective effect). In addition, the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Funds on any Dealing Day may reflect an accrual for potential tax liabilities that may subsequently not be paid. Accounting standards may also change, creating an obligation for the Company to accrue for a potential tax liability that was not previously required to be accrued or in situations where the Company does not expect to be ultimately subject to such tax liability.

In the event that the Company subsequently determines to accrue for tax liabilities and/or is required to pay amounts relating to tax liabilities that had not previously been accrued and/or any Sub-Fund investments result in tax liabilities that were not reflected in their valuation (including historic investments), the amount of any such determination or payment will generally be allocated among the Shareholders of the applicable Sub-Fund at the time of such determination or payment, rather than when the income or transaction to which such taxes relate was earned or occurred. Moreover, in the event that the Company subsequently determines that an accrual for potential tax liabilities exceeds or will exceed the liability for such taxes, the benefit from any such determination will generally be allocated among the Shareholders of the applicable Sub-Fund at the time of such determination, rather than when the income or transaction in respect of which such taxes were accrued was earned or occurred, and Shareholders who previously redeemed Shares of the Sub-Fund will not receive additional compensation or otherwise share such benefit. Shareholders will not be notified of any of the foregoing determinations or payments.

Shareholders that invest in Shares of a Sub-Fund at a time during which any liabilities for taxes are not accrued will invest in Shares of the Sub-Fund at a higher Net Asset Value than such Shareholders would have invested had such liabilities been accrued at the time of the applicable investment. In addition, the returns of the Sub-Fund may be considered to have been subject to an inadvertent leverage effect in that those additional assets would have been invested in accordance with the usual investment policy of the Sub-Fund. On the other hand, Shareholders that redeem Shares of a Sub-Fund at a time during which potential liabilities for taxes are accrued will redeem Shares of the Sub-Fund at a lower Net Asset Value than if such liabilities had not been

accrued at the time of the applicable redemption. In that situation the Sub-Fund may also be considered to have been subject to an inadvertent underinvestment effect if that accrual of taxes is not subsequently paid.

8.2 INVESTMENT-SPECIFIC RISK

Active Investment Management

Where disclosed in the relevant Supplement, a Sub-Fund's investments may be actively managed by the Manager, or where appointed the Investment Manager, based on the expertise of individual fund managers, who will have discretion (subject to the Sub-Fund's investment restrictions, investment policies and strategies) to invest the Sub-Fund's assets in investments that it considers will enable the Sub-Fund to achieve its investment objective. There is no guarantee that a Sub-Fund's investment objective will be achieved based on the investments selected.

Availability of Investment Strategies

Whilst it is the intention of the Manager, or where appointed, the Investment Manager, to implement investment strategies which are designed to achieve a Sub-Fund's investment objective, there is a risk that the Manager or Investment Manager may not be able to locate suitable investment opportunities in which to deploy all of a Sub-Fund's assets.

Quantitative and Systematic Trading Risk

Certain Sub-Funds may utilize quantitative or systematic trading strategies, which are computer-based trading strategies designed using mathematical and valuation models developed by the Manager or relevant Investment Manager to generate investment returns across a variety of markets / assets under different conditions and scenarios.

Quantitative trading strategies are highly complex and, for their successful application, require relatively sophisticated mathematical calculations and complex computer programs. The successful execution of these strategies could be severely compromised by, among other things, a diminution in the liquidity of the markets traded, telecommunications failures, power loss and software-related 'system crashes'. Systems failure, whether due to third party failures upon which such systems are depended or the failure of the Manager or Investment Manager's hardware or software, could disturb trading or make trading impossible until such failure is remedied. Any such failure, and consequential inability to trade (even for a short time), could, in certain market conditions, cause a Sub-Fund to experience significant trading losses or to miss opportunities for profitable trading.

In addition, while the Manager or relevant Investment Manager appointed to a Sub-Fund will commit

substantial resources to the updating and maintenance of the mathematical and valuation models and algorithms used to implement the relevant investment strategy for a particular Sub-Fund, market dynamics may shift over time which could result in a previously successful model producing losses before the Manager or Investment Manager realises that some of its assumptions have become outdated. There can be no assurance that the Manager or relevant Investment Manager will be successful in maintaining effective mathematical and valuation models and automated computer algorithms and there is a risk that models may be developed using data which contains errors, omissions, imperfections and malfunctions (collectively, "System Events").

The Manager or relevant Investment Manager appointed will seek to reduce the incidence and impact of System Events through a certain degree of internal testing and monitoring and the use of independent safeguards in the overall portfolio management system. Despite such testing, monitoring and independent safeguards, System Events may result in, among other things, the execution of unanticipated trades, the failure to execute anticipated trades, delays to the execution of anticipated trades, the failure to properly allocate trades, the failure to properly gather and organize available data, the failure to take certain hedging or risk reducing actions and/or the taking of actions which increase certain risk(s)—all of which may have materially negative effects on a Sub-Fund and/or its returns.

The profitability of trading using quantitative and systematic trading strategies depends on, among other things, the occurrence of significant price trends which are sustained movements, up or down, in futures and forward prices. Such trends may not develop; there have been periods in the past without price trends. The likelihood of a Sub-Fund being profitable could be materially diminished during periods when events external to the markets themselves, such as political events, natural catastrophes or acts of war or terrorism, have an important impact on prices. During such periods, historic price analysis could lead to establishing positions on the wrong side of the price movements caused by such events.

If the Manager or where appointed the Investment Manager detects that unexpected factors are affecting the markets or that another market participant is 'gaming' the market or attempting to create unusual or unnatural market patterns, the Investment Manager may stop trading of the related models, potentially causing the Sub-Fund to miss profit opportunities or lose money.

The ability of the Manager or, where appointed, the Investment Manager to deliver returns that have a low correlation with global aggregate equity markets and other hedge funds depends on its ability to employ models that are simultaneously profitable and differentiated from those employed by other managers.

To the extent that the Manager or Investment Manager is unable to develop sufficiently differentiated models, a Sub-Fund's investment objective may not be met, irrespective of whether the models are profitable in an absolute sense.

To the extent that the models and approaches deployed by the Manager or, where appointed, the Investment Manager come to resemble those employed by other managers, there is an increased risk that a market disruption may negatively affect predictive models such as those employed by the Sub-Fund, as such a disruption could accelerate reductions in liquidity or rapid repricing due to simultaneous trading across a number of funds in the marketplace utilizing models, or similar quantitatively focused investment strategies.

Transaction costs incurred by quantitative trading strategies may be significant. In addition, the difference between the expected price of a trade and the price at which a trade is executed, or 'slippage', may be significant and may result in losses. Due to the nature of their trading, quantitative trading firms may suffer material losses in a very short period of time.

Reliance on Models/Information Technology

A Sub-Fund's investment approach may be based on mathematical models, which are implemented as automated computer algorithms, and valuation models developed over time by investment professionals at the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager commits substantial resources to the updating and maintenance of existing models and algorithms as well as to the ongoing development of new models and algorithms. As market dynamics shift over time, a previously successful model may produce losses before the Investment Manager realises that some of its assumptions have become outdated. There can be no assurance that the Investment Manager will be successful in maintaining effective mathematical and valuation models and automated computer algorithms.

Use of a Benchmark

A Sub-Fund's use of a benchmark may fall within the scope of the Benchmark Regulation. Subject to certain transitional and grandfathering arrangements, a Sub-Fund will no longer be able to 'use' a benchmark within the meaning of the Benchmark Regulation which is provided by an EU index provider which is not registered or authorised pursuant to Article 34 of the Benchmark Regulation or which is provided by a non-EU index provider which has not been recognised, deemed equivalent or endorsed under the Benchmark Regulation. Furthermore, circumstances may arise where the benchmark used by a Sub-Fund materially changes or ceases to exist. In such circumstances, a Sub-Fund may therefore be required to identify a suitable alternative benchmark if available which may prove difficult or impossible. Failure to identify a suitable replacement benchmark may have an adverse impact on

the relevant Sub-Fund, including in certain circumstances the ability of the Manager or the Investment Manager to implement the investment strategy of the relevant Sub-Fund. Compliance with the Benchmark Regulation may also result in additional costs being borne by the relevant Sub-Fund.

Market Risk

The investments of a Sub-Fund are subject to risks inherent in all investments. The value of holdings may fall as well as rise, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. The price of investments will fluctuate and can decline in value due to factors affecting financial markets generally or particular industries, sectors, companies, countries or geographies represented in the portfolio, and reduce the value of a portfolio. The value of an investment may decline due to general market conditions which are not specifically related to particular investments, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook of macro-economic fundamentals, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. They may also decline due to factors which affect a particular region, sector or industry, such as labour shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions. Some investments may be less liquid and/or more volatile than others and therefore may involve greater risk.

A Sub-Fund's performance may be adversely affected by unfavourable markets and unstable economic conditions or other events, which may result in unanticipated losses that are beyond the control of the Sub-Fund.

Political and Regulatory Risk

The value of the assets of a Sub-Fund may be affected by domestic and international political developments, changes in social conditions, changes in government policies, taxation, restrictions on foreign investments and currency repatriation, the level of interest rates, currency fluctuations, fluctuations in both debt and equity capital markets, sovereign defaults, inflation and money supply deflation, and other developments in the legal, regulatory and political climate in the countries in which investments may be made, which may or may not occur without prior notice. Any such changes or developments may affect the value and marketability of a Sub-Fund's investments.

Market Disruptions

A Sub-Fund may incur major losses in the event of disrupted markets and other extraordinary events which may affect markets in a way that is not consistent with historical pricing relationships. The risk of loss from such a disconnection is compounded by the fact that in disrupted markets many positions become illiquid, making it difficult or impossible to close out positions against which the markets are moving.

Such a disruption may also result in substantial losses to a Sub-Fund because market disruptions and losses in one sector can cause effects in other sectors; for example, during the 'credit crunch' of 2007-2009 many investment vehicles suffered heavy losses even though they were not necessarily heavily invested in credit-related investments. In addition, the outbreak of infectious illnesses, such as those listed in the 'Epidemics and Other Health Risks' risk factor above, may have negative consequences for Sub-Funds due to the global impact on both valuations of investments and the disruption to normal operational processes.

Some of the Regulated Markets on which each Sub-Fund may invest may prove to be illiquid or highly volatile from time to time and this may affect the price at which each Sub-Fund may liquidate positions to meet repurchase requests or other funding requirements. Potential investors should also note that the securities of small capitalisation companies are less liquid and this may result in fluctuations in the price of the Shares of the relevant Sub-Fund. It may not always be possible for a Sub-Fund to execute a buy or sell order on exchanges at the desired price or to liquidate an open position due to market conditions including the operation of daily price fluctuation limits. If trading on an exchange is suspended or restricted, a Sub-Fund may not be able to execute trades or close out positions on terms which the Manager believes are desirable. As a Sub-Fund may invest in unlisted securities, a lack of liquidity in such securities may impact upon the valuation of those securities.

Force Majeure

The Company may be exposed to losses as a result of one or more force majeure events including, fire, disaster, riot, civil commotion, accident, outbreak of disease, epidemic, fire, flood, storm, rebellion, war, act of terrorism, government, monetary authority or military action or industrial dispute, strike or lock-out, computer error or failure, delay or breakdown in communications or electronic transmission systems, unavailability of market prices or suspension of dealing on relevant stock exchanges or any other cause or circumstance beyond the reasonable control of the Company, Manager, an Investment Manager or the Administrator.

Currency Risk

The Net Asset Value per Share will be computed in the Base Currency of the relevant Sub-Fund, whereas each Sub-Fund's investments may be acquired in a wide range of currencies. Accordingly, there is a currency exchange risk involved as a result of fluctuations in exchange rates between the Base Currency and such other currency in which a Sub-Fund is invested, which fluctuations may be substantial and may occur suddenly. Fluctuations in interest rates of the currency or currencies in which the Shares and/or the Sub-Fund's investments are denominated may affect financing costs and the real value of the Shares.

In certain Sub-Funds the Manager, or relevant Investment Manager may, but is not obliged to, seek to mitigate currency risk by entering into currency hedging transactions. The successful execution of a currency hedging strategy which matches exactly the profile of the investments of the relevant Sub-Fund cannot be assured. It may not be possible to hedge against generally anticipated exchange fluctuations at a price sufficient to protect the asset from the anticipated decline in value of the portfolio positions as a result of such fluctuations. Further it may not be possible or practical to hedge against currency exchange risk in all circumstances.

Share Currency Designation Risk

A Class of Shares of a Sub-Fund may be designated in a currency other than the Base Currency of the Sub-Fund and/or the designated currencies in which the Sub-Fund's assets are denominated.

Repurchase Proceeds and any distributions to Shareholders will normally be made in the currency of denomination of the relevant Class. Changes in the exchange rate between the Base Currency and such designated currency or changes in the exchange rate between the designated currency and the currencies in which the Sub-Fund's assets are denominated may lead to a depreciation of the value of such Shares as expressed in the designated currency. For Classes which are designated currency hedging Classes, the Manager or the relevant Investment Manager may try but is not obliged to mitigate this risk by undertaking currency hedging transactions in respect of the relevant Class. Investors should be aware that such hedging strategies may not completely eliminate exposure to such currency movements and that there is no guarantee that hedging strategies will be successful. Investors should also be aware that such hedging strategies may substantially limit Shareholders of the relevant Class from benefiting if the designated currency falls against the Base Currency and/or the currency/currencies in which the assets of the Sub-Fund are denominated. In such circumstances Shareholders of the relevant Class may be exposed to fluctuations in the Net Asset Value per Share reflecting the gains/losses on and the costs of the relevant financial instruments used to implement such currency hedging strategies. Financial instruments used to implement such strategies shall be assets/liabilities of the Sub-Fund as a whole, however, the gains/losses on and the costs of the relevant financial instruments will accrue solely to the relevant Class. If the assets of the relevant Class are not enough to cover any liabilities brought about by the hedging activity then Shareholders in other classes of the Sub-Fund will be liable for the excess liabilities.

Concentration Risk

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Sub-Fund may focus its investments from time to time on one or more geographic regions, countries, industries or

economic sectors. To the extent that it does so, developments affecting investments in such regions or sectors will likely have a magnified effect on the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund and total returns and may subject the Sub-Fund to greater risk of loss. Accordingly, the Sub-Fund could be considerably more volatile than a broad-based market index or other collective investment schemes funds that are diversified across a greater number of investments, regions, industries or sectors.

Portfolio Turnover

When circumstances warrant, investments may be sold or unwound without regard to the length of time held. Active trading increases a Sub-Fund's rate of turnover, which may increase brokerage commissions paid and certain other transaction expenses. The costs related to increased portfolio turnover has the effect of reducing a Sub-Fund's investment return and the sale of securities by a Sub-Fund may result in the realization of taxable capital gains, including short term capital gains.

Position Limits

Limits imposed by the Regulations, other applicable law, certain exchanges and trading venues or counterparties may negatively impact on the Manager or Investment Manager's ability to implement a Sub-Fund's investment policy. Position limits are maximum amounts that any one person or entity may own or control in a particular investment. If at any time the positions of a Sub-Fund were to exceed applicable position limits, the Manager, or Investment Manager, would be required to liquidate positions in a Sub-Fund to the extent necessary to observe those limits. Further to avoid exceeding the position limits, the Manager or Investment Manager may have to forego or modify certain of its contemplated investments.

Settlement Risk

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

Large cash positions

A Sub-Fund may, in certain circumstances, hold a significant portion of its assets in cash or cash equivalents at the Manager or relevant Investment Managers discretion. If a Sub-Fund holds a significant cash position for an extended period of time, its investment returns may be adversely affected and it may not achieve its investment objective.

Investments in Undervalued Securities

A Sub-Fund may seek to invest in undervalued securities. The identification of investment opportunities in undervalued securities is a difficult task, and there are no assurances that such opportunities will be successfully recognised or acquired. While investments in undervalued securities offer the opportunity for above-average capital appreciation, these investments involve a high degree of financial risk and can result in substantial losses. Returns generated from a Sub-Fund's investments may not adequately compensate for the business and financial risks assumed. In addition, a Sub-Fund may be required to hold such securities for a substantial period of time before realising their anticipated value. During this period, a portion of the Sub-Fund's capital would be committed to the securities purchased, thus possibly preventing the Sub-Fund from investing in other opportunities.

Equity Risk

Investing in equity securities, including derivatives on such equity securities, may offer a higher rate of return than those investing in debt securities. However, the risks associated with investments in equity securities may also be higher, because the investment performance of equity securities depends upon factors which are difficult to predict. Such factors include the possibility of sudden or prolonged market declines and risks associated with individual companies. The fundamental risk associated with any equity portfolio is the risk that the value of the investments it holds might suddenly and substantially decrease in value as a result in changes in a company's financial position and overall market and economic conditions.

Investment in Smaller Companies

Investments in smaller companies may offer greater opportunities for capital appreciation than larger companies, but may be more vulnerable to adverse market developments than larger companies and therefore investment in these companies tend to be riskier than investments in larger companies. Small companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources and may be dependent on a limited management group. Furthermore, shares in smaller companies can be harder to buy and sell and tend to go up and down in value more often and by larger amounts, especially in the short term.

Investment in Fixed Income Securities Risk

Where a Sub-Fund invests in fixed income securities, it will be subject to credit, liquidity and interest rate risks. The issuers of fixed income securities may default on their obligations whether due to insolvency, bankruptcy, fraud or other causes and their failure to make the scheduled payments could cause a Sub-Fund to suffer significant losses. Evaluating credit risk for fixed income securities involves uncertainty because credit rating agencies throughout the world have different standards, making comparison across countries difficult. The value of bonds and other fixed income securities usually rise and fall in response to changes in interest rates. Declining interest rates usually increases the value of existing debt instruments and rising interest rates generally reduce the value of existing debt instruments. Interest rate risk is generally greater for investments with longer durations or maturities and may also be greater for certain types of debt securities such as zero coupons and deferred interest bonds. During periods of rising interest rates, the average life of certain types of securities may be extended because of slower than expected principal payments. This may lock in a below-market interest rate, increase the security's duration and reduce the value of the security. Also, the market for fixed income securities is often inefficient and illiquid and it is likely that a major economic recession could disrupt severely the market for such securities and may have an adverse impact on the value of such securities. In addition, it is likely that any such economic downturn could adversely affect the ability of the issuers of such securities to repay principal and pay interest thereon and increase the incidence of default for such securities.

