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**BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL POOLED FUNDS
PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY**

**AN UMBRELLA FUND WITH SEGREGATED
LIABILITY BETWEEN ITS FUNDS**

**MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
(as amended by all Special Resolutions passed up to and including 18 March
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**AN UMBRELLA TYPE INVESTMENT COMPANY
WITH VARIABLE CAPITAL AND HAVING SEGREGATED LIABILITY BETWEEN
ITS FUNDS**

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MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

OF

BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL POOLED FUNDS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(as amended by all Special Resolutions passed up to and including 18 March 2016)

1. The name of the Company is BlackRock Institutional Pooled Funds public limited company.
2. The Company is a public limited company being an investment company with variable capital established pursuant to the Companies Act 2014. It is an umbrella fund with segregated liability between its funds.
3. The sole object for which the Company is established is the collective investment in:-
 - (a) transferable securities; and/or
 - (b) other liquid financial assets referred to in Regulation 68 of the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (SI No. 352 of 2011), as same may be amended or replaced (the "UCITS Regulations");

of capital raised from the public operating on the principle of spreading investment risk in accordance with the UCITS Regulations.

The powers of the Company to attain the said object are:-

- (a) To carry on the business of an investment company and for that purpose to acquire, dispose of, invest in and hold by way of investment either in the name of the Company, or in that of any nominee, shares, stocks, warrants, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, notes, obligations, futures contracts, options contracts, swap contracts, certificates of deposit, treasury bills, trade bills, bank acceptances, bills of exchange, money market instruments, fixed rate securities, units, variable or floating rate securities, securities in respect of which the return and/or redemption amount is calculated by reference to any index, price or rate, commercial paper, promissory notes, obligations and securities and financial instruments of all kinds created, issued or guaranteed by any government, sovereign, state, ruler, dominion, colony, commissioners, public body or authority, supreme, trust, municipal, local, supranational authority or otherwise, in any part of the world, or by any company, bank, association or partnership, whether with limited or unlimited liability constituted or carrying on business or activities in any part of the world, units of or participation in any unit trust scheme, mutual fund or collective investment scheme in any part of the world, policies of assurance and insurance, domestic and foreign currency and any present or future rights and interests to or in any of the foregoing, and from time to time to sell, exchange, lend, vary or dispose of and grant and dispose of options over any of the foregoing and to deposit money (or place money on current account) with such persons in such currencies and otherwise on such terms as may seem expedient.

- (b) To acquire and dispose of any such shares, stocks, warrants, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, notes, obligations, futures contracts, options contracts, swap contracts, certificates of deposit, treasury bills, trade bills, bank acceptances, bills of exchange, money market instruments, fixed rate securities, units, variable or floating rate securities, securities in respect of which the return and/or redemption amount is calculated by reference to any index, price or rate, commercial paper, promissory notes, obligations and securities and financial instruments of all kinds, units of or participation shares in unit trust schemes, mutual funds or collective investment schemes, policies of assurance and insurance, domestic and foreign currency, rights or interests aforesaid by original subscription, tender, purchase, exchange, underwriting, participation in syndicates or otherwise, and whether or not fully paid up and whether or not payment is to be made at the time of issue or on a delayed delivery basis and to subscribe for the same, either conditionally or otherwise, subject to such terms and conditions (if any) as may be thought fit, to enter into underwriting and similar contracts with respect thereto and to exercise and enforce all rights and powers conferred by or incidental to the ownership thereof.
- (c) To advance, deposit or lend money, securities and/or property (being those items which the Company is empowered to invest or otherwise deal in pursuant to Clause 3 (a) above) to or with such persons, and on such terms as may seem expedient and to discount, buy and sell bills, notes, warrants, coupons and other negotiable or transferable instruments, securities or documents of whatsoever nature.
- (d) To employ, utilise or invest in derivative instruments and techniques of all kinds and for direct investment purposes, where permitted by a Fund's investment objectives and policies, and/or the efficient management of the Company's assets as may be permitted by the UCITS Regulations (and any amendments thereto for the time being in force) and, in particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, to enter into, accept, issue and otherwise deal with sale and repurchase agreements, futures contracts, index futures, options, securities lending agreements, short sales agreements, when-issued, delayed delivery and forward commitment agreements, foreign currency spot and forward rate exchange contracts, forward rate agreements, swaps, collars, floors and caps and other foreign exchange or interest rate hedging and investment arrangements.
- (e) To exercise and enforce all rights and powers conferred by or incidental to the ownership of any such shares, stock, obligations, bonds, notes, financial instruments or other securities.
- (f) To carry on business as capitalists and financiers, and to undertake and carry on all kinds of financial, trust, agency, broking, and other operations including underwriting, issuing on commission or otherwise of stocks and securities of all kinds.
- (g) To promote and aid in promoting, constitute, form or organise companies, syndicates or partnerships of all kinds for the purpose of acquiring and undertaking any property and liabilities of the Company, or of advancing directly or indirectly the objects thereof, or for any other purpose which the Company may think expedient.
- (h) To receive moneys on loan and to borrow or raise money in any currency and secure or discharge any debt or obligation of or binding on the Company in any manner and in particular by the issue of, bonds, debentures or debenture stock, perpetual or redeemable, and to secure the repayment of any money borrowed, raised or owing by mortgage, charge or lien against the whole or any part of the Company's undertaking, property or assets (whether present or future) including its uncalled capital or generally in any other manner as the Directors shall from time to time determine, and also by a similar mortgage charge or lien to secure or guarantee the performance of any obligation or liability undertaken by the Company or any person or company.
- (i) To promote and aid in promoting, constitute, form or organise any company or companies, syndicates or partnerships of all kinds in any part of the world and to