In addition to traditional fixed-rate securities, a Sub-Fund may invest in debt securities with variable or floating interest rates or dividend payments. Variable or floating rate securities bear rates of interest that are adjusted periodically according to certain formulae intended to reflect market rates of interest. These securities allow a Sub-Fund to participate in increases in interest rates through upwards adjustments of the coupon rates on such securities. However, during periods of increasing interest rates, changes in the coupon rates may lag behind the change in market rates or may have limits on the maximum increase in coupon rates. Alternatively, during periods of declining interest rates, the coupon rates on such securities readjust downward and this may result in a lower yield.

Sub-Investment Grade Bonds

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Sub-Fund may invest in sub-investment grade debt securities as well as securities without rating. Sub-investment grade debt securities or unrated securities may offer higher yields than higher-rated securities to compensate for the reduced creditworthiness and increased risk of default that these securities carry. Lower-rated securities generally tend to reflect short-term corporate and market developments to a greater extent than higher-rated securities which respond primarily to fluctuations

in the general level of interest rates. There are fewer investors in lower-rated securities and it may be harder to buy and sell such securities at an optimum time.

Non-investment grade and unrated securities are subject to the increased risk of an issuer's inability to meet principal and interest obligations and may be subject to greater price volatility due to such factors such as specific corporate developments, interest rate sensitivity, negative perceptions or publicity (whether or not based on fundamental analysis) of the sub-investment grade bond markets generally and less secondary market liquidity. The market value of non-investment grade fixed income securities tends to reflect individual corporate developments to a greater extent than that of investment grade securities which react primarily to fluctuations in the general level of interest rates. As a result, the ability of a Sub-Fund that invests in non-investment grade fixed income securities to achieve its investment objectives may depend to a greater extent on the Manager or Investment Manager's judgment concerning the creditworthiness of the issuers of such securities than Sub-Funds which invest in investment grade securities. Issuers of non-investment grade fixed income securities may not be able to make use of more traditional methods of financing and their ability to service debt obligations may be more adversely affected than issuers of investment grade securities by economic downturn, specific corporate developments or the issuer's inability to meet specific projected business forecasts.

A holder's risk of loss from default is significantly greater for non-investment grade securities than is the case for holders of other debt securities because such non-investment grade securities are generally unsecured and are often subordinated to the rights of other creditors of the issuers of such securities. Investments in defaulted securities poses additional risk of loss should non-payment of principal and interest continue. Even if such securities are held to maturity, recovery by a Sub-Fund of its initial investment and any anticipated income or appreciation is uncertain.

The secondary market for non-investment grade securities is concentrated in relatively few market makers and is dominated by institutional investors. Accordingly, the secondary market for such securities is not as liquid as, and is more volatile than, the secondary market for higher-rated securities. In addition, market trading volume for non-investment grade fixed income securities is generally lower and the secondary market for such securities could contract under adverse market or economic conditions, independent of any specific adverse changes in the condition of a particular issuer. These factors may have an adverse effect on the market price and a Sub-Fund's ability to dispose of particular portfolio investments, which may be reflected in wider bid/offer spreads than would be applied for investment grade securities. A less liquid secondary market also may make it more difficult for the Manager to obtain precise

valuations of the non-investment grade securities held by a Sub-Fund.

Investment in other Collective Investment Schemes

A Sub-Fund may, where specified in the relevant Supplement, invest in one or more CIS including schemes managed by the Manager or its affiliates. As a shareholder of another collective investment scheme, a Sub-Fund would bear, along with other shareholders, its pro rata portion of the expenses of the other collective investment scheme, including management and/or other fees. These fees would be in addition to the management fees and other expenses which a Sub-Fund bears directly in connection with its own operations.

A Sub-Fund which invests in other collective investment schemes is indirectly exposed to all of the risks applicable to that collective investment scheme. Certain trading and hedging techniques which may be employed by the other collective investment scheme such as leverage, short selling and investments in options or commodities or financial futures could increase the adverse impact to which the other collective investment scheme may be subject.

Commodity Risk

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Sub-Fund may generate indirect exposure to commodities markets which may subject it to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities as commodity investments may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or sectors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments.

FDI Risk

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Sub-Fund may engage in FDI for efficient portfolio management purposes, in order to hedge risks associated with its portfolio and/or for investment purposes. Such FDI may be Exchange Traded FDI or OTC derivatives. The market value of FDI can be more volatile than that of other investments and may be subject to various types of risks, including but not limited to, market risk, liquidity risk, credit risk, counterparty risk, legal risk and operations risk.

The prices of FDIs may be highly volatile. Price movements of forward contracts, futures contracts and other FDI are influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programmes and policies of governments, national and international political and economic events or changes in local laws and policies. In addition,

governments from time to time intervene, directly and by regulation, in certain markets, e.g. markets in currencies or interest rates. Such intervention often is intended directly to influence prices and may, together with other factors, cause markets to move rapidly in the same direction.

The use of FDI also involves certain special risks, including (1) dependence on the ability to predict movements in the prices of investments being hedged, (2) imperfect correlation between the hedging instruments and the investments or market sectors being hedged, (3) the fact that skills needed to use these instruments are different from those needed to select the Sub-Fund's other investments, and (4) the possible absence of a liquid market for any particular instrument at any particular time.

OTC Market risk

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

OTC transactions are not traded on exchanges and are not standardised; rather, banks and dealers act as principals in these markets, negotiating each transaction on an individual basis. Such trading is substantially unregulated; there is no limitation on daily price movements and speculative position limits are not applicable. OTC counterparties are not required to continue to make markets in the underlyings and these markets can experience periods of illiquidity, sometimes of significant duration. Market illiquidity or disruption could result in major losses to a Sub-Fund.

Counterparty Risk

A Sub-Fund will be exposed to a credit risk in relation to the counterparties with whom they transact or place margin or collateral in respect of transactions in FDI. To the extent that a counterparty defaults on its obligation and a Sub-Fund is delayed or prevented from exercising its rights with respect to the investments in its portfolio, it may experience a decline in the value of its position, lose income and incur costs associated with asserting its rights. With respect to exchange traded derivatives and centrally cleared OTC derivatives, the risk is more complex in that it involves the potential default of the exchange, clearing house or the clearing broker

Liquidity Risk

The Manager, or an Investment Manager, will only enter into OTC derivatives with counterparties who are contractually obliged to close out a position on request. However, this is subject to the Company being able to enforce the provisions of the relevant contract against the relevant counterparty effectively and promptly. In addition, should the Company enforce this contractual

right to close out the relevant position, this may result in significant losses to the relevant Sub-Fund.

Leverage Risk

The use of FDI can involve significant economic leverage and consequently adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying asset, rate or index can result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the FDI itself. The low initial margin deposits normally required to establish a position in such instruments permits leverage. As a result, a relatively small movement in the price of the underlying contract may result in a profit or a loss that is high in proportion to the amount of assets actually placed as initial margin and may result in unlimited further loss exceeding any margin deposited. Should this occur, investors could in certain circumstances face minimal or no returns or may even suffer a loss on their investment.

Legal Risk

OTC derivatives may also carry legal risk in that the use of standard contracts to effect such FDI transactions may expose a Sub-Fund to legal risks such as the contract not accurately reflecting the intention of the parties or the contract may not be enforceable against the counterparty in its jurisdiction of incorporation. Furthermore, contractual asymmetries and inefficiencies can also increase risk, such as break clauses, whereby a counterparty can terminate a transaction on the basis of a certain reduction in the Net Asset Value, incorrect collateral calls or delay in collateral recovery.

Position Risk

When a Sub-Fund purchases a security, the risk to the Sub-Fund is limited to the loss of its investment. In the case of a transaction involving FDI that Sub-Fund's liability may be potentially unlimited until the position is closed.

Correlation Risk

Derivatives do not always perfectly or even highly correlate or track the value of the securities, rates or indices they are designed to track. Consequently, the use of FDI may not always be an effective means of, and sometimes could be counter-productive to achieving a Sub-Fund's investment objective. An adverse price movement in a derivative position may require cash payments of variation margin by a Sub-Fund that might in turn require, if there is insufficient cash available in the portfolio, the sale of the relevant Sub-Fund's investments under disadvantageous conditions.

Liquidity of Futures Contracts

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

Total Return Swaps Risk

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Sub-Fund may enter into Total Return Swaps. The relevant Sub-Fund will be subject to the credit risk of the counterparty to the Total Return Swap, as well as that of the issuer of the reference obligation. If there is a default by the counterparty to a swap contract a Sub-Fund will be limited to contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. There is no assurance that swap contract counterparties will be able to meet their obligations pursuant to swap contracts or that, in the event of default, the Sub-Fund will succeed in pursuing contractual remedies. A Sub-Fund thus assumes the risk that it may be delayed in or prevented from obtaining payments owed to it pursuant to swap contracts. The value of the index/reference asset underlying a total return swap may differ to the value attributable to the total return swap held by a Sub-Fund due to various factors such as the costs incurred in relation to entering the total return swap and differences in currency values and costs associated with hedged or unhedged share classes.

Short Selling

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Sub-Fund may, by using certain FDI, hold short positions in particular investments, sectors or markets where the Manager or an Investment Manager wishes to express a negative view in relation to those investments, sectors or markets. Where the Sub-Fund holds a short position, the value of the short position will rise as the market value of the position falls.

Due to regulatory action taken by regulators around the world as a result of recent volatility in the global financial markets, taking short positions on certain investments and in respect of certain markets has been restricted. The levels of restriction vary across different jurisdictions and are subject to change in the short to medium term. These restrictions have made it difficult and in some cases impossible for numerous market participants either to continue to implement their investment strategies or to control the risk of their open positions. Accordingly, where relevant, the Investment Manager may not be in a position fully to express its negative views in relation to certain investments, companies, currencies, assets or sectors and the ability

of the Investment Manager to fulfil the investment objective of a Sub-Fund may be constrained.

Risks Associated with Securities Financing Transactions

Securities Financing Transactions create several risks, including counterparty risk if the counterparty to a Securities Financing Transaction defaults on its obligation to return assets equivalent to the ones provided to it by the relevant Sub-Fund and liquidity risk if the Sub-Fund is unable to liquidate collateral provided to it to cover a counterparty default.

Securities Lending

Where a Sub-Fund enters into securities lending arrangements for efficient portfolio management purposes there are risks in the exposure to market movements if recourse has to be had to collateral, or if there is fraud or negligence on the part of the Depositary or lending agent. In addition, there is an operational risk associated with marking to market daily valuations and there are the potential stability risks of providers of collateral. The principal risk in securities lending arrangements is the insolvency of the borrower. Should the borrower of securities fail financially or default on any of its obligations under any securities lending transaction, the collateral provided in connection with such transaction will be called upon. The value of the collateral will be maintained to a certain level to ensure that the exposure to a given counterparty does not breach any risk-spreading rules under the Regulations, however, there is a risk that the value of the collateral provided may fall below the value of the securities transferred. In addition, a Sub-Fund may invest cash collateral received under a securities lending arrangement in accordance with the requirements set down in the CBI UCITS Regulations, any such Sub-Fund will be exposed to the risks associated with such investments.

Repurchase Agreements

Under a repurchase agreement, a Sub-Fund retains the economic risks and rewards of the securities which it has sold to the counterparty and therefore is exposed to market risk in the event that it must repurchase such securities from the counterparty at the pre-determined price which is higher than the value of the securities.

Reverse Repurchase Agreements

If a seller of securities to a Sub-Fund under a reverse repurchase agreement defaults on its obligation to repurchase the underlying securities, as a result of its bankruptcy or otherwise, the Sub-Fund will seek to dispose of such securities, which action could involve costs and/or delays. If the seller becomes insolvent and subject to a liquidation or reorganisation under bankruptcy or other laws, a Sub-Fund's ability to dispose of the underlying securities may be restricted. It is

possible, in a bankruptcy or liquidation scenario that the Sub-Fund may not be able to substantiate its interest in the underlying securities. Furthermore, if a seller defaults on its obligation to repurchase securities under a reverse repurchase agreement, a Sub-Fund may suffer a loss to the extent that it is forced to liquidate its position in the market, and proceeds from the sale of the underlying securities are less than the repurchase price agreed to by the defaulting seller.

Risks associated with Collateral Management

Collateral or margin may be passed by the relevant Sub-Fund to a counterparty or broker in respect of FDI transactions or Securities Financing Transactions. Assets deposited as collateral or margin with brokers may not be held in segregated accounts by the brokers and may therefore become available to the creditors of such brokers in the event of their insolvency or bankruptcy which may hinder or delay the return of collateral to the relevant Sub-Fund.

Where collateral is posted to a counterparty or broker by way of title transfer or where the Company on behalf of a Sub-Fund grants a right of re-use under a security collateral arrangement which is subsequently exercised by the counterparty, the Company on behalf of the relevant Sub-Fund will only have an unsecured contractual claim for the return of equivalent assets. In the event of an insolvency of a counterparty, the Sub-Fund shall rank as an unsecured creditor and may not receive equivalent assets or recover the full value of assets passed as collateral. More broadly, assets subject to a right of re-use by a counterparty may form part of a complex chain of transactions over which the Company or its delegates will not have any visibility or control.

Counterparty Risk - General

A Sub-Fund has a credit risk on the counterparties with which it trades. In the event of the insolvency, bankruptcy or default of any such counterparty the Sub-Fund bears the risk that the counterparty may not settle a transaction in accordance with market practice due to credit or liquidity problems of the counterparty, or due to the insolvency, fraud or regulatory sanction of the counterparty, thus causing the Sub-Fund to suffer a loss.

The Manager or an Investment Manager on account of a Sub-Fund may enter into transactions with brokerage firms, broker-dealers and banks. These financial institutions, being a counterparty to the transactions, may also be issuers of other financial Instruments in which a Sub-Fund invests. The Manager or an Investment Manager may have contractual remedies upon any default pursuant to the agreements related to the transactions, however, such remedies could be inadequate to the extent that the collateral or other assets available are insufficient.

Deposits of securities or cash with a custodian, bank or financial institution will also carry counterparty risk as the custodian or depository may be unable to perform their obligations due to credit-related and other events like insolvency or default by them. In these circumstances, a Sub-Fund may be required to exit certain transactions and may encounter difficulties with respect to court procedures in seeking recovery of the Sub-Fund's assets. Furthermore, in some custody, sub-custody or stock-lending arrangements, a Sub-Fund may not have a right to have specific assets returned to it, but rather, the Sub-Fund may only have an unsecured claim against the custodian or counterparty, in which case it may lose all or the greater part of the value of the relevant assets.

Where a Sub-Fund delivers collateral to its trading counterparties under the terms of its trading agreements with such parties, a counterparty may be over-collateralised and the Sub-Fund will, therefore, be exposed to the creditworthiness of such counterparties to the extent of the over-collateralisation. Collateral provided to a trading counterparty may be subject to counterparty risk. In addition, the Sub-Fund may from time to time have uncollateralised exposure to its trading counterparties in relation to its rights to receive securities and cash under contracts governing its trading positions. In the event of the insolvency of a trading counterparty, the Sub-Fund will rank as an unsecured creditor in relation to amounts equivalent to both any uncollateralised exposure to such trading counterparties and any such over collateralisation, and in such circumstances it is likely that the Sub-Fund will not be able to recover any debt in full, or at all.

Emerging Market Risk

A Sub-Fund may invest in investments in emerging markets or may have investments, the price of which are referenced to investments of issuers located in such countries.

Investment in emerging markets involves risk factors and special considerations which may not be typically associated with investing in more developed markets. These risks include;

Political Risk

Political or economic change and instability may be more likely to occur and have a greater effect on the economies and markets of emerging countries. The performance of a Sub-Fund may be affected by adverse changes in government policies, legal and tax requirements, restrictions on foreign investments, the imposition of restrictions on the transfer of capital. A Sub-Fund may also be exposed to risks of expropriation, nationalisation and confiscation of assets and changes in legislation relating to the level of foreign ownership.

Currency Risk

The assets of a Sub-Fund investing in emerging markets may be affected unfavourably by fluctuations in currency rates and exchange control and tax regulations and consequently the Net Asset Value per Share of such Sub-Fund may be subject to significant volatility.

Liquidity Risk

By comparison with more developed financial markets, emerging market countries' financial markets, in general, are smaller, less liquid and more volatile than those of the world's leading stock markets. Purchases and sales of investments may take longer than would otherwise be expected on developed stock markets and transactions may need to be conducted at unfavourable prices.

Settlement, Accounting and Custody Risk

The clearing, settlement and registration systems available to effect trades in emerging markets are significantly less developed than those in more developed markets, which may increase settlement risk and/or result in delays in registering the transfer of investments. Problems of settlement may impact the liquidity and value of a Sub-Fund. Furthermore, the legal infrastructure and accounting, auditing and reporting standards in emerging markets may not provide the same degree of investor information or protection as would generally apply in more developed markets. There may be limited financial or accounting information available with respect to local issuers and it may be difficult as a result for the Manager or Investment Manager to assess the value or prospects of an investment. In particular, greater reliance may be placed by the auditors on representations from the management of a company and there may be less independent verification of information than would apply in many developed countries. The valuation of assets, depreciation, exchange differences, deferred taxation, contingent liabilities and consolidation may also be treated differently from international accounting standards.

Investments in certain emerging markets may involve the risk that the custodial system are not as well developed as those in developed markets. In certain circumstances a Sub-Fund may not be able to recover or may encounter delays in the recovery of some of its assets. Such circumstances may include uncertainty relating to, or the retroactive application of legislation, the imposition of exchange controls or improper registration of title. In some emerging market countries evidence of title to shares is maintained in 'book-entry' form by an independent registrar who may not be subject to effective government supervision, which increases the risk of the registration of a Sub-Funds holdings of shares in such markets being lost through fraud, negligence or mere oversight on the part of such independent registrars. The costs borne by a Sub-Fund in investing and holding investments in such markets

will generally be higher than in organised securities markets.

Legal and Regulatory Risk

Laws governing foreign investment and financial transactions in emerging markets may be less sophisticated than in developed countries. Accordingly, a Sub-Fund which invests in emerging markets may be subject to additional risks, including inadequate investor protection, unclear or contradictory legislation or regulations and lack of enforcement thereof, ignorance or breach of legislation or regulations on the part of other market participants, lack of legal redress and breaches of confidentiality. It may be difficult to obtain and enforce a judgement in certain emerging markets in which assets of the Sub-Fund are invested.

Repatriation of Funds Risk

Some emerging markets may impose restrictions on foreign exchange, especially in relation to the repatriation of foreign funds. Such restrictions may include prohibition on the repatriation of foreign funds for a fixed time horizon and limitation of the percentage of invested funds to be repatriated at each time. As a result, a Sub-Fund could be adversely affected by the delay in, or refusal to grant an approval for repatriation of funds or by any official intervention affecting the repatriation of funds.

Increased Investment Costs and Taxation Risk

Emerging market investments may incur brokerage or stock transfer taxes levied by governments which would have the effect of increasing the cost of investment and which may reduce the realised gain or increase the loss on such investments at the same time. In addition, custodial expenses for emerging market investments are typically higher than for developed market investments. Dividend and interest payments from, and capital gains in respect of, emerging market investments may be subject to foreign taxes that may or may not be reclaimable.

Investment in Russia

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Sub-Fund may invest a portion of its assets in Russia. In addition to the risks disclosed above under the section titled [Emerging Market Risk](#), investments in Russia may involve a particularly high degree of risk and special considerations not typically associated with investing in more developed markets, many of which stem from Russia's continuing political and economic instability and the slow-paced development of its market economy.

Such risks and special considerations include: (a) delays in settling portfolio transactions and the risk of loss arising out of Russia's system of share registration and custody; (b) pervasiveness of corruption, insider trading, and crime in the Russian economic system; (c) difficulties

associated in obtaining accurate market valuations of many Russian investments, based partly on the limited amount of publicly available information; (d) the general financial condition of Russian companies, which may involve particularly large amounts of inter-company debt; (e) the risk that the Russian tax system will not be reformed to prevent inconsistent, retroactive and/or exorbitant taxation or, in the alternative, the risk that a reformed tax system may result in the inconsistent and unpredictable enforcement of the new tax laws (f) the risk that the government of Russia or other executive or legislative bodies may decide not to continue to support the economic reform programs implemented since the dissolution of the Soviet Union (g) the lack of corporate governance provisions applying in Russia generally, and (h) the lack of any rules or regulations relating to investor protection.

Some Russian securities are issued in book-entry form, with ownership recorded in a share register held by the issuer's registrar. Transfers may be effected by entries to the books of registrars. Transferees of shares may have no proprietary rights in respect of shares until their name appears in the register of shareholders of the issuer. The law and practice relating to registration of shareholdings are not well developed in Russia and registration delays and failures to register shares can occur. In common with other emerging markets, Russia has no central source for the issuance or publication of corporate actions information. The Depository therefore cannot guarantee the completeness or timeliness of the distribution of corporate actions notifications. Investments in securities listed or traded in Russia will only be made in securities that are listed or traded on the Moscow Exchange.

Investment in China

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Sub-Fund may invest a portion of its assets in investments issued by issuers located in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). In addition to the risks disclosed above under the section titled [Emerging Market Risk](#), investments in securities of Chinese issuers may involve a particularly high degree of risk and special considerations not typically associated with investing in more developed markets.

These additional risks include (without limitation): (a) inefficiencies resulting from erratic growth; (b) the unavailability of consistently-reliable economic data; (c) potentially high rates of inflation; (d) dependence on exports and international trade; (e) relatively high levels of asset price volatility, suspension risk and difficulties in settlement of securities; (f) small market capitalization and less liquidity; (g) greater competition from regional economies; (h) fluctuations in currency exchange rates, particularly in light of the relative lack of currency hedging instruments and controls on the ability to exchange local currency for U.S. dollars or other currencies; (i) the relatively small size and absence of

operating history of many Chinese companies; (j) the developing nature of the legal and regulatory framework for securities markets, custody arrangements and commerce; and (k) uncertainty with respect to the commitment of the government of the PRC to economic reforms and development of the Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (“QFII”) program, pursuant to which the Sub-Funds may invest in the PRC and which regulates repatriation and currency conversion. In addition, there is a lower level of regulation and enforcement activity in these securities markets compared to more developed international markets. These could potentially be a lack of consistency in interpreting and applying the relevant regulations and a risk that the regulators may impose immediate or rapid changes to existing laws or introduce new laws, rules, regulations or policies without any prior consultation with or notice to market participants which may severely restrict a Sub-Fund’s ability to pursue its investment objectives or strategies. There also exists control on foreign investment in China and limitations on repatriation of invest capital. Under the QFII program, there are certain regulatory restrictions particularly on aspects including (without limitation to) investment scope, investment quota, repatriation of funds, foreign shareholding limit and account structure. As a result of PRC regulatory requirements, a Sub-Fund may be limited in its ability to invest in securities or instruments tied to the PRC and/or may be required to liquidate its holdings in securities or instruments tied to the PRC. Under certain instances, such liquidations may result in losses for a Sub-Fund. In addition, securities exchanges in the PRC typically have the right to suspend or limit trading in any security traded on the relevant exchange. The PRC government or relevant PRC regulators may also implement policies that may adversely affect the PRC financial markets. Such suspensions, limitations or policies may have a negative impact on the performance of a Sub-Fund’s investments.

Although the PRC has experienced a relatively stable political environment in recent years, there is no guarantee that such stability will be maintained in the future. As an emerging market, many factors may affect such stability – such as increasing gaps between the rich and poor or agrarian unrest and instability of existing political structures – and may result in adverse consequences to a Sub-Fund investing in securities and instruments economically tied to the PRC. Political uncertainty, military intervention and political corruption could reverse favourable trends toward market and economic reform, privatization and removal of trade barriers, and could result in significant disruption to securities markets.

The PRC is dominated by the one-party rule of the Communist Party. Investments in the PRC are subject to risks associated with greater governmental control over and involvement in the economy. The PRC manages its currency at artificial levels relative to the U.S. dollar rather than at levels determined by the market. This type

of system can lead to sudden and large adjustments in the currency, which, in turn, can have a disruptive and negative effect on foreign investors. The PRC also may restrict the free conversion of its currency into foreign currencies. Currency repatriation restrictions may have the effect of making securities and instruments tied to the PRC relatively illiquid, particularly in connection with redemption requests. In addition, the government of the PRC exercises significant control over economic growth through direct and heavy involvement in resource allocation and monetary policy, control over payment of foreign currency denominated obligations and provision of preferential treatment to particular industries and/or companies. Economic reform programs in the PRC have contributed to growth, but there is no guarantee that such reforms will continue.

Natural disasters such as droughts, floods, earthquakes and tsunamis have plagued the PRC in the past, and the region’s economy may be affected by such environmental events in the future. A Sub-Fund’s investment in the PRC is, therefore, subject to the risk of such events. In addition, the relationship between the PRC and Taiwan is particularly sensitive, and hostilities between the PRC and Taiwan may present a risk to a Sub-Fund’s investments in the PRC.

The application of tax laws (e.g. the imposition of withholding taxes on dividend or interest payments) or confiscatory taxation may also affect a Sub-Fund’s investment in the PRC. Because the rules governing taxation of investments in securities and instruments economically tied to the PRC are unclear, the Company may provide for capital gains taxes on Sub-Funds investing in such securities and instruments by reserving both realized and unrealized gains from disposing or holding securities and instruments economically tied to the PRC. This approach is based on current market practice and the Investment Manager’s understanding of the applicable tax rules. Changes in market practice or understanding of the applicable tax rules may result in the amounts reserved being too great or too small relative to actual tax burdens. Investors should be aware that their investments may be adversely affected by changes in Chinese tax law and regulations, which may apply with retrospective effect and which are constantly in a state of flux and will change constantly over time.

In addition, the PRC securities markets, including the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange, are undergoing a period of growth and change which may lead to difficulties in the settlement and recording of transactions and interpreting and applying the relevant regulations.

Risks associated with the Stock Connect Scheme

Where a Sub-Fund invests through the Stock Connect Scheme, it will be subject to the following risks:-

Quota limitations risk. The Stock Connect Scheme is subject to quota limitations. Trading under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect will be subject to a daily quota respectively (“**Daily Quota**”). The Daily Quota will apply on a ‘net buy’ basis. In particular, once the remaining balance of the Northbound Daily Quota drops to zero or the Northbound Daily Quota is exceeded during the opening call auction session, new buy orders will be rejected (though investors will be allowed to sell their cross-boundary securities regardless of the quota balance). Therefore, quota limitations may restrict a Sub-Fund’s ability to invest in China A shares through the Stock Connect Scheme on a timely basis, and a Sub-Fund may not be able to effectively pursue its investment strategies.

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

Differences in trading days. The Stock Connect Scheme only operates on days when both the PRC and Hong Kong stock markets are open for trading and when banks in both markets are open on the corresponding settlement days. Therefore, it is possible that there are occasions when it is a normal trading day for the SSE or SZSE but Hong Kong stock markets or banks are closed and overseas investors (such as a Sub-Fund) cannot carry out any China A shares trading. Due to the differences in trading days, a Sub-Fund may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in China A shares on a day that the PRC stock markets are open for trading but the Hong Kong stock market is closed.

Operational risk. The Stock Connect Scheme provides a channel for investors from Hong Kong and overseas to access the PRC stock markets directly.

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

Market participants generally have configured and adapted their operational and technical systems for the purpose of trading China A shares through the Stock Connect Scheme. However, it should be appreciated that the securities regimes and legal systems of the two markets differ significantly and in order for the programmes to operate, market participants may need

to address issues arising from the differences on an on-going basis.

Further, the ‘connectivity’ in the Stock Connect Scheme requires routing of orders across the border. SEHK has set up an order routing system (“**China Stock Connect System**”) to capture, consolidate and route the cross-boundary orders input by exchange participants. There is no assurance that the systems of the SEHK and market participants will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in both markets. In the event that the relevant systems failed to function properly, trading in both markets through the programme could be disrupted. A Sub-Fund’s ability to access the China A shares market (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) will be adversely affected.

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

Generally, if a Sub-Fund desires to sell certain China A shares it holds, it must transfer those China A shares to the respective accounts of its brokers before the market opens on the day of selling (“**Trading Day**”) unless its brokers can otherwise confirm that a Sub-Fund has sufficient China A shares in the accounts. If it fails to meet this deadline, it will not be able to sell those shares on the Trading Day. Because of this requirement, a Sub-Fund may not be able to dispose of holdings of China A shares in a timely manner.

Alternatively, if the Sub-Fund maintains its China A shares with a custodian which is a custodian participant or general clearing participant participating in the Central Clearing and Settlement System (“**CCASS**”) operated by Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (“**HKSCC**”) for the clearing securities listed or traded on SEHK, the Sub-Fund may request such custodian to open a special segregated account (“**SPSA**”) in CCASS to maintain its holdings in China A shares under the enhanced pre-trade checking model. Each SPSA will be assigned a unique ‘Investor ID’ by CCASS for the purpose of facilitating the system to verify the holdings of an investor such as the Sub-Fund. Provided that there is sufficient holding in the SPSA when a broker inputs the Sub-Fund’s sell order, the Sub-Fund will only need to transfer China A shares from its SPSA to its broker’s account after execution and not before placing the sell order and the Sub-Fund will not be subject to the risk of being unable to dispose of its holdings of China A shares in a timely manner due to failure to transfer China A shares to its brokers in a timely manner.

Recalling of eligible stocks – When a stock is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks for trading via the Stock Connect Scheme, the stock can only be sold but

restricted from being bought. This may affect the investment portfolio or strategy of a Sub-Fund, for example, when the Investment Manager wishes to purchase a stock which is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks.

Custody, clearing and settlement risk – The Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (“**HKSCC**”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of HKEX, will be responsible for the clearing, settlement and the provision of depository, nominee and other related services of the trades executed by Hong Kong market participants and investors. The China A shares traded through Stock Connect Scheme are issued in scripless form, so investors will not hold any physical China A shares. Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Sub-Fund) who have acquired SSE Securities or SZSE Securities through Northbound trading should maintain the SSE Securities or SZSE Securities with their brokers’ or custodians’ stock accounts with the CCASS.

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

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

Participation in corporate actions and shareholders’ meetings – Notwithstanding the fact that HKSCC does not claim proprietary interests in the SSE Securities and SZSE Securities held in its omnibus stock account in ChinaClear, ChinaClear as the share registrar for SSE/SZSE listed companies will still treat HKSCC as one of the shareholders when it handles corporate actions in respect of such SSE Securities or SZSE Securities (as the case may be).

HKSCC will monitor the corporate actions affecting SSE Securities and SZSE Securities and keep the relevant brokers or custodians participating in CCASS (“**CCASS Participants**”) informed of all such corporate actions that require CCASS Participants to take steps in order to participate in them. The HKSCC will keep CCASS participants informed of corporate actions of SSE Securities and SZSE Securities. Where the articles of association of a listed company do not prohibit the

appointment of proxy/multiple proxies by its shareholder, HKSCC will make arrangements to appoint one or more investors as its proxies or representatives to attend shareholders’ meetings when instructed. Further, investors (with holdings reaching the thresholds required under the PRC regulations and the articles of associations of listed companies) may, through their CCASS Participants, pass on proposed resolutions to listed companies via HKSCC under the CCASS rules. HKSCC will pass on such resolutions to the companies as shareholder on record if so permitted under the relevant regulations and requirements. Hong Kong and overseas investors (including a Sub-Fund) are holding SSE Securities and SZSE Securities traded via the Stock Connect Scheme through their brokers or custodians, and they will need to comply with the arrangement and deadline specified by their respective brokers or custodians (i.e. CCASS Participants). The time for them to take actions for some types of corporate actions of SSE Securities and SZSE Securities may be very short. Therefore, it is possible that a Sub-Fund may not be able to participate in some corporate actions in a timely manner.

Nominee arrangements in holding China A shares – HKSCC is the nominee holder of the SSE Securities and SZSE Securities acquired by Hong Kong and overseas investors (including a Sub-Fund) through the Stock Connect Scheme. The current Stock Connect Scheme rules expressly provide for the concept of a ‘nominee holder’ and there are other laws and regulations in the PRC which recognise the concepts of ‘beneficial owner’ and ‘nominee holder’. Although there is reasonable ground to believe that an investor may be able to take legal action in its own name to enforce its rights in the courts in the PRC if it can provide evidence to show that it is the beneficial owner of SSE Securities/ SZSE Securities and that it has a direct interest in the matter, investors should note that some of the relevant PRC rules related to nominee holder are only departmental regulations and are generally untested in the PRC. There is no assurance that a Sub-Fund will not encounter difficulties or delays in terms of enforcing its rights in relation to China A shares acquired through the Stock Connect Scheme. However, regardless of whether a beneficial owner of SSE Securities under Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect or SZSE Securities under Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is legally entitled to bring legal action directly in the PRC courts against a listed company to enforce its rights, HKSCC is prepared to provide assistance to the beneficial owners of SSE Securities and SZSE Securities where necessary.

No Protection by Investor Compensation Fund – Investments through the Stock Connect Scheme are conducted through brokers, and are subject to the risks of default by such brokers’ in their obligations.

A Sub-Fund’s investments through Northbound trading under the Stock Connect Scheme are not covered by the Hong Kong’s Investor Compensation Fund, which is

established to pay compensation to investors of any nationality who suffer pecuniary losses as a result of default of a licensed intermediary or authorised financial institution in relation to exchange-traded products in Hong Kong. Therefore a Sub-Fund is exposed to the risks of default of the broker(s) it engages in its trading in China A shares through the Stock Connect Scheme. Further, since a Sub-Fund is carrying out Northbound trading through securities brokers in Hong Kong but not PRC brokers, it is not protected by the China Securities Investor Protection Fund (中國證券投資者保護基金) in the PRC.

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

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

PRC Tax risk

(a) Dividends

Pursuant to the 'Notice about the tax policies related to the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect' (Caishui [2014] No. 81) ("**Notice No. 81**") promulgated by the Ministry of Finance of the PRC ("**MOF**"), the State Administration of Taxation of the PRC ("**SAT**") and the China Securities Regulatory Commission ("**CSRC**") on 14 November 2014, a Sub-Fund is subject to a withholding income tax ("**WHT**") at 10% on dividends received from China A shares traded via Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, unless reduced under a double tax treaty with the PRC upon application to and obtaining approval from the competent PRC authority.

Pursuant to the 'Notice on the tax policies related to the Pilot program of Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect' (Caishui [2016] No. 127) ("**Notice No. 127**") promulgated by the MOF, SAT and CSRC on 5 November 2016, a Sub-Fund is subject to a WHT at 10% on dividends received from China A shares traded via Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect.

Dividends received by the Sub-Fund from China A shares traded via the Stock Connect Scheme should not be subject to VAT.

(b) Capital gains

Pursuant to Notice No. 81 and Notice No. 127, PRC corporate income tax ("**CIT**") will be temporarily exempted on capital gains derived by Hong Kong and overseas investors (including a Sub-Fund) on the trading of China A shares through the Stock Connect Scheme.

Notice No. 81, which was issued under the PRC Business Tax ("**BT**") regime, stated that investors in the Hong Kong market (including the Sub-Fund) are temporarily exempt from PRC BT with respect to gains derived from the trading of China A shares through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect.

Pursuant to Notice No. 127, investors in the Hong Kong market (including a Sub-Fund) are temporarily exempt from PRC VAT with respect to gains derived from the trading of China A shares through the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect.

Since 19 September, 2008 onwards, only the seller is taxable to stamp duty at the rate of 0.1% on the sale of PRC listed shares and the buyer is not liable to any stamp duty.

It is noted that Notice No. 81 and Notice No. 127 both state that the exemption on CIT, BT and VAT effective from 17 November, 2014 and 5 December, 2016 respectively is temporary. As such, as and when the PRC authorities announce the expiry date of the exemption, a Sub-Fund may in future need to make provision to reflect taxes payable, which may have a substantial negative impact on a Sub-Fund's NAV.

Liquidity Risk

The Sub-Funds endeavour to acquire only such financial instruments for which a liquid market exists. However, under certain market conditions, such as during volatile markets or when trading in certain investments or markets is otherwise impaired, the liquidity of a Sub-Fund's investments may be reduced. During such times, a Sub-Fund may be unable to dispose of certain investments, which would adversely affect the Sub-Fund's ability to rebalance its portfolio or to meet redemption requests. In addition, such circumstances may force the relevant Sub-Fund to dispose of investments at reduced prices, thereby adversely affecting a Sub-Fund's performance. If other market participants are seeking to dispose of similar investments at the same time, a Sub-Fund may be unable to sell or exit such investments or prevent losses relating to such investments. Furthermore, if a Sub-Fund incurs substantial trading losses, the need for liquidity could rise sharply while its access to liquidity could be impaired. In addition, in conjunction with a market downturn, a Sub-Fund's counterparties could incur losses of their own, thereby weakening their financial condition and increasing a Sub-Fund's credit risk with respect to them. Further it may difficult to value illiquid securities accurately which may lead to difficulties with confirming the final Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund.