subscribe shares therein or other securities thereof for the purpose of carrying on any business which the Company is authorised to carry on or of advancing directly or indirectly the objects thereof, or for any other purpose which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit the Company.

- (j) To create, issue, make, draw, accept, endorse, execute, discount, negotiate and otherwise deal with redeemable debentures, bonds or other obligations, bills of exchange, promissory notes, letters of credit or other negotiable or transferable instruments.
- (k) To redeem or otherwise acquire in any manner permitted by law and on such terms and in such manner as the Company may think fit any shares in the capital of the Company.
- (l) To guarantee, support or secure, whether by personal covenant or by mortgaging or charging all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital of the Company or by both such methods the performance of the obligations of, and the repayment or payment of the principal amounts of and the premiums, interest and dividends on any security of any person, firm or company including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) any company which is for the time being the Company's holding company or subsidiary as defined by Section 8 of the Act or another subsidiary as defined by the said Section of the Company's holding company or otherwise associated with the Company in business.
- (m) To lend the funds of the Company with or without security and at interest or free of interest and on such terms and conditions as the Directors shall from time to time determine.
- (n) To issue loan stock on such terms as the Company may deem appropriate including rights to convert such loan stock into shares in the Company.
- (o) To acquire and carry on all or any part of the business, goodwill or property, and to undertake any liabilities of any person, firm, association or company possessed of property suitable for any of the purposes of the Company, or carrying on or proposing to carry on any business which the Company is authorised to carry on, and as the consideration for the same to pay cash or to issue any fully paid up shares, debentures, or obligations of the Company or undertake all or any of the liabilities of such person, firm, association or company.
- (p) To accumulate capital for any of the purposes of the Company, and to appropriate any of the Company's assets to specific purposes, either conditionally or unconditionally, and to admit any class or section of those who have any dealings with the Company to any share in the profits thereof or in the profits of any particular branch of the Company's business or to any other special rights, privileges, advantages or benefits.
- (q) To reduce the share capital of the Company in any manner permitted by law.
- (r) To make gifts or grant bonuses to officers or other persons who are or have been in the employment of the Company and to allow any such persons to have the use and enjoyment of such property, chattels or other assets belonging to the Company upon such terms as the Company shall think fit.
- (s) To guarantee the payment of money by or the performance of any contracts, liabilities, obligations, or engagements of any company, firm or person and to grant guarantees and indemnities of every description, and to undertake obligations of every description.
- (t) To enter into any arrangements with any government, or authority, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, and to obtain from any such government or authority any rights, concessions and privileges that may seem conducive to the objects of the Company or any of them.