Large Redemption Risk

Substantial redemption requests by Shareholders in a concentrated period of time could require a Sub-Fund to liquidate certain of its investments more rapidly than might otherwise be desirable in order to raise cash to fund the redemptions and achieve a portfolio appropriately reflecting a smaller asset base. This may limit the ability of the Manager, or the Investment Manager where appointed, to successfully implement the investment programme of a Sub-Fund and could negatively impact the value of Shares being redeemed and the value of Shares that remain in issue. Moreover, regardless of the time period over which substantial redemption requests are made, the resulting reduction in the Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund could make it more difficult for a Sub-Fund to generate profits or recover losses. Any redemption by a large Shareholder could have an adverse impact on the remaining Shareholders in a Sub-Fund as their proportionate share of the fees and expenses could increase. Shareholders will not receive notification of substantial redemption requests received in respect of a Sub-Fund and therefore may not have the opportunity to redeem their Shares or portion thereof prior to or at the same time as the redeeming Shareholders.

Settlement Risk relating to Receipt of Subscription Monies after Dealing Day

Where provided for in the relevant Supplement, a Sub-Fund may accept subscriptions after the relevant Dealing Day. Shareholders in a Sub-Fund bear the risk of an applicant failing to provide subscription monies and the Sub-Fund incurring a loss. Whilst the defaulting applicant will be contractually required to indemnify the relevant Sub-Fund for any losses, costs or expenses incurred by the Sub-Fund arising out of any non-receipt of non-clearance of subscription monies, there is a risk that the Sub-Fund may not be able to recover such costs from the applicant. Furthermore, to the extent that a Sub-Fund suffers any negative performance between the Dealing Day in respect of which the Shares are issued and the Dealing Day on which the relevant Shares are subsequently deemed compulsorily redeemed and where the Company does not succeed in recovering such loss from the relevant applicant, the relevant Sub-Fund may suffer a loss as a result of the Company being required to compulsorily redeem such Shares at the prevailing Net Asset Value.

Valuation Risks

Certain investments held by a Sub-Fund may be valued at the probable realisation value as determined in accordance with the valuation provisions set out in the section titled [Calculation of Net Asset Value](#). Estimates of the fair value of such investments are inherently difficult to establish and are the subject of substantial uncertainty. Where an investment is valued using a probable realisation value, there is no guarantee that such prices will accurately reflect the price the relevant

Sub-Fund will receive upon the sale of the investment and to the extent that a Sub-Fund sells an investment at a price lower than the price which has been used to value the investment, its Net Asset Value will be adversely affected.

The Company may consult the Manager or an Investment Manager with respect to the valuation of unquoted investments. There is an inherent conflict of interest between the involvement of the Manager in determining the valuation price of a Sub-Fund's investments and its other responsibilities and fee entitlement.

Operation of Subscription/Redemption Accounts

The Company operates a Subscription/Redemption Account for each Sub-Fund. Monies in each Subscription/Redemption Account are deemed assets of the respective Sub-Fund and shall not have the protection of the Investor Money Regulations. There is a risk for investors to the extent that monies are held by the Company in the Subscription/Redemption Account for the account of a Sub-Fund at a point where that Sub-Fund becomes insolvent. In respect of any claim by an investor in relation to monies held in the Subscription/Redemption Account, the investor shall rank as an unsecured creditor of the relevant Sub-Fund.

Nominee Arrangement

Where an investor chooses to invest in a Sub-Fund via a nominee arrangement, they should note that Shares acquired via such nominee will be registered in the name of that nominee and all rights in respect of those Shares will be exercisable against the Company only through the nominee. The Company will deal with the nominee as the registered Shareholder and the investor will need to ensure that it enters into an arrangement with the nominee under which the nominee agrees to forward all relevant information to the investor and to seek their instructions in relation to any matters affecting the Shares held by them. Neither the Company, the Manager or the Administrator will have any liability for any failure by the nominee to exercise any rights attached to Shares in accordance with instructions issued by the underlying investors.

Handling of Mail

Mail addressed to the Company and received at its registered office will be forwarded unopened to the Administrator to be dealt with. None of the Company, its directors, officers or service providers will bear any responsibility for any delay howsoever caused in mail reaching the Administrator.

Late Share Subscriptions and Redemptions

Where requests for subscription or redemption are received late (i.e. after the relevant Dealing Deadline),

there will be a delay between the time of submission of the request and the actual date of subscription or repurchase. Such deferrals or delays may operate to decrease the number of Shares or the repurchase amount to be received.

Allocation of Shortfalls Among Classes of a Sub-Fund

The right of holders of any Class of Shares to participate in the assets of the Company is limited to the assets (if any) of the relevant Sub-Fund and all the assets comprising a Sub-Fund will be available to meet all of the liabilities of the Sub-Fund, regardless of the different amounts stated to be payable on the separate Classes (as set out in the relevant Supplement).

For example, if on a winding-up of the Company, the amounts received by the Company (after payment of all fees, expenses and other liabilities which are to be borne by the relevant Sub-Fund) are insufficient to pay the full repurchase amounts payable in respect of all Classes of Shares of the relevant Sub-Fund, each Class of Shares of the Sub-Fund will rank *pari passu* with each other Class of Shares of the relevant Sub-Fund, and the proceeds of the relevant Sub-Fund will be distributed equally amongst each Shareholder of that Sub-Fund *pro rata* to the amount paid up on the Shares held by each Shareholder. The relevant Shareholders will have no further right of payment in respect of their Shares or any claim against any other Sub-Fund or any other assets of the Company.

This may mean that the overall return (taking account of any dividends already paid) to Shareholders who hold Shares paying dividends quarterly or more frequently may be higher than the overall return to Shareholders who hold Shares paying dividends annually and that the overall return to Shareholders who hold Shares paying dividends may be higher than the overall return to Shareholders who hold Shares paying no dividends.

In practice, cross liability between Classes is only likely to arise where the aggregate amounts payable in respect of any Class exceed the assets of the Sub-Fund notionally allocated to that Class, that is, those amounts (if any) received by the Company (after payment of all fees, expenses and other liabilities which are to be borne by such Sub-Fund) that are intended to fund payments in respect of such Class or are otherwise attributable to that Class. In these circumstances, the remaining assets of the Sub-Fund notionally allocated to any other Class of the same Sub-Fund may be available to meet such payments and may accordingly not be available to meet any amounts that otherwise would have been payable on such other Class.

8.3 RISK FACTORS NOT EXHAUSTIVE

The investment risks set out in this Prospectus do not purport to be exhaustive and potential investors should

be aware that an investment in any Sub-fund may be exposed to risks of an exceptional nature from time to time.

9 Taxation

9.1 GENERAL

The following statements on taxation are with regard to the law and practice in force in Ireland at the date of this document and do not constitute legal or tax advice to Shareholders or prospective Shareholders. As is the case with any investment, there can be no guarantee that the tax position or proposed tax position prevailing at the time an investment in the Company is made will endure indefinitely, as the basis for and rates of taxation can fluctuate.

Prospective Shareholders should familiarise themselves with and, where appropriate, take advice on the laws and regulations (such as those relating to taxation and exchange controls) applicable to the subscription for, and the holding and repurchase of, Shares in the places of their citizenship, residence and domicile.

The Directors recommend that Shareholders obtain tax advice from an appropriate source in relation to the tax liability arising from the holding of Shares in the Company and any investment returns from those Shares.

9.2 IRELAND

9.2.1 Taxation of the Company

The Directors have been advised that the Company is an investment undertaking within the meaning of section 739B of TCA and therefore is not chargeable to Irish tax on its relevant income or relevant gains so long as the Company is resident for tax purposes in Ireland. The Company will be resident for tax purposes in Ireland if it is centrally managed and controlled in Ireland. It is intended that the Directors of the Company will conduct the affairs of the Company in a manner that will allow for this.

Notwithstanding the above, a charge to tax may arise for the Company in respect of Shareholders on the happening of a “**Chargeable Event**” in the Company.

A Chargeable Event includes:

- (a) any payment to a Shareholder by the Company in respect of their Shares;
- (b) any transfer, cancellation, redemption or repurchase of Shares; and

- (c) any deemed disposal by a Shareholder of their Shares at the end of a Relevant Period (a “**Deemed Disposal**”).

A “**Relevant Period**” is a period of 8 years beginning with the acquisition of Shares by a Shareholder and each subsequent period of 8 years beginning immediately after the preceding relevant period.

A Chargeable Event does not include:

- (a) any transaction in relation to Shares held in a recognised clearing system;
- (b) any exchange by a Shareholder effected by way of a bargain made at arm's length by the Company, of Shares in the Company for other Shares in the Company;
- (c) certain transfers of Shares between spouses or civil partners and former spouses or former civil partners;
- (d) an exchange of Shares arising on a qualifying amalgamation or reconstruction of the Company with another Irish investment undertaking; or
- (e) the cancellation of Shares in the Company arising from an exchange in relation to a scheme of amalgamation (as defined in section 739HA TCA).

On the happening of a Chargeable Event, the Company shall be entitled to deduct the appropriate amount of tax on any payment made to a Shareholder in respect of the Chargeable Event. On the occurrence of a Chargeable Event where no payment is made by the Company to the Shareholder, the Company may appropriate or cancel the required number of Shares to meet the tax liability.

Where the Chargeable Event is a Deemed Disposal and the value of Shares held by Irish Resident Shareholders in the Company is less than 10% of the total value of Shares in the Company (or a Sub-Fund) and the Company has made an election to the Revenue Commissioners to report annually certain details for each Irish Resident Shareholder, the Company will not be required to deduct the appropriate tax and the Irish Resident Shareholder (and not the Company) must pay the tax on the Deemed Disposal on a self-assessment basis. Credit is available against appropriate tax relating to the Chargeable Event for appropriate tax paid by the Company or the Shareholder on any previous Deemed Disposal. On the eventual disposal by the Shareholder of the Shares, a refund of any unutilised credit will be payable.

9.2.2 Taxation of Shareholders

Non-Irish Resident Shareholders. Non-Irish Resident Shareholders will not be chargeable to Irish tax on the happening of a Chargeable Event provided that either:

- (a) the Company is in possession of a completed Relevant Declaration to the effect that the Shareholder is not an Irish Resident, or
- (b) the Company is in possession of written notice of approval from the Revenue Commissioners to the effect that the requirement to provide a Relevant Declaration is deemed to have been complied with in respect of that Shareholder and the written notice of approval has not been withdrawn by the Revenue Commissioners.

If the Company is not in possession of a Relevant Declaration or the Company is in possession of information which would reasonably suggest that the Relevant Declaration is not or is no longer materially correct, the Company must deduct tax on the happening of a Chargeable Event in relation to such Shareholder. The tax deducted will generally not be refunded.

Intermediaries acting on behalf of non-Irish Resident Shareholders can claim the same exemption on behalf of the Shareholders for whom they are acting. The intermediary must complete a Relevant Declaration that it is acting on behalf of a non-Irish Resident Shareholder.

A non-Irish Resident corporate Shareholder which holds Shares directly or indirectly by or for a trading branch or agency of the Shareholder in Ireland, will be liable for Irish corporation tax on income from the Shares or gains made on the disposal of the Shares.

Exempt Irish Shareholders. The Company is not required to deduct tax in respect of an Exempt Irish Shareholder so long as the Company is in possession of a completed Relevant Declaration from those persons and the Company has no reason to believe that the Relevant Declaration is materially incorrect. The Exempt Irish Shareholder must notify the Company if it ceases to be an Exempt Irish Shareholder. Exempt Irish Shareholders in respect of whom the Company is not in possession of a Relevant Declaration will be treated by the Company as if they are not Exempt Irish Shareholders.

While the Company is not required to deduct tax in respect of Exempt Irish Shareholders, those Shareholders may themselves be liable to Irish tax on their income, profits and gains in relation to any sale, transfer, repurchase, redemption or cancellation of Shares or dividends or distributions or other payments in respect of their Shares depending on their circumstances. It is the obligation of the Exempt Irish Shareholder to account for such tax to the Revenue Commissioners.

Irish-Resident Shareholders. Irish Resident Shareholders (who are not Exempt Irish Shareholders) will be liable to tax on the happening of a Chargeable Event. Tax at the rate of 41% will be deducted by the Company on payments made to the Shareholder in relation to the Shares or on the sale, transfer, Deemed

Disposal (subject to the 10% threshold outlined above), cancellation, redemption or repurchase of Shares or the making of any other payment in respect of the Shares.

An Irish Resident Shareholder who is not a company and is not an Exempt Irish Shareholder will not be liable to any further income or capital gains tax in respect of any sale, transfer, Deemed Disposal, cancellation, redemption or repurchase, of Shares or the making of any other payment in respect of their Shares.

Where the Irish Resident Shareholder is a company which is not an Exempt Irish Shareholder, and the payment is not taxable as trading income under Schedule D Case I, the amount received will be treated as the net amount of an annual payment chargeable to tax under Schedule D Case IV from the gross amount of which income tax has been deducted. The rate of tax applicable to a Chargeable Event in respect of any Irish tax resident corporate investor in this instance is 25% provided the corporate investor has made a declaration to the Company including its Irish tax reference number.

Where the Irish Resident Shareholder is a company which is not an Exempt Irish Shareholder, and the payment is taxable as trading income under Schedule D Case I, the following provisions apply:

- (a) the amount received by the Shareholder is increased by any amount of tax deducted by the Company and will be treated as income of the Shareholder for the chargeable period in which the payment is made;
- (b) where the payment is made on the sale, transfer, Deemed Disposal, cancellation, redemption or repurchase of Shares, such income will be reduced by the amount of consideration in money or money's worth given by the Shareholder for the acquisition of those Shares; and
- (c) the amount of tax deducted by the Company will be set off against the Irish corporation tax assessable on the Shareholder in respect of the chargeable period in which the payment is made.

Personal Portfolio Investment Undertaking. An investment undertaking will be considered to be a personal portfolio investment undertaking (PPIU) in relation to a specific Irish Resident Shareholder where that Irish Resident Shareholder can influence the selection of some or all of the property of the undertaking. The undertaking will only be a PPIU in respect of those Irish Resident Shareholders who can influence the selection. A gain arising on a chargeable event in relation to a PPIU will be taxed at the rate of 60%. An undertaking will not be considered to be a PPIU where certain conditions are complied with as set out in section 739BA TCA.

Currency Gains. Where a currency gain is made by an Irish Resident Shareholder on the disposal of Shares,

that Shareholder may be liable to capital gains tax in respect of any chargeable gain made on the disposal.

Stamp Duty. On the basis that the Company qualifies as an investment undertaking within the meaning of section 739B TCA, no Irish stamp duty will be payable on the subscription, transfer or repurchase of Shares. The stamp duty implications for subscriptions for Shares or transfer or repurchase of Shares in specie should be considered on a case by case basis.

Capital Acquisitions Tax. No Irish gift tax or inheritance tax (capital acquisitions tax) liability will arise on a gift or inheritance of Shares provided that:

- (a) at the date of the disposition the transferor of the Shares is neither domiciled nor ordinarily resident in Ireland, and, at the date of the gift or inheritance the transferee of the Shares is neither domiciled nor ordinarily resident in Ireland; and
- (b) the Shares are comprised in the gift or inheritance at the date of the gift or inheritance and at the valuation date.

9.2.3 Other Tax Matters

The income and capital gains received by the Company from securities issued in countries other than Ireland or assets located in countries other than Ireland may be subject to taxes including withholding tax in the countries where such income and gains arise. The Company may not be able to benefit from reduced rates of withholding tax by virtue of the double taxation treaties in operation between Ireland and other countries. The Directors will have sole discretion as to whether the Company will apply for such benefits and may decide not to apply for such benefits if they determine that it may be administratively burdensome, cost prohibitive or otherwise impractical.

In the event that the Company receives any repayment of withholding tax suffered, the Net Asset Value of the Company will not be restated and the benefit of any repayment will be allocated to the then existing Shareholders rateably at the time of repayment.

9.3 AUTOMATIC EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The Company is obliged, pursuant to the IGA, Council Directive 2011/16/EU, section 891E, section 891F and section 891G of the TCA and regulations made pursuant to those sections, to collect certain information about its investors.

The Company will be required to provide certain information to the Revenue Commissioners in relation to the investors (including information in respect of the investor's tax residence status) and also in relation to accounts held by investors. For further information on FATCA or CRS please refer to the website of the

Revenue Commissioners at www.revenue.ie/en/business/aeoi/index.html.

Further detail in respect of FATCA and CRS is set out below.

9.4 FATCA

On 21 December 2012, the governments of Ireland and the U.S. signed the IGA.

The IGA provides for the automatic reporting and exchange of information in relation to accounts held in Irish 'financial institutions' by U.S. persons and the reciprocal exchange of information regarding U.S. financial accounts held by Irish Residents. The Company is subject to these rules. Complying with such requirements will require the Company to request and obtain certain information and documentation from its Shareholders, other account holders and (where applicable) the beneficial owners of its Shareholders and to provide any information and documentation indicating direct or indirect ownership by U.S. Persons to the competent authorities in Ireland. Shareholders and other account holders will be required to comply with these requirements, and non-complying Shareholders may be subject to compulsory redemption and/or U.S. withholding tax of 30% on withholdable payments and/or other monetary penalties.

The IGA provides that Irish financial institutions will report to the Revenue Commissioners in respect of U.S. account-holders and, in exchange, U.S. financial institutions will be required to report to the IRS in respect of any Irish-resident account-holders. The two tax authorities will then automatically exchange this information on an annual basis.

The Company or the Administrator acting on behalf of the Company shall be entitled to require Shareholders to provide any information regarding their tax status, identity or residency in order to satisfy any reporting requirements which the Company may have as a result of the IGA or any legislation promulgated in connection with the IGA and Shareholders will be deemed, by their subscription for or holding of Shares to have authorised the automatic disclosure of such information by the Company or any other person to the relevant tax authorities.

9.5 OECD COMMON REPORTING STANDARD

Ireland has provided for the implementation of CRS through section 891F of the TCA and the enactment of the CRS Regulations.

CRS is a global OECD tax information exchange initiative which is aimed at encouraging a coordinated approach to disclosure of income earned by individuals and organisations.

Ireland and a number of other jurisdictions have entered or will enter into multilateral arrangements modelled on the Common Reporting Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information published by the OECD. The Company is required to provide certain information to the Revenue Commissioners about investors resident or established in jurisdictions which are party to CRS arrangements.

The Company or the Administrator acting on behalf of the Company will request and obtain certain information in relation to the tax residence of its shareholders or 'account holders' for CRS purposes and (where applicable) will request information in relation to the beneficial owners of any such account holders. The Company, or a person appointed by the Company, will report the information required to the Revenue Commissioners by 30 June in the year following the year of assessment for which a return is due. The Revenue Commissioners will share the appropriate information with the relevant tax authorities in participating jurisdictions.

9.6 DAC6 DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTABLE CROSS-BORDER TAX ARRANGEMENTS

On 25 June 2018, Council Directive (EU) 2018/822 ("DAC6") introduced rules regarding the mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation in relation to reportable cross-border arrangements.

DAC6 imposes mandatory reporting requirements on EU-based intermediaries who design, market, organise, make available for implementation or manage the implementation of potentially aggressive cross-border tax-planning schemes. It also covers persons who provide aid, assistance or advice in relation to potentially aggressive cross-border tax-planning schemes, where they can be reasonably expected to know that they have performed that function. If the intermediary is located outside the EU or is bound by legal professional privilege, the obligation to report may pass to the taxpayer. DAC6 was required to be transposed by each EU member state by the end of 2019 with the measures taking effect from 1 July 2020. In addition, arrangements implemented between 25 June 2018 and 30 June 2020 are also subject to the reporting requirements.

Intermediaries and/or taxpayers will be required to report any reportable cross-border arrangements within 30 days from the earliest of:

- (a) The day after the arrangement is made available for implementation;

- (b) The day after the arrangement is ready for implementation; or
- (c) When the first step in the implementation of the arrangement was taken.

Under the provisions of DAC 6, the first reports were required by 31 August 2020. It is not yet known whether the EU Commission, or individual Member States, will delay reporting dates, or agree to effectively defer reporting, in 2020 and, as such, the final timing with respect to any such reporting obligation is unclear.

The transactions contemplated under the Prospectus may fall within the scope of mandatory disclosure rules under DAC6 or equivalent local law provisions and thus may qualify as reportable cross-border arrangements within the meaning of such provisions. If that were the case, any person that falls within the definition of an 'intermediary' with respect to the Company may have to report certain transactions entered into by the Company to the relevant EU tax authority.

9.7 CERTAIN IRISH TAX DEFINITIONS

Residence – Company. A company which has its central management and control in Ireland is resident in Ireland irrespective of where it is incorporated. A company which does not have its central management and control in Ireland but which is incorporated in Ireland is resident in Ireland except where the company is regarded as not resident in Ireland under a double taxation treaty between Ireland and another country. In certain limited circumstances, companies incorporated in Ireland but managed and controlled outside of a double taxation treaty territory may not be regarded as resident in Ireland. Specific rules may apply to companies incorporated prior to 1 January 2015.

Residence – Individual. The Irish tax year operates on a calendar year basis. An individual will be regarded as being resident in Ireland for a tax year if that individual:

- (a) spends 183 days or more in Ireland in that tax year; or
- (b) has a combined presence of 280 days in Ireland, taking into account the number of days spent in Ireland in that tax year together with the number of days spent in Ireland in the preceding tax year.

Presence in a tax year by an individual of not more than 30 days in Ireland, will not be reckoned for the purpose of applying the two year test. Presence in Ireland for a day means the personal presence of an individual at any point in time during the particular day in question.

Ordinary Residence – Individual. The term 'ordinary residence' as distinct from 'residence', relates to a person's normal pattern of life and denotes residence in a place with some degree of continuity.

An individual who has been resident in Ireland for three consecutive tax years becomes ordinarily resident with effect from the commencement of the fourth tax year.

An individual who has been ordinarily resident in Ireland ceases to be ordinarily resident at the end of the third consecutive tax year in which that individual is not resident in Ireland. Thus, an individual who is resident and ordinarily resident in Ireland in 2020 will remain ordinarily resident in Ireland until the end of the tax year 2023.

Intermediary. Means a person who:

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

9.8 OTHER JURISDICTIONS

The tax consequences of any investment can vary considerably from one jurisdiction to another, and ultimately will depend on the tax regime of the jurisdictions within which a person is tax resident. Therefore, the Directors strongly recommend that Shareholders obtain tax advice from an appropriate source in relation to the tax liability arising from the holding of Shares in the Company and any investment returns from those Shares. It is the Director's intention to manage the affairs of the Company so that it does not become resident outside of Ireland for tax purposes.

10 General Information

10.1 SHARE CAPITAL

The Articles provide that the authorised share capital of the Company is 3 Subscriber Shares of €1.00 each and 1,000,000,000,000 Shares of no par value initially designated as unclassified shares.

The unclassified shares are available for issue as Shares. The issue price is payable in full on acceptance. There are no rights of pre-emption attaching to the Shares in the Company.

The right of holders of any Shares to participate in the assets of the Company is limited to the assets (if any) of the Sub-Fund relating to such Shares. If the realised net assets of any Sub-Fund are insufficient to pay any amounts due on the relevant Shares in full in accordance with the Supplement and the Articles, the relevant Shareholders will have no further right of payment in respect of such Shares or any claim against any other Sub-Fund or any other assets of the Company. Each Shareholder's right to any return of capital or income on the Shares is subject to this Prospectus, the relevant Supplement and the Articles generally.

If a Sub-Fund has two or more Classes of Shares, the claims of the holders of such Classes to the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund will, subject to the terms of the relevant Sub-Fund, rank *pari passu* with each other, and, on a winding-up of the Company, the holders of each such Class will participate in the assets (if any) comprised in such Sub-Fund *pro rata* to the amount paid up on the Shares of each such Class. Each separate Class relating to one Sub-Fund will have recourse only to the assets comprised within the relevant Sub-Fund. Consequently, if on the winding-up of the Company, the assets of a Sub-Fund (after payment of all fees, expenses and other liabilities (other than amounts owing to Shareholders) which are to be borne by such Sub-Fund) are insufficient to pay the full Repurchase Proceeds payable in respect of all Classes of Shares relating to the relevant Sub-Fund, the proceeds of the relevant Sub-Fund will be distributed equally amongst each Shareholder of the relevant Sub-Fund *pro rata* to the amount paid up on the Shares held by each Shareholder. See the section titled [Investment-Specific Risk](#) and the risk factor 'Allocation of Shortfalls Among Classes of a Sub-Fund'.

10.2 VOTING RIGHTS AND WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

The following rules relating to voting rights apply;

- Shareholders who hold a fraction of a Share may not exercise any voting rights.
 - The Directors may, from time to time, issue Shares which carry no voting rights.
 - Votes may be given either personally or by proxy. Every Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at a general meeting may appoint a proxy to attend, speak and vote on his behalf.
 - Subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any Class;
 - on a show of hands every Shareholder, who is present in person or by proxy, shall have one vote and the holder of Subscriber Shares present in person or by proxy shall have one vote in respect of all the Subscriber Shares in issue;
 - on a poll every Shareholder present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder and every holder of a Subscriber Share present in person or by proxy shall have one vote in respect of his holding of Subscriber Shares;
 - on a poll of all the Shareholder in a Sub-Fund, where there is more than one Class in existence in that Sub-Fund, the voting rights of such Shareholders may at the discretion of the Directors be adjusted in such manner, determined by the Directors, so as to reflect the most recently calculated price at which the shares of each of the Classes in question may be repurchased by the Company;
- Where there is an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is demanded shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.
 - Where there are joint Shareholders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, in respect of such Share shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint Shareholders and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the Shareholders stand in the register in respect of the Share.
 - A member of unsound mind, or in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction (whether in the State or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder, may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his committee, receiver, guardian or other person appointed by that court and any such committee, receiver, guardian or other person may vote by proxy on a show of hands or on a poll. Evidence to the satisfaction of the Directors of the authority of the person claiming to exercise the right to vote shall be deposited at the Office or at such other place as is specified in accordance with these Articles for the deposit of instruments of proxy by such time as the Directors may determine before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised and in default the right to vote shall not be exercisable.
 - Restriction of voting rights - The Directors may impose a restriction on the voting rights of any Shareholder in situations where they have determined that a 'Specified Event' (as that term is defined in the Articles) has occurred in relation to any Share or Shares.
 - Written Resolution - A resolution in writing executed by or on behalf of each Shareholder who would have been entitled to vote upon it if it had been proposed at a meeting at which he was present shall be as effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting duly convened and held and may consist of several instruments in the like form each executed by or on behalf of one or more Shareholders.

10.3 REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

The Company will prepare an annual report and audited accounts as of 31 December in each year and a half-yearly report and unaudited accounts as of 30 June in each year. The annual report and audited accounts of the Company will be published within four months after the conclusion of each Accounting Period and its half-yearly report and unaudited accounts will be published within two months of the end of the half-year period.

A paper copy of the most recent financial statements will be made available to Shareholders and prospective investors on request and free of charge.

10.4 NOTIFICATION OF PRICES

Except where the determination of the Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund has been temporarily suspended in the circumstance described in the section titled [Suspension of Calculation of Net Asset Value](#), the Net Asset Value per Share for each Sub-Fund or Class of Shares (and the issue price and Repurchase Price of each Class of Shares) will be available on www.lgtcp.com/en/regulatory-information/ and will be updated following each Valuation Day. Access may be restricted and it is not an invitation to subscribe for purchase, convert, sell or redeem Shares. In addition, the Net Asset Value per Share for each Sub-Fund or Class (and the issue price and Repurchase Price of each Class of Shares) may be obtained free of charge from, and will be available at the registered office of the Company during normal business hours.

10.5 CLOSURE OF SUB-FUNDS OR CLASSES

The Directors may, in their sole and absolute discretion, determine to close any Sub-Fund or Class in any of the following circumstances;

- If the Directors determine at their discretion that it is impracticable or inadvisable for a Sub-Fund or Class to continue to operate for any reason;
- If a decision has been taken to wind-up the Company;
- If at any time the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund falls below the Minimum Sub-Fund Size;
- If there are no Shares in issue in the relevant Sub-Fund or Class; or
- Where the Shareholders in the relevant Sub-Fund or Class have passed a special resolution approving any such total redemption of Shares in issue.

Where the Directors so determine to close a Sub-Fund or Class, they shall compulsorily redeem all of the Shares in issue in the relevant Sub-Fund or Class as at the proposed closure date and may suspend the future issuance of Shares in the relevant Sub-Fund or Class.

The Directors shall give notice of termination of a Sub-Fund or Class to the relevant Shareholders in and by such notice fix the date at which such termination is to take effect, which date shall be for such period after the service of such notice as the Directors shall in their sole and absolute discretion determine.

In such circumstances all of the Shareholders of the Sub-Fund or Class will be deemed to have had

requested that their Shares be repurchased by the Directors on the termination date selected by the

Directors and otherwise in accordance with the repurchase procedure set out in the Prospectus.

Where a Sub-Fund or Class is to be closed, the Directors may instruct the Manager, or where appointed, the Investment Manager to commence the realisation of all the assets then comprised in the relevant Sub-Fund or Class (which realisation shall be carried out and completed in such manner and within such period as the Directors think advisable acting in the best interests of Shareholders of the relevant Sub-Fund or Class).

The Directors may resolve in their absolute discretion to retain sufficient assets prior to closing or terminating the relevant Sub-Fund or Class in order to cover the costs associated with the closure of the Sub-Fund or Class or the liquidation of the Company and a 'liquidation expense' may be accrued for and included in the final NAV determined for the closing Sub-Fund or Class.

The decision of the Directors to close a Sub-Fund or Class shall be final and binding on all parties concerned but the Directors shall be under no liability on account of any failure to close a Sub-Fund or Class.

Where a decision has been taken by the Directors to close a Sub-Fund or Class and all Shares have been compulsorily redeemed by the Company, the Company may be unable in practice to make a disbursement of assets due to one or more Shareholders. This may give rise to the presence of unclaimed assets which will be dealt with as discussed under the section titled [Unclaimed Assets](#).

10.6 MERGERS AND AMALGAMATIONS

The Directors shall have the power to propose and implement a reconstruction and/or amalgamation of the Company or any Sub-Fund or Sub-Funds on such terms and conditions as are approved by the Directors subject to the following conditions namely:

- that the prior approval of the Central Bank has been obtained; and
- that the Shareholders in the relevant Sub-Fund or Sub-Funds have been circulated with particulars of the scheme of reconstruction and/or amalgamation in a form approved by the Directors and a special

resolution of the Shareholders in the relevant Sub-Fund or Sub-Funds has been passed approving the said scheme.

The relevant scheme of reconstruction and/or amalgamation shall take effect upon such conditions being satisfied or upon such later date as the scheme may provide or as the Directors may determine whereupon the terms of such scheme shall be binding upon all the Shareholders and the Directors shall have the power to and shall do all such acts and things as may be necessary for the implementation thereof.

10.7 WINDING UP OF COMPANY

The Articles contain provisions to the following effect:

- (a) If the Company shall be wound up the liquidator shall, subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, apply the assets of each Sub-Fund in such manner and order as he thinks fit in satisfaction of creditors' claims relating to that Sub-Fund;
- (b) The assets available for distribution amongst the holders shall be applied as follows: first the proportion of the assets in a Sub-Fund attributable to each Class of Share shall be distributed to the holders of Shares in the relevant Class in the proportion that the number of Shares held by each holder bears to the total number of Shares relating to each such Class of Shares in issue as at the date of commencement to wind up; secondly, in the payment to the holder(s) of the Subscriber Shares of sums up to the notional amount paid thereon out of the assets of the Company not attributable to any Class of Share. In the event that there are insufficient assets to enable such payment in full to be made, no recourse shall be had to the assets of the Company attributable to each Class of Share; and thirdly, any balance then remaining and not attributable to any of the Classes of Shares shall be apportioned pro-rata as between the Classes of Shares based on the Net Asset Value attributable to each Class of Shares as at the date of commencement to wind up and the amount so apportioned to a Class shall be distributed to holders pro-rata to the number of Shares in that Class of Shares held by them;
- (c) If the Company shall be wound up (whether the liquidation is voluntary, under supervision or by the court) the liquidator may, with the authority of a special resolution of the relevant holders and any other sanction required by the Companies Acts, divide among the holders of Shares of any Class or Classes in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and whether or not the assets shall consist of property of a single kind, and may for such purposes set such value as he deems fair upon any one or more Class or Classes of property, and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between all the holders of Shares or

different Classes of Shares. The liquidator may, with the like authority, vest any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of holders as the liquidator, with the like authority, shall think fit, and the liquidation of the Company may be closed and the Company dissolved, but so that no holder shall be compelled to accept any assets in respect of which there is a liability. A holder may require the liquidator instead of transferring any asset in specie to him/her, to arrange for a sale of the assets and for payment to the holder of the net proceeds of same;

- (d) A Sub-Fund may be wound up pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Acts and in such event the provisions reflected above shall apply mutatis mutandis in respect of that Sub-Fund.

10.8 WINDFALL PAYMENTS

In the event that a Sub-Fund receives a settlement, tax reclaim, class action award or other ad-hoc or windfall payment (not being payments arising as reimbursements due to errors or breaches by the Company or its service providers listed in the section titled [Directory](#)) (each, a 'payment'), unless otherwise determined by the Directors, the payment shall be deemed to be for the benefit of the relevant Sub-Fund as a whole at the date of receipt of such payment rather than for the benefit for any particular group of Shareholders. It is therefore possible that those investors who were invested in the relevant Sub-Fund at the time of the underlying event from which the payment arose, or when the relevant Sub-Fund incurred costs relating to the event from which the payment arose, may not benefit from the payment if they have redeemed prior to the date of receipt of the payment.

In the event that a payment is received following the closure of a Sub-Fund, such payments shall, at the discretion of the Directors, be made to (i) the Shareholder(s) on the register for the relevant Sub-Fund on the final Dealing Day on which Shares are redeemed; (ii) such other Shareholders as determined by or on behalf of the Directors from time to time; or (iii) as otherwise determined by the Directors.

Where the payment amount received after a Sub-Fund has closed represents a de minimus amount of as determined by the Directors in their discretion or where the cost of dispatching, transmitting, effecting or otherwise making such payments exceed such payment amount, these monies may be paid for the benefit of the Company as a whole or as otherwise determined by the Directors from time to time or paid to a charitable foundation to be determined by the Directors.

10.9 UNCLAIMED ASSETS

In some circumstances (for example on a Sub-Fund termination, a winding up or a compulsory repurchase)

the Company may be unable in practice to make a disbursement of assets due to one or more Shareholders.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, once all reasonable measures to make the disbursement have been taken, the Directors may in their discretion consider that any claims of the Shareholders in respect of any such assets whether in the form of unclaimed dividends, unpaid repurchase proceeds or otherwise and any obligations of the Company in connection therewith shall be extinguished and any such amounts may be retained by the relevant Sub-Fund for the benefit of the other Shareholders or paid to a charitable foundation to be determined by the Directors. The foregoing may apply subject to a de minimus level to be reasonably determined by the Directors in their discretion or without qualification on the basis of the Company seeking to meet its anti-money laundering obligations under Irish law.

10.10 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Manager may, at its discretion, provide additional fund valuation and/or reporting information to certain Shareholders (subject to certain terms and conditions). Such additional fund valuation and/or reporting information will be made available to all Shareholders, on request, and should be used for information purposes only.

In addition to the information disclosed in the periodic reports of the Company, the Company may, from time to time, make available to investors portfolio holdings and portfolio-related information in respect of one or more of the Sub-Funds. Any such information will be available to all investors in the relevant Sub-Fund on request. Any such information will only be provided on a historical basis and after the relevant Dealing Day to which the information relates. Notwithstanding the fact that this will be historical information, an investor that has received such information may be in a more informed position regarding the relevant Sub-Fund than investors that have not received the information.

10.11 NOTICES TO SHAREHOLDERS

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

Means of Dispatch	Deemed Received
Delivery by Hand (Personally)	The day of delivery or next following working day if delivered outside usual business hours.
Post	24 hours after posting. In proving such service, it

	shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice or other document was properly addressed, stamped and posted.
By Courier	24 hours after sending.
Subject to such Shareholder's consent to electronic communications, by email or other electronic means	12 hours after sending.
Subject to such Shareholder's consent to the use of a website, by publication of an electronic record of it on a website and notification of such publication (which shall include the address of the website and the place of the website where the document may be found)	12 hours after it has been published.
Publication	The day of publication in a daily newspaper or other medium circulating in the country or countries where Shares are marketed.
Via exchange	The day on which the announcement or publication is released by the relevant exchange.

10.12 MATERIAL CONTRACTS

Management Agreement. The Company has appointed the Manager to provide management, investment management and distribution services to the Company and each of its Sub-Funds on the terms set out in the Management Agreement. Further details regarding the appointment of the Manager to the Company are set out in the section titled [Manager](#).

The appointment of the Manager may be terminated by either party giving to the other not less than ninety (90) calendar days' notice in writing. The Management Agreement may be terminated immediately in certain circumstances set out in the Management Agreement including the insolvency of a party (or upon the

happening of a like event). The Management Agreement provides for the Company to indemnify the Manager, its officers, employees, delegates, servants and agents in the absence of the recklessness, wilful default, bad faith, fraud or negligence on the part of the Manager, its officers, agents or employees.

Depositary Agreement. The Company has appointed the Depositary to provide services to the Company and the Sub-Funds pursuant to the terms of the Depositary Agreement. The duties of the Depositary together with an overview of the liability provisions applicable to the Depositary as set out in the Depositary Agreement are summarised in the section titled [Depositary](#).

The Depositary Agreement may be terminated by either party on giving not less than 90 days' prior written notice to the other party. The Depositary Agreement may also be terminated by either party forthwith by giving notice in writing to the other party in certain circumstances set out in the agreement including upon the insolvency of a party (or upon the happening of a like event) provided however that the Depositary shall continue to act as depositary until a successor depositary approved by the Central Bank is appointed to the Company or until the Company's regulatory authorisation in Ireland is revoked. The Depositary Agreement provides that the Company and any Sub-Fund shall indemnify and keep indemnified and hold harmless the Depositary (and each of its directors, officers, servants, employees and agents) from and against all direct liabilities, costs, losses, claims, demands, damages and expenses (including legal and professional expenses), actions or proceedings of any nature which may be brought against, suffered, incurred or sustained by the Depositary arising from the performance by the Depositary of its obligations under the Agreement, otherwise than as a result of the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations under the Depositary Agreement and/or the Regulations or its improper performance of them.

Administration Agreement. The Administrator been appointed by the Manager to provide administration services to the Company pursuant to the Administration Agreement. The Company is also a party to the Administration Agreement for the purposes of appointing the Administrator to provide Registrar and Transfer Agency Services.

Details of the services provided by the Administrator pursuant to the Administration Agreement are summarised in the section titled [Administrator](#).

The Administration Agreement provides that the appointment of the Administrator will continue until terminated upon ninety (90) days written notice although in certain circumstances the Agreement may be terminated forthwith by notice in writing. The Administration Agreement contains certain indemnities in favour of the Administrator which are restricted to

exclude matters arising by reason of the bad faith, negligence, fraud or wilful default or recklessness of its obligations under this Agreement. The Administration Agreement provides that the Administrator and its directors, officers, employees or agents shall not be liable for any loss or damage sustained or suffered by the Company or relevant Sub-Fund as a result or in the course of the discharge by the Administrator of its duties pursuant to the Administration Agreement provided that the Administrator shall be liable for any such loss or damage which has arisen from an act or omission of the Administrator which demonstrates negligence, recklessness, fraud, bad faith or wilful default in the part of the Administrator.

Investment Management Agreement. Pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement the Investment Manager provides investment management services to the Manager in respect of the Sub-Funds. The appointment of the Investment Manager in respect of the Sub-Funds may be terminated by either party giving to the other not less than ninety (90) calendar days' notice in writing. The Investment Management Agreement may be terminated immediately in certain circumstances set out in the Investment Management Agreement, including the insolvency of a party (or upon the happening of a like event).

The Investment Management Agreement provides for the Manager to indemnify the Investment Manager or its officers, employees, delegates, servants or agents in the absence of the recklessness, wilful default, bad faith, fraud or negligence of the Investment Manager, its officers, agents or employees.

Please refer to each Supplement for details of relevant material contracts (if any) in respect of a Sub-Fund.

In addition to the above, the Company or the Manager may enter into additional contracts with paying agents as may be required in connection with an offer of Shares into a particular jurisdiction from time to time. The provision of such services shall be on arm's length commercial terms for the Company for which fees shall be charged at normal commercial rates and expenses are to be reimbursed.

10.13 ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS

Copies of the following documents may be obtained from the Company and inspected free of charge at the registered office of the Company during usual business hours during a Business Day at the address shown in the section titled [Directory](#) and at the offices of LGT Capital Partners (Ireland) Limited:

- (a) the Articles;
- (b) once published, the latest annual and semi-annual reports relating to the Company.

Copies of the Prospectus and the up-to-date KIIDs may also be obtained by Shareholders on <https://www.lgtcp.com/en/regulatory-information/> or such other website as may be notified to Shareholders in advance from time to time.

Each Class that is available for subscription will have a KIID issued in accordance with the Central Bank Rules. While some Classes are described in the Supplement for the relevant Sub-Fund as available, these Classes may not currently be offered for subscription and in that event a KIID may not be available. Prospective investors should contact the Distributor directly to determine whether the relevant Class is available for subscription. Because the Prospectus and KIID may be updated from time to time, investors should make sure they have the most recent versions.

To the extent not captured in this Prospectus or in the event such details have changed and have not been reflected in a revised version of this Prospectus, up-to-date information will be provided to Shareholders on request, free of charge regarding:

- the identity of the Depositary and a description of its duties and of conflicts of interest that may arise; and
- a description of any safe-keeping functions delegated by the Depositary, a list of delegates and sub-delegates and any conflicts of interest that may arise from such delegation.

10.14 INDEMNITIES AND INSURANCE

The Articles provide that, subject to the provisions of and insofar as may be permitted by the Companies Acts and the Regulations, every Director, Secretary and other officer or servant of the Company shall be indemnified by the Company against all costs, losses and expenses which any such officer or servant may incur or become liable to by reason of any contract entered into, or act or thing done by him as such officer or servant or in any way in discharge of his duties. Such indemnity shall not extend to any of the foregoing sustained or incurred as a result of any fraud, negligence or wilful default by him in relation to the Company and the amount for which such indemnity is provided shall immediately attach as a lien on the property of the Company and have priority as between the Shareholders over all other claims.

The Directors have the power to purchase and maintain for the benefit of any persons who are or were at any time Directors, Secretary or other officer of the Company insurance against any liability incurred by such persons in respect of any act or omission in the execution or discharge of their duties or in the exercise of their powers.

The Directors may, upon such terms and conditions as they determine, grant any service provider or other

person or entity an indemnity out of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund. The Directors may also grant any service provider appointed by the Company the power to grant an indemnity out of the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund to any delegate appointed by such service provider, subject to such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Directors from time to time.

Further information relating to indemnities granted by the Company to certain service providers is set out above at the section titled [Material Contracts](#).

10.15 SEGREGATION OF LIABILITY

- (a) Notwithstanding any statutory provision or rule of law to the contrary, any liability incurred on behalf of or attributable to any Sub-Fund shall be discharged solely out of the assets of that Sub-Fund, and no Director, receiver, examiner, liquidator, provisional liquidator or other person shall apply nor be obliged to apply the assets of any such Sub-Fund in satisfaction of any liability incurred on behalf of or attributable to any other Sub-Fund.
- (b) The assets allocated to a Sub-Fund shall be applied solely in respect of the Shares of such Sub-Fund and no Shareholder relating to such Sub-Fund shall have any claim or right to any asset allocated to any other Sub-Fund.
- (c) Any asset or sum recovered by the Company by any means whatsoever or wheresoever shall, after the deduction or payment of any costs of recovery, be applied to the Sub-Fund affected. In the event that assets attributable to a Sub-Fund are taken in execution of a liability not attributable to that Sub-Fund, and in so far as such assets or compensation in respect hereof cannot otherwise be restored to that Sub-Fund, the Directors with the consent of the Depositary, shall certify or cause to be certified, the value of the assets lost to the Sub-Fund affected and transfer or pay from the assets of the Sub-Fund or Sub-Funds to which the liability was attributable, in priority to all other claims against such Sub-Fund or Sub-Funds, assets or sums sufficient to restore to the Sub-Fund affected, the value of the assets or sums lost to it.
- (d) The Company may sue and be sued in respect of a particular Sub-Fund and may exercise the same rights of set-off, if any, as between its Sub-Funds as apply at law in respect of companies and the property of a Sub-Fund is subject to orders of the Irish courts as it would have been if the Sub-Fund were a separate legal person.
- (e) In any proceedings brought by any Shareholder of a particular Sub-Fund, any liability of the Company to such Shareholder in respect of such proceeding can only be settled out of the assets of the Sub-Fund corresponding to such Shares without recourse in respect of such liability or any allocation

of such liability to any other Sub-Fund of the Company.

- (f) A Sub-Fund may be wound up pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Acts and in such event the provisions reflected in this section shall apply mutatis mutandis in respect of that Sub-Fund.
- (g) Nothing in this section shall prevent the application of any enactment or rule of law which would require the application of the assets of any Sub-Fund in discharge of some or all of the liabilities of any other Sub-Fund on the grounds of fraud or misrepresentation and, in particular, by reason of the application of the relevant sections of the Companies Acts.

Appendix 1 – Permitted Investments and Investment Restrictions

1 Permitted Investments

Investments of a Sub-Fund are confined to:

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- 1.1 Transferable securities and money market instruments which are either admitted to official listing on a stock exchange in a Member State or non-Member State or which are dealt on a market which is regulated, operates regularly, is recognised and open to the public in a Member State or non-Member State.
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- 1.2 Recently issued transferable securities which will be admitted to official listing on a stock exchange or other market (as described above) within a year.
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- 1.3 Money market instruments other than those dealt on a regulated market.
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- 1.4 Units of UCITS.
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- 1.5 Units of AIFs.
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- 1.6 Deposits with credit institutions.
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- 1.7 Financial derivative instruments.
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2 Investment Restrictions

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- 2.1 A Sub-Fund may invest no more than 10% of net assets in transferable securities and money market instruments other than those referred to in paragraph 1.
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- 2.2 A Sub-Fund may invest no more than 10% of net assets in recently issued transferable securities of the type to which Regulation 68(1)(d) of the Regulations apply. This restriction will not apply in relation to investment by the UCITS in certain US securities known as Rule 144A securities provided that:
- the securities are issued with an undertaking to register with the US Securities and Exchanges Commission within one year of issue; and
 - the securities are not illiquid securities i.e. they may be realised by the UCITS within seven days at the price, or approximately at the price, at which they are valued by the UCITS.
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- 2.3 A Sub-Fund may invest no more than 10% of net assets in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same body provided that the total value of transferable securities and money market instruments held in the issuing bodies in each of which it invests more than 5% is less than 40%.
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- 2.4 The limit of 10% (in 2.3) may, with prior approval of the Central Bank, be raised to 25% in the case of bonds that are issued by a credit institution which has its registered office in a Member State and is subject by law to special public supervision designed to protect bond-holders. Subject to the prior approval of the Central Bank, if a Sub-Fund invests more than 5% of its net assets in these bonds issued by one issuer, the total value of these investments may not exceed 80% of the net asset value of the Sub-Fund.
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- 2.5 The limit of 10% (in 2.3) is raised to 35% if the transferable securities or money market instruments are issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities or by a non-Member State or public international body of which one or more Member States are members.
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2.6 The transferable securities and money market instruments referred to in 2.4. and 2.5 shall not be taken into account for the purpose of applying the limit of 40% referred to in 2.3.

2.7 A Sub-Fund may not invest more than 20% of net assets in deposits made with the same Relevant Institution.

2.8 The risk exposure of a Sub-Fund to a counterparty to an OTC derivative may not exceed 5% of net assets.
This limit is raised to 10% in the case of a Relevant Institution.

2.9 Notwithstanding paragraphs 2.3, 2.7 and 2.8 above, a combination of two or more of the following issued by, or made or undertaken with, the same body may not exceed 20% of net assets:

- investments in transferable securities or money market instruments;
- deposits, and/or
- counterparty risk exposures arising from OTC derivatives transactions.

2.10 The limits referred to in 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 above may not be combined, so that exposure to a single body shall not exceed 35% of net assets.

2.11 Group companies are regarded as a single issuer for the purposes of 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9. However, a limit of 20% of net assets may be applied to investment in transferable securities and money market instruments within the same group.

2.12 A Sub-Fund may invest up to 100% of net assets in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by any Member State, its local authorities, non-Member States or public international body of which one or more Member States are members.

The individual issuers may be drawn from the following list: OECD Governments (provided the relevant issues are investment grade), Government of the People's Republic of China, Government of Brazil (provided the issues are of investment grade), Government of India (provided the issues are of investment grade), Government of Singapore, European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Corporation, International Monetary Fund, Euratom, The Asian Development Bank, European Central Bank, Council of Europe, Eurofima, African Development Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (The World Bank), The Inter American Development Bank, European Union, Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae), Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Tennessee Valley Authority, Straight A Funding LLC.

The Sub-Fund must hold securities from at least 6 different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30% of net assets.

3 Investment in Collective Investment Schemes ('CIS')

3.1 A Sub-Fund may not invest more than 20% of net assets in any one CIS.

3.2 Investment in AIFs may not, in aggregate, exceed 30% of net assets.

3.3 The CIS, in which a Sub-Fund invests, are themselves prohibited from investing more than 10 per cent of net assets in other open-ended CIS.

3.4 When a Sub-Fund invests in the units of other CIS that are managed, directly or by delegation, by the Manager or by any other company with which the Manager is linked by common management or control, or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, that management company or other company may not charge

subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of the Sub-Fund's investment in the units of such other CIS.

- 3.5 Where a commission (including a rebated commission) is received by the Manager or by any Investment Manager or Investment Advisor by virtue of an investment in the units of another CIS, this commission must be paid into the property of the Sub-Fund.
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4 Index Tracking UCITS

- 4.1 A Sub-Fund may invest up to 20% of net assets in shares and/or debt securities issued by the same body where the investment policy of the UCITS is to replicate an index which satisfies the criteria set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and is recognised by the Central Bank.
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- 4.2 The limit in 4.1 may be raised to 35%, and applied to a single issuer, where this is justified by exceptional market conditions.
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5 General Provisions

- 5.1 An investment company, or management company acting in connection with all of the CIS it manages, may not acquire any shares carrying voting rights which would enable it to exercise significant influence over the management of an issuing body.
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- 5.2 A Sub-Fund may acquire no more than:
- i. 10% of the non-voting shares of any single issuing body;
 - ii. 10% of the debt securities of any single issuing body;
 - iii. 25% of the units of any single CIS;
 - iv. 10% of the money market instruments of any single issuing body.
 - v. NOTE: The limits laid down in (ii), (iii) and (iv) above may be disregarded at the time of acquisition if at that time the gross amount of the debt securities or of the money market instruments, or the net amount of the securities in issue cannot be calculated.
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- 5.3 5.1 and 5.2 shall not be applicable to:
- i. transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities;
 - ii. transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a non-Member State;
 - iii. transferable securities and money market instruments issued by public international bodies of which one or more Member States are members;
 - iv. shares held by a Sub-Fund in the capital of a company incorporated in a non-member State which invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuing bodies having their registered offices in that State, where under the legislation of that State such a holding represents the only way in which the Sub-Fund can invest in the securities of issuing bodies of that State. This waiver is applicable only if in its investment policies the company from the non-Member State complies with the limits laid down in 2.3 to 2.11, 3.1, 3.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5 and 5.6, and provided that where these limits are exceeded, paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6 below are observed.
 - v. shares held by an investment company or investment companies in the capital of subsidiary companies carrying on only the business of management, advice or marketing in the country where the subsidiary is located, in regard to the repurchase of units at unit-holders' request exclusively on their behalf.
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5.4 A Sub-Fund need not comply with the investment restrictions herein when exercising subscription rights attaching to transferable securities or money market instruments which form part of their assets.

5.5 The Central Bank may allow recently authorised Sub-Funds to derogate from the provisions of 2.3 to 2.12, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1 and 4.2 for six months following the date of their authorisation, provided they observe the principle of risk spreading.

5.6 If the limits laid down herein are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of the Company, or as a result of the exercise of subscription rights, the Company must adopt as a priority objective for its sales transactions the remedying of that situation, taking due account of the interests of its shareholders.

5.7 The Company may not carry out uncovered sales of:

- transferable securities;
- money market instruments;
- units of CIS; or
- financial derivative instruments.

5.8 A Sub-Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets.

6 Financial Derivative Instruments ('FDIs')

6.1 A Sub-Fund's global exposure relating to FDI must not exceed its total net asset value.

6.2 Position exposure to the underlying assets of FDI, including embedded FDI in transferable securities, money market instruments, when combined where relevant with positions resulting from direct investments, may not exceed the investment limits set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations/Guidance. (This provision does not apply in the case of index based FDI provided the underlying index is one which meets with the criteria set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.)

6.3 A Sub-Fund may invest in FDIs dealt in over-the-counter (OTC) provided that the counterparties to over-the-counter transactions (OTCs) are an Eligible Counterparty.

6.4 Investment in FDIs are subject to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank

Appendix 2 – Regulated Markets

Subject to the provisions of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and with the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities and Money Market Instruments, a Sub-Fund will only invest in transferable securities and Money Market Instruments which are listed or traded on a stock exchange or market listed below.

With the exception of permitted investment in OTC derivatives, a Sub-Fund will only invest in FDI which are listed or traded on a stock exchange or market listed below. In relation to any exchange traded financial derivative contract, any stock exchange on which such contract may be acquired or sold and which is regulated, operates regularly, is recognised and open to the public and which is (i) located in an EEA Member State, (ii) located in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, Singapore, Malaysia, Russia, Brazil, Mexico or the United States, (iii) the Channel Islands Stock Exchange, or (iv) listed at (c) below.

The stock exchanges and regulated markets described below are set out herein in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank which does not issue a list of approved markets.

(a) any stock exchange which is:

- located in an EEA Member State;

- located in the United Kingdom at any time it is not in the EEA; or

- located in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, United States of America

(b) any stock exchange included in the following list:

Argentina	Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires, Cordoba, Mendoza, Rosario and La Plata Stock Exchange;
Bahrain	Bahrain Stock Exchange;
Bangladesh	Chittangong Stock Exchange and Dhaka Stock Exchange;
Botswana	Botswana Stock Exchange;
Brazil	Bolsa de Valores de Sao Paulo, Bolsa de Valores de Brasilia, Bolsa de Valores de Bahia-Sergipe - Alagoas, Bolsa de Valores de Extremo Sul, Bolsa de Valores de Parana, Bolsa de Valores de Regional, Bolsa de Valores de Santos, Bolsa de Valores de Pernambuco e Paraiba and Bolsa de Valores de Rio de Janeiro;
Channel Islands (Guernsey, Jersey & Isle of Man)	Channel Islands Stock Exchange;
Chile	Santiago Stock Exchange and Valparaiso Stock Exchange;
China	Shanghai Stock Exchange, Fujian Stock Exchange, Hainan Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange;
Colombia	Bolsa de Bogota and Bolsa de Medellin;
Egypt	Cairo Stock Exchange and Alexandria Stock Exchange
Ghana	Ghana Stock Exchange;

India	Mumbai Stock Exchange, Madras Stock Exchange, Delhi Stock Exchange, Ahmedabab Stock Exchange, Bangalore Stock Exchange, Cochin Stock Exchange, Guwahati Stock Exchange, Magadh Stock Exchange, Pune Stock Exchange, Hyderabad Stock Exchange, Ludhiana Stock Exchange, Uttar Pradesh Stock Exchange, Calcutta Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange of India;
Israel	Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange
Indonesia	Jakarta Stock Exchange and Surabaya Stock Exchange;
Jordan	Amman Stock Exchange;
Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan Stock Exchange;
Kenya	Nairobi Stock Exchange;
Korea	Korean Stock Exchange;
Kuwait	Kuwait Stock Exchange;
Lebanon	Beirut Stock Exchange;
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange;
Mauritius	Stock Exchange of Mauritius;
Mexico	Bolsa Mexicana de Valores;
Morocco	Casablanca Stock Exchange;
Namibia	Namibian Stock Exchange;
Oman	Muscat Securities Market;
Pakistan	Lahore Stock Exchange and Karachi Stock Exchange;
Peru	Bolsa de Valores de Lima;
Philippines	Philippines Stock Exchange;
Qatar	Doha Stock Exchange;
Russia	RTS Stock Exchange, MICEX (solely in relation to equity securities that are traded on level 1 or level 2 of the relevant exchange);
Saudi Arabia	Riyadh Stock Exchange;
Singapore	The Stock Exchange of Singapore;
South Africa	Johannesburg Stock Exchange;
Sri Lanka	Colombo Stock Exchange;
Taiwan	Taipei Stock Exchange Corporation;

Thailand	The Stock Exchange of Thailand;
Turkey	Istanbul Stock Exchange;
Ukraine	Ukrainian Stock Exchange;
United Arab	Abu Dhabi Stock Exchange (ADX) and Dubai Financial Market Emirates (DFM)
Uruguay	Montevideo Stock Exchange;
Venezuela	Caracas Stock Exchange and Maracaibo Stock Exchange;
Zambia	Lusaka Stock Exchange;

(c) any of the following:

- The market organised by the International Capital Market Association;
- The (i) market conducted by banks and other institutions regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and subject to the Inter-Professional Conduct provisions of the FCA's Market Conduct Sourcebook and (ii) market in non-investment products which is subject to the guidance contained in the Non-Investment Products Code drawn up by the participants in the London market, including the FCA and the Bank of England;
- The market in US government securities conducted by primary dealers regulated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the US Securities and Exchange Commission;
- The over-the-counter market in the United States conducted by primary and second dealers regulated by the Securities and Exchanges Commission and by the National Association of Securities Dealers (and by banking institutions regulated by the US Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Reserve System or Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation);
- KOSDAQ;
- NASDAQ;
- SESDAQ;
- TAISDAQ/Gretai Market;
- The Chicago Board of Trade;
- The Chicago Mercantile Exchange;
- The over-the-counter market in Japan regulated by the Securities Dealers Association of Japan;
- The Over-the-Counter market in Canadian Government Bonds as regulated by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada;
- The French market for Titres de Creance Negotiable (over-the-counter market in negotiable debt instruments);

Appendix 3 – Collateral Management Policy

In accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, the following collateral management policy will be applied in respect of collateral which may be received from a counterparty for the benefit of a Sub-Fund or posted to a counterparty by or on behalf of a Sub-Fund in respect of any Securities Financing Transactions or FDI used by a Sub-Fund for investment or for efficient portfolio management purposes.

The level of collateral required to be posted by a counterparty may vary by counterparty and where the exchange of collateral relates to initial or variation margin in respect of non-centrally cleared OTC derivatives which fall within the scope of EMIR, the level of collateral will be determined taking into account the requirements of EMIR.

Collateral posted by a counterparty for the benefit of a Sub-Fund may be taken into account as reducing the risk exposure to such counterparty. Each Sub-Fund will require receipt of the necessary level of collateral so as to ensure counterparty exposure limits are not breached.

Risks linked to the management of collateral, such as operational and legal risks, shall be identified, managed and mitigated by the Manager's risk management process.

A Sub-Fund receiving collateral for at least 30% of its assets should have an appropriate stress testing policy in place to ensure regular stress tests are carried out under normal and exceptional liquidity conditions to enable the Sub-Fund to assess the liquidity risk attached to the collateral. The liquidity stress testing policy will at least prescribe the following:

- Design of stress test scenario analysis including calibration, certification and sensitivity analysis;
- Empirical approach to impact assessment, including back-testing of liquidity risk estimates;
- Reporting frequency and limit/loss tolerance threshold/s; and
- Mitigation actions to reduce loss including haircut policy and gap risk protection.

All assets received by a Sub-Fund in the context of Securities Financing Transactions shall be considered as collateral and must comply with the terms of the Company's collateral policy.

Criteria for Collateral

Collateral received must, at all times, meet with the following criteria:

- (a) 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 Regulation 74 of the Regulations.
- (b) Issuer credit quality: Collateral received should be of high quality. The Manager shall ensure that:
 - 1) Where the issuer was subject to a credit rating by an agency registered and supervised by ESMA that rating shall be taken into account by the responsible person in the credit assessment process; and
 - 2) Where an issuer is downgraded below the two highest short-term credit ratings by a credit rating agency referred to in (a) this shall result in a new credit assessment being conducted of the issuer by the responsible person without delay
- (c) Correlation: Collateral received should be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and there should be a reasonable ground for the Manager to expect that it would not display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty.
- (d) Diversification (asset concentration): Collateral received should be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value. When the Sub-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 from the above diversification requirement, a Sub-Fund may be fully collateralized in different transferable securities or money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a third country, or a public international body to which one or more Member States belong (which issuers are set out in [Section 2.12](#) of [Appendix 1](#) to this Prospectus). In such circumstances, the Sub-Fund should receive securities from at least six

different issues, but securities from any single issue should not account for more than 30% of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value.

- (e) Immediately available: Collateral received should be capable of being fully enforced by the Sub-Fund at any time without reference to or approval from the counterparty.
- (f) Maturity: There are no restrictions on maturity provided the collateral is sufficiently liquid.

Permitted Types of Collateral

In accordance with the above criteria, a Sub-Fund may accept the following types of collateral;

- Cash;
- Government fixed income securities;
- Certificates of deposit.

Non-cash collateral cannot be sold, pledged or re-invested and any cash collateral received may only be invested in the following: (i) deposits with Relevant Institutions; (ii) high-quality government bonds; (iii) reverse repurchase agreements provided the transactions are with Relevant Institutions and the Sub-Fund is able to recall at any time the full amount of cash on an accrued basis; or (iv) short-term money market funds as defined in Article 2(14) of the Money Market Funds Regulation.

Invested cash collateral should be diversified in accordance with the diversification requirement applicable to non-cash collateral outlined above. Invested cash collateral may not be placed on deposit with the counterparty or a related entity. Exposure created through the reinvestment of collateral must be taken into account in determining risk exposures to a counterparty. Re-investment of cash collateral in accordance with the provisions above can still present additional risk for the Sub-Fund. Please refer to the 'Risks associated with Collateral Management' risk factor outlined in the section titled [Investment-Specific Risk](#) for more details.

Safe-keeping of collateral received by a Sub-Fund; Collateral received on a title transfer basis (whether in respect of a Securities Financing Transaction, an OTC derivative transaction or otherwise) should be held by the Depositary or its agent. For other types of collateral arrangement, the collateral can be held by a third party custodian which is subject to prudential supervision, and which is unrelated to the provider of the collateral.

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. Where appropriate, non-cash collateral held for the benefit of a Sub-Fund shall be valued in accordance with the valuation policies and principles applicable to the Company. Subject to any agreement on valuation made with the counterparty, collateral posted to a recipient counterparty will be valued daily at mark-to-market value.

Haircuts; The Manager, on behalf of each Sub-Fund, shall apply suitably conservative haircuts to non-cash assets being received as collateral where appropriate on the basis of an assessment of the characteristics of the assets such as the credit standing or the price volatility, as well as the outcome of any stress tests performed as referred to above.

The Manager has determined that generally if issuer or issue credit quality of the collateral is not of the necessary quality or the collateral carries a significant level of price volatility with regard to residual maturity or other factors, a conservative haircut must be applied in accordance with more specific guidelines as will be maintained in writing by the Manager on an ongoing basis. However, the application of such a haircut will be determined on a case by case basis, depending on the exact details of the assessment of the collateral. The Manager, in its discretion, may consider it appropriate in certain circumstances to resolve to accept certain collateral with more conservative, less conservative or no haircuts applied if it so determines, on an objectively justifiable basis. Any extenuating circumstances that warrant the acceptance of relevant collateral with haircut provisions other than the guideline levels must be outlined in writing. Documentation of the rationale behind this is imperative.

Collateral Posted by the Company

Collateral posted to a counterparty by or on behalf of the Sub-Fund must be taken into account when calculating counterparty risk exposure. Collateral posted to a counterparty and collateral received by such counterparty may be taken into account on a net basis provided the Sub-Fund is able to legally enforce netting arrangements with the counterparty.

Appendix 4 – Depositary’s Delegates and Sub-Delegates

List of delegates and sub-delegates of the Depositary:

Country	Location	Agent Name
Argentina	Buenos Aires	Citibank NA, Buenos Aires
Bahrain	Bahrain	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd
Bangladesh	Dhaka	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited
Benin	Abidjan	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D’ivoire SA
Bermuda	Bermuda	Bank of Bermuda Ltd (HSBC Group)
Botswana	Gaborone	Standard Chartered Bank of Botswana Ltd
Brazil	Sao Paulo	Banco BNP Paribas Brazil SA
Bulgaria	Sofia	Unicredit Bulbank A.D.
Burkina Faso	Abidjan	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D’ivoire SA
Canada	Toronto	RBC Investor Services Trust
Chile	Santiago De Chile	Banco De Chile (Citibank N.A)
China	Shanghai, Shenzhen	HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited
Colombia	Bogota	BNP Paribas Securities Services Sociedad Fiduciaria Bogota
Costa Rica	San José	Banco Nacional de Costa Rica
Croatia	Vienna	Unicredit Bank Austria AG Vienna
Czech Republic	Vienna	Raiffeisen Bank International AG
Denmark	Copenhagen	SKANDINAVISKA ENSKILDA BANKEN AB (publ)’s in Denmark
Egypt	Cairo	Citibank N.A. Egypt
Estonia	Tallinn	As Seb Pank
Finland	Helsinki	Nordea Bank Finland plc
Ghana	Accra	Standard Chartered Bank of Ghana Ltd
Guinea-Bissau	Abidjan	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D’ivoire SA
Iceland	Reijkavik	Islandsbanki HF
India	Mumbai	BNP Paribas, India branch

Indonesia	Jakarta	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Jakarta
International CSD	Luxembourg	Clearstream Banking SA
International CSD	Brussels	Euroclear Bank SA
Israel	Tel Aviv	Citibank N.A. Israel
Ivory Coast	Abidjan	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'ivoire SA
Japan	Tokyo	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Tokyo
Jordan	Amman	Standard Chartered Bank, Jordan Branch
Kazakhstan	Almaty	JSC Citibank Kazakhstan
Kenya	Nairobi	Standard Chartered Bank plc
Korea, Republic of	Seoul	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Seoul
Kuwait	Kuwait City	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd
Latvia	Riga	As Seb Banka
Lithuania	Vilnius	Ab Seb Bankas
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad, Kuala Lumpur
Mali	Abidjan	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'ivoire SA
Malta	Luxembourg	Clearstream Banking SA
Mauritius	Mauritius	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Port-Louis
Mexico	Mexico City	Banco Nacional De Mexico (Banamex)
Morocco	Casablanca	Banque Marocaine POur Le Commerce Et L'industrie
Namibia	Windhoek	Standard Bank of Namibia Limited
Niger	Abidjan	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'ivoire SA
Nigeria	Lagos	Stanbic IBTC Bank
Norway	Oslo	NORDEA BANK AB (publ), FILIAL I NORGE
Oman	Muscat	HSBC Bank Oman SAog
Pakistan	Karachi	Citibank N.A. Karachi
Peru	Bogota (remote)	BNP PARIBAS SECURITIES SERVICES SOCIEDAD FIDUCIARIA SA
Philippines	Manila	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Manila
	Makati City	Standard Chartered Bank, Philippines branch

Qatar	Doha	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd
Romania	Bucharest	Citibank Europe Plc Dublin, Romania Branch
Russia	Moscow	PJSC Rosbank
Saudi Arabia	Riyadh	HSBC Saudi Arabia
Senegal	Abidjan	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'ivoire SA
Serbia	Vienna	Unicredit Bank Austria AG Vienna
Singapore	Singapore	BNP PARIBAS SECURITIES SERVICES S.C.A (All instruments except government bonds). STANDARD CHARTERED BANK, SINGAPORE BRANCH (for government bonds only)
Slovak Republic	Vienna	RAIFFEISEN BANK INTERNATIONAL AG VIENNA
Slovenia	Ljubljana	Unicredit Banka Slovenia D.D. Ljubljana
South Africa	Johannesburg	The Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd
Sri Lanka	Colombo	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Colombo
Sweden	Stockholm	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ)
Taiwan, Roc	Taipei	HSBC Bank (Taiwan) Limited
Tanzania	Dar Es Salaam	Stanbic Bank Tanzania Limited
Thailand	Bangkok	Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Bangkok
Togo	Abidjan	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'ivoire SA
Tunisia	Tunis	Union Internationale des Banques (SGSS)
Turkey	Istanbul	TURK EKONOMI BANKASI A.S
Uganda	Kampala	Standard Chartered Bank Uganda Limited
UAE (Dubai)	Dubai	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd
UAE (Abu Dhabi)	Dubai	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd
Uruguay	Montevideo	Banco ITAU Uruguay S.A.
USA	New York	BNP Paribas New York Branch
Vietnam	Ho Chi Minh City	HSBC Bank (Vietnam) Ltd
Zambia	Lusaka	Standard Chartered Bank plc

The following countries are covered directly by branches of the Depositary or its subsidiaries:

Australia	Ireland
Austria	Italy
Belgium	Netherlands
Brazil	New Zealand
China	Peru
Colombia	Poland
Cyprus	Portugal
France	Singapore
Germany	Spain
Greece	Switzerland
Hong Kong SAR	Turkey
Hungary	United Kingdom
India	USA



Supplement

LGT Dynamic Protection UCITS Sub-Fund

30 November, 2022

This Supplement may not be distributed unless accompanied by, and must be read in conjunction with, the Prospectus for Crown Alternative UCITS plc

1 Introduction

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to LGT Dynamic Protection UCITS Sub-Fund (the “**Sub-Fund**”), a sub-fund of Crown Alternative UCITS plc.

This Supplement, dated 30 November, 2022, forms part of, and may not be distributed (other than to prior recipients of the Prospectus of the Company, dated 1 October, 2021 as may be amended from time to time (the “**Prospectus**”)), unless accompanied by, and must be read in conjunction with, the Prospectus.

Words and expressions defined in the Prospectus shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.

2 Important information

The Sub-Fund may invest principally in FDI for investment, hedging and efficient portfolio management purposes (as detailed below in [Section 4](#)).

The Directors of the Company expect that the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund will have medium to high volatility through investments in FDI.

An investment in the Sub-Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.

3 General

Base Currency	Means US Dollars. Classes of the Sub-Fund may be denominated in currencies different from the Base Currency as set out in Section 8 .
Business Day	Means any day on which banks are open for business in all of Ireland, Switzerland and the United States, and/or such other day or days as the Directors may, with the consent of the Depositary, determine.
Dividend Policy	The Company does not currently intend to make any dividend payments in respect any of the Classes of the Sub-Fund.
Minimum Sub-Fund Size	Means USD 50,000,000.
Profile of a Typical Investor	The Sub-Fund is suitable for investors with a medium to long term investment time horizon and who are prepared to accept a moderate to high level of returns volatility.
Specific Risk Factors	General risk factors are outlined in the Prospectus. Investors in the Sub-Fund are drawn in particular to the following specific risk factor: ‘Quantitative and Systematic Trading Risk’.

4 Investment management

Investment Objective The Investment Objective of the Sub-Fund is to generate capital gains primarily in phases of elevated uncertainty across financial markets while preserving capital under normal market conditions.

The performance of the Sub-Fund may vary substantially on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis. There can be no assurance that the Sub-Fund will achieve its Investment Objective.

Investment Focus The Sub-Fund is actively managed without reference to any benchmark, meaning that the Investment Manager has full discretion over the composition of the Sub-Fund's portfolio.

Subject to the investment restrictions specified in Appendix 1 to the Prospectus, the Sub-Fund may target either a long or short exposure to the following asset classes:

- (a) equities (may include large cap, mid cap or small cap);
- (b) corporate and government bonds (of at least investment grade, may be fixed or floating);
- (c) interest rates;
- (d) currencies; and
- (e) commodities (via eligible financial indices);

the ("**Target Asset Classes**").

The Sub-Fund may target exposure to changes in the price of the Target Asset Classes (e.g. by taking a short exposure to equities when it is expected that the price of such equities will fall), or the Sub-Fund may target exposure to the mathematical derivatives of such price changes (such as the volatility, variance, correlation or dispersion of the prices of the Target Asset Classes). For example, the Sub-Fund may enter into an FDI with a counterparty and take an exposure, not on whether the price of an asset will go down, but on whether the volatility of the movement in the price of the asset will be higher at a point in time in the future.

The Sub-Fund shall employ leverage via the use of FDIs. The use of leverage shall at all times comply with the provisions outlined in [Section 5](#).

The Sub-Fund does not pursue a specific geographical or sectoral focus.

Permitted Investments & Techniques

The Sub-Fund may gain exposure to the Target Asset Classes either:

- (a) by direct investment in various underlying securities such as equities and bonds;
- (b) indirectly through the use of FDI; or
- (c) indirectly by way of investment in Eligible CIS which themselves provide exposure to the Target Asset Classes.

The Sub-Fund is permitted to utilise the following FDIs. FDIs used may be exchange-traded or over-the-counter:

- (a) futures and options;
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- (b) swaps (including equity swaps; interest rate swaps; exchange rate swaps; cross currency swaps; credit default swaps; total return swaps; volatility, variance, correlation and dispersions swaps; portfolio swaps and basket swaps); and
 - (c) forwards.

Details relating to each of these FDIs are set out in the section of the Prospectus titled [Investment Objectives, Techniques, Instruments and Strategies](#). The Sub-Fund may gain exposure to Eligible Indices via the use of FDI.

The Sub-Fund may hold a portion of its assets in cash and Cash Equivalents in appropriate circumstances. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to, where market conditions require a defensive investment strategy, the holding of cash on deposit pending reinvestment, the holding of cash in order to meet redemptions and payment of expenses and/or in order to support derivatives exposure.

Investment Strategy

The Sub-Fund will seek to achieve its Investment Objective by pursuing a rules-based, systematic investment approach. This approach relies on data and a variety of statistical and other mathematical models and techniques to drive the investment decision making process.

The Sub-Fund's investment strategy is built upon of a variety of trading algorithms which are proprietary to the Investment Manager, each of which has been designed and developed via a process of rigorous empirical research and analysis. This approach requires coding the Investment Manager's fundamental understanding of the economic forces, risk transfer mechanisms and behavioural biases that drive asset returns into explicit computer-based trading algorithms in order to overcome the cognitive limitations of discretionary traders and alleviate the shortcomings of human decision-making, especially in high-stress situations.

Key to the Investment Manager's approach is the notion of liquidity and diversification:

- (a) liquidity allows for cost-efficient and rapid adjustment to the Sub-Fund's exposures to be made based on signals generated by the various trading algorithms; while
- (b) diversification seeks to balance risk across various trading algorithms investing in a range of Target Asset Classes. In doing so, the Investment Manager seeks to improve the overall risk-adjusted returns of the Sub-Fund and minimize the dependency on any one particular trading algorithm or Target Asset Class.

The trading algorithms available to the Sub-Fund have been designed to generate gains across either a specific or a variety of Target Asset Classes during times of equity market stress while seeking to preserve capital during benign market conditions. Examples of underlying strategies which may be pursued by the Sub-Fund's trading algorithms include (but are not limited to):

- (a) Tactical equity trading: taking a short (long) exposure in global equities during times of stressed (benign) equity market conditions;
 - (b) Long volatility trading: taking a long (neutral) exposure in volatility or related FDI during times of stressed (benign) equity market conditions;
 - (c) 'Safe-haven' assets trading: taking a long (neutral) exposure in defensive assets like certain high-rated sovereign bonds, money market instruments and currencies which typically benefit from a 'flight to quality' during times of stressed (benign) equity market conditions; and
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- (d) Precious metals trading: taking a long (neutral) exposure in various precious metals which typically act as a store of wealth during times of stressed (benign) equity market conditions.

Prior to being implemented, each trading algorithm is assessed for the robustness of its parameters and respective performance across a variety of market conditions, its risk profile (independently and in the context of the Sub-Fund's overall portfolio) and finally for operational and transaction cost considerations.

The Sub-Fund's investment strategy involves dynamically adjusting its exposure to, and reliance on, specific trading algorithms in response to ever-changing market conditions.

The Investment Manager may from time to time revise the trading algorithms it relies on and introduce new trading algorithms based on a process of continuous review, research and development.

Eligible CIS

The Sub-Fund shall not invest, in aggregate, more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in Eligible CIS.

The Sub-Fund shall not invest in any Eligible CIS which can, under the terms of their own prospectus or instruments of incorporation, invest more than 10% of its net assets in any other collective investment scheme.

Total Return Swaps

The Sub-Fund may utilise total return swaps.

The gross notional exposure of total return swaps is expected to range between 0% and 1,000% of Net Asset Value, with an expected maximum gross notional exposure of 2,000% of Net Asset Value. The Sub-Fund's actual maximum exposure to total return swaps may exceed this amount.

For an explanation of the key drivers of the large potential gross notional exposure of the Sub-Fund to total return swaps, refer to 'Leverage' outlined in [Section 5](#).

Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements

The Sub-Fund shall not utilise Repurchase Agreements or Reverse Repurchase Agreements.

Securities Lending

The Sub-Fund shall not engage in securities lending transactions.

Portfolio Hedging

The Investment Manager may partially or fully hedge foreign currency exposures of the Sub-Fund's investment portfolio via the use of FDIs. The Investment Manager is not obliged, however, to hedge these exposures.

See the section of the Prospectus titled [Portfolio Level Currency Hedging](#) for further information.

Class Hedging

Where applicable as outlined in [Section 8](#), the Investment Manager shall seek to hedge the Base Currency exposure of a Class back to the Class Currency via the use of FDI.

The adoption of this strategy may substantially impact the returns accruing to holders of Shares of such a Class compared to other classes of the Sub-Fund to the extent that the

Class Currency appreciates relative to the Base Currency and/or compared to other currencies in which the assets of the Sub-Fund are denominated.

There can be no assurance that the program of currency risk management will be entirely successful. Notwithstanding such program, the Class may be affected favourably or unfavourably by exchange rate fluctuations.

See the sections of the Prospectus titled [Hedged Share Classes](#) and [Share Currency Designation Risk](#) for further information.

Principle Adverse Impacts

Notwithstanding that the Investment Manager integrates the consideration of Sustainability Risks into the investment decision-making process, the Investment Manager, in its capacity as the delegate of the Manager, is not required to and therefore elects not to consider the principal adverse impacts of its investment decisions in respect of the Sub-Fund on Sustainability Factors for the purposes of SFDR.

For further information on how the Investment Manager addresses principal adverse impacts refer to the Investment Manager's website www.lgtcp.com.

Taxonomy Regulation

The Taxonomy Regulation is a piece of directly effective EU legislation that is applicable to the Sub-Fund. Its purpose is to establish a framework to facilitate sustainable investment. It sets out harmonised criteria for determining whether an economic activity qualifies as environmentally sustainable and outlines a range of disclosure obligations to enhance transparency and to provide for objective comparison of financial products regarding the proportion of their investments that contribute to environmentally sustainable economic activities.

For the purpose of the Taxonomy Regulation, the investments underlying the Sub-Fund do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

For further details on the Sub-Fund's approach to sustainability in accordance with SFDR, please refer to the section of the Prospectus entitled "Integration of ESG".

5 Risk management, leverage & borrowing

General

The Investment Manager utilises a risk management framework which enables it to assess the exposure of the Sub-Fund to, inter alia, (i) market, (ii) liquidity, (iii) counterparty and (iv) operational risks which are relevant to and material for the Sub-Fund.

Global Exposure

The global exposure of the Sub-Fund is measured and controlled daily using the Absolute VaR approach.

The Absolute VaR limit shall not exceed 4.47% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund on the basis of a 1-day holding period at a confidence level of 99%.

Leverage

The leverage of the Sub-Fund is calculated using the 'sum of notionals' of the FDI held by the Sub-Fund.

The Sub-Fund's expected level of leverage will generally vary from 0% to 15,000% of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value, however at times the Sub-Fund's leverage may exceed this amount.

The relatively high level of leverage expressed above is mainly driven by:

- (a) short-term interest rate instruments traded by the Sub-Fund. Short duration exposure, combined with the low volatility of near-term interest rates, leads to an extremely low level of volatility of these instruments. This low volatility therefore requires large notional positions in order for the Sub-Fund to achieve a meaningful economic exposure to this asset class. The 'sum of notionals' approach does not permit the netting of long and short exposure to interest rate instruments of similar duration, nor does it permit a duration adjustment to be made to better compare the true economic exposure of the Sub-Fund to underlying interest rates of different maturities. Both of these adjustments, commonly used when assessing economic exposure, would significantly lower the apparent leverage of the Sub-Fund as compared to the 'sum of notionals' methodology; and
- (b) swaps traded by the Sub-Fund referencing baskets of Eligible Indices which themselves reference various commodity markets. While the 'sum of notionals' approach does not permit the netting of long and short exposure to the same underlying, in actual fact the net economic exposure of the Sub-Fund to the various commodity markets accessed via FDI themselves referencing Eligible Indices is significantly lower than the 'sum of notionals' approach would suggest.

To further put the above figure into context, under normal market conditions the net long or net short exposure to most Target Asset Classes is expected to range between +/- 100% of Net Asset Value. However, net exposure to interest rates (short-term and longer dated collectively) is expected to be such that a joint and parallel shift of underlying interest rate curves by 1 basis point is expected to have at most a 50 bps impact on Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund. This collective impact is comparable to a +/- 500% of Net Asset Value exposure to 10-year maturity government bonds.

Borrowing

In accordance with the general provisions set out in the Prospectus, the Sub-Fund may borrow up to 10% of its Net Asset Value on a temporary basis.

6 Share dealing

Dealing Day

Means every Business Day, or such other day or days as the Directors may, with the consent of the Depositary, determine and notify in advance the Shareholders provided there is at least one per fortnight.

Dealing Deadline

Means, with respect to each Dealing Day, 11:00 am Irish time on the third (3rd) Business Day preceding the relevant Dealing Day, or such other time as may be determined by the Directors or the Manager and notified to Shareholders in advance provided the Dealing Deadline is before the Valuation Point.

Issue of Contract Notes

Shareholders will receive a contract note on the Business Day immediately following the relevant Dealing Day.

Investor Eligibility	Particular Investor eligibility requirements in respect each Class (if any) are outlined in Section 8 . The Directors or the Manager may amend or waive such eligibility requirements in their sole discretion.
Initial Subscription Day	As defined in Section 8 in respect of each Class. The Initial Subscription Day can be amended or extended by the Directors in their sole discretion.
Initial Issue Price	As defined in Section 8 in respect of each Class.
Minimum Initial Investment Amount	As defined in Section 8 in respect of each Class. The Minimum Initial Investment Amount can be waived or amended by the Directors or the Manager in their sole discretion.
Minimum Additional Investment Amount	As defined in Section 8 in respect of each Class. The Minimum Additional Investment Amount can be waived or amended by the Directors or the Manager in their sole discretion.
Treatment of Late Notice Applications for Subscription	Applications for Shares received after the relevant Dealing Deadline will be automatically held over and Shares will be issued on the next applicable Dealing Day unless the Directors or the Manager agree, in their sole discretion, to accept a late notice application for subscription.
Treatment of Late Notice Requests for Repurchase	Repurchase requests received after the Dealing Deadline shall be automatically treated as having been received for the next available Dealing Deadline unless the Directors or the Manager agree, in their sole discretion, to accept a late notice repurchase request.
Limitations on Repurchases	Means ten per cent (10%) of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund on that Dealing Day. See the section of the Prospectus titled Limitations on Redemptions for further information.
Repurchase Payment Date	Means up to one (1) Business Day immediately following the relevant Dealing Day.
Subscription Payment Date	Means not later than one (1) Business Day immediately following the relevant Dealing Day, or such later day as may be determined by the Directors or the Manager in their sole discretion. Further conditions and requirements regarding subscription settlements, including situations where the Sub-Fund may require earlier payment of subscription monies, are outlined in the Subscription Agreement.
Valuation Day	Means the Business Day immediately preceding each Dealing Day, or such other day or days as the Directors may, with the consent of the Depositary, determine and notify in advance to Shareholders.

Valuation Point	Means 23:59 Irish time on the relevant Valuation Day.
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7 Fees & expenses

Establishment Expenses & Out of Pocket Expenses	<p>Establishment expenses associated with the Sub-Fund have been fully amortised.</p> <p>The Manager shall be entitled to be reimbursed out of the assets of the Sub-Fund for its reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred in the performance of its duties.</p>
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Management Fee	<p>The per annum Management Fee Rate applicable to each Class is outlined in Section 8.</p> <p>The Management Fee will be calculated on each Valuation Day on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Class (before debiting the Management Fee) and debited from the assets of each Class monthly.</p> <p>The Management Fee will be divided between the Manager and the Investment Manager in such proportions as shall be agreed between the Manager and the Investment Manager from time to time.</p>
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Performance Fee	Not applicable.
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Retrocession Payments	When permitted in respect of a particular Class as outlined in Section 8 , the Manager may, in its discretion, pay any portion of the Management Fee to any third-party in any manner whatsoever, whether by way of retrocession payment, rebate or otherwise.
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Preliminary Charge	A Preliminary Charge of at maximum 2% of the Net Asset Value per Share may be charged by the Company for payment to the Distributor on the issue of Shares. All or part of such Preliminary Charge may, at the discretion of the Distributor, be retained by the Distributor, paid to intermediaries or given to applicants in the form of extra Shares.
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Repurchase Charge	None.
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Administration Fees	<p>The Administrator shall be entitled to receive out of the asset of the Sub-Fund an annual fee which will not exceed 0.04% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund (plus VAT, if any), accrued and calculated on each Valuation Day and payable monthly in arrears, subject to a minimum annual fee of US\$20,000 (plus VAT, if any, thereon).</p> <p>Where there are in excess of 2 share classes, an additional \$3,000 per annum per additional share classes will be charged to the Sub-Fund.</p> <p>The Administrator shall also be compensated out of the assets of the Sub-Fund for other services, including inter alia, data feed provision services, performance fee equalisation calculation services and shareholder services, all of which shall be at normal commercial</p>
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rates together with VAT, if any, thereon. Shareholder services are charged on a 'per transaction' basis.

Further information on the Administrator fees can be obtained by investors from the Manager upon request. Administrator fees in respect of each Accounting Period will be disclosed in the financial statements of the Company.

The Administrator shall also be entitled to be repaid out of the assets of the Sub-Fund all of its out-of-pocket expenses incurred by it in the performance of its duties pursuant to or in connection with the Administration Agreement, together with VAT, if any, thereon.

Depositary Fees

The Depositary shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Sub-Fund an annual trustee fee which will not exceed 0.0175% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund (plus VAT, if any) accrued and calculated on each Valuation Day and payable monthly in arrears subject to a minimum of \$10,000 per annum.

The Depositary will also be entitled to be repaid out of the asset of the Sub-Fund in respect of, inter alia, custody fees in respect of fund of fund assets, safe-keeping fees and expenses of any sub-custodian, cash-flow monitoring and cash processing fees and transaction charges, all of which shall be at normal commercial rates together with VAT, if any, thereon.

Further information on the Depositary fees can be obtained by investors from the Manager upon request. Depositary fees in respect of each Accounting Period will be disclosed in the financial statements of the Company.

The Depositary is entitled to be reimbursed any out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred by it on behalf of the Sub-Fund.

8 Classes of the Sub-Fund

Share Class	Class Currency	Class Hedging	Investor Eligibility	Initial Issue Price ¹	Initial Subscription Day	Minimum Initial Investment Amount ¹	Minimum Additional Investment Amount	Minimum Shareholding ¹	Management Fee Rate	Performance Fee Rate	Retracement Payments	Dividend Policy
Class A	USD	Not applicable	§	Launched	Launched	10,000	1 Share	10,000	0.00%	0.00%	Permitted	Accumulating
Class B	USD	Not applicable	#	Launched	Launched	1,000,000	1 Share	1,000,000	0.75%	0.00%	Permitted	Accumulating
Class D	CHF	Applicable	#	1,000	1 December, 2022	1,000,000	1 Share	1,000,000	0.75%	0.00%	Permitted	Accumulating
Class F	USD	Not applicable	^	Launched	Launched	10,000	1 Share	10,000	1.00%	0.00%	Permitted	Accumulating
Class G	EUR	Applicable	^	Launched	Launched	10,000	1 Share	10,000	1.00%	0.00%	Permitted	Accumulating
Class H	CHF	Applicable	^	Launched	Launched	10,000	1 Share	10,000	1.00%	0.00%	Permitted	Accumulating
Class J	USD	Not applicable	%	Launched	Launched	10,000	1 Share	10,000	0.75%	0.00%	Not Permitted	Accumulating
Class N	EUR	Applicable	%	Launched	Launched	10,000	1 Share	10,000	0.75%	0.00%	Not Permitted	Accumulating
Class O	CHF	Not applicable	%	Launched	Launched	10,000	1 Share	10,000	0.75%	0.00%	Not Permitted	Accumulating
Class P	USD	Not applicable	#	Launched	Launched	100,000,000	1 Share	100,000,000	0.50%	0.00%	Permitted	Accumulating
Class Q	EUR	Applicable	#	Launched	Launched	100,000,000	1 Share	100,000,000	0.50%	0.00%	Permitted	Accumulating

¹ Denominated in Class Currency.

^ This Class shall be open to investment by all investors who are not Ineligible Applicants.

§ The Class shall only be open for investment by (i) institutional investors where an asset management agreement, an investment advisory agreement, a co-operation agreement or similar agreement with an LGT Group company is in existence, or there is distribution of fund products or fund-related products and certificates promoted by the LGT Group; (ii) any and all companies in which the LGT Group Foundation has a direct or indirect interest for its own account; and (iii) any and all employees of a LGT Group company.

The Class shall only be open for investment by institutional investors and foundations with charitable purpose or non-profit status according to private-law in their country of incorporation domicile. Institutional investors include in particular both domestic and foreign:

- companies subject to financial markets and insurance supervision (banks, etc);
- institutions operating private or public-law occupational pension plans, including those of supranational organisations (pension funds, investment foundations, vested benefits foundations, banking foundations, etc);
- institutions operating private or public-law pension schemes, including those of supranational organisations;
- collective investment schemes established under any jurisdiction and any legal form;
- holding, investment or financial services companies or operating companies with professional treasury if investing for their own account;
- single or multi-family offices with professional treasury; or
- national, local or supranational entities established under public-law of any description.

% The Class shall only be open for investment by: (i) institutional investors (as defined above), (ii) clients of banks located in the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland and the Netherlands; (iii) clients of LGT Group companies after signing a client services agreement; (iv) investors that have entered into a cooperation agreement with an LGT Group company; or (v) investors that have entered into advisory or discretionary management agreements with banks or asset management companies non-affiliated with LGT Group.