- (u) To employ any person, firm, company or other body to investigate and examine the conditions, prospects, values, character and circumstances of any business concern or undertaking and generally of any assets, concessions, properties or rights.
- (v) To amalgamate or enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interest, joint venture, reciprocal concessions or co-operation with any person or company carrying on, engaged in, or about to carry on or engage in any business or transaction which the Company is authorised to carry on or engage in, or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit the Company, and to take or otherwise acquire and hold, sell, re-issue, or otherwise deal with shares or stock in or securities or obligations of, and to subsidise or otherwise assist any such securities or obligations or any dividends upon any such shares or stock.
- (w) To apply for, purchase or otherwise acquire any patents, trademarks, copyrights, designs, licences, and like rights, conferring an exclusive or limited right to use, or any secret or other information as to any invention which may seem capable of being used for any of the purposes of the Company or the acquisition of which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to benefit the Company and to use, exercise, develop, sell, mortgage, grant licences in respect of, or otherwise turn to account the rights and information so acquired.
- (x) To establish and/or carry on any other business or businesses which may seem to the Company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with any business which the Company is authorised to carry on, or may seem to the Company calculated directly or indirectly to benefit the Company or to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the Company's properties or rights.
- (y) To distribute among the members of the Company in specie any assets of the Company or any proceeds of sale or disposal of any assets of the Company and in particular to repay any surplus or premiums on any shares of the Company.
- (z) To sell, let, develop, dispose of or otherwise deal with the undertaking or all or any part of the property real or personal, rights or privileges of the Company upon such terms as the Company may think fit, with power to accept as the consideration, any shares, stocks, debentures, securities or obligations of or interest in any other company.
- (aa) To remunerate any companies, firm or person for services rendered or to be rendered in placing or assisting to place or guaranteeing the placing of any of the shares in the Company's capital or any debentures or other securities of the Company or in or about the promotion of the Company or the conduct of its business and whether by cash payment or by the allotment to him or them of stocks, shares, debentures, bonds or other securities of the Company, credited as paid up in full, in part or otherwise.
- (bb) To promote any company or companies for the purpose of its or their acquiring all or any of the property, rights and liabilities of the Company, or for any other purpose which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit the Company and to pay all the expenses of or incidental to such promotion.
- (cc) To pay out of the funds of the Company all expenses which the Company may lawfully pay incidental to the formation, registration and advertising of or raising money for the Company and the issue of its capital or any class thereof, including brokerage and commissions for obtaining applications for or taking, placing or procuring the underwriting of shares, stocks, debentures, bonds or other securities of the Company and any other expenses which the Directors shall consider to be in the nature of preliminary expenses.
- (dd) To pay for any property or rights acquired by the Company either in cash or by the issue of fully or partly paid shares of the Company.

- (ee) To exercise all or any of the powers aforesaid in any part of the world, and as principals, agents, contractors, trustees or otherwise and by or through trustees, agents, attorneys or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others.
- (ff) To do all such other things as the Company may deem incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the objects of the Company.
- (gg) To procure the Company to be registered or recognised in any part of the world outside Ireland.

And it is hereby declared that the word "company" (except where used in reference to this Company) in this Clause shall be deemed to include any partnership or other body of persons, whether incorporated or not incorporated.

2. The liability of the members is limited.

3.

- (a) The share capital of the Company shall be equal to the value for the time being of the issued share capital of the Company; and
- (b) The share capital of the Company is Euro€40,000 divided into 40,000 subscriber shares of Euro€1 each and 500,000,000,000 shares of no par value initially designated as unclassified shares. The number of shares in issue shall not be less than such number as is required by law nor more than 40,000 subscriber shares and 500,000,000,000 shares of no par value.

**BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL POOLED FUNDS
PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY**

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

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SECTION 1.0 - PRELIMINARY

1. Interpretation

- (i) In these Articles and in the Memorandum of Association the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Act", the Companies Act 2014 and every statute or other provision of law modifying, extending or re-enacting them or any of it.

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

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

"Administration Agreement", any Agreement for the time being subsisting to which the Company and/or the Manager and the Administrator are parties and relating to the appointment and duties of the Administrator.

"Administrator", any person, firm or corporation appointed and for the time being acting as Administrator of the Company or any Fund.

"Articles", the Articles of Association of the Company as originally adopted or as amended from time to time.

"Auditors", the Auditors for the time being of the Company.

"Base Currency", in respect of any class of shares means the currency in which the shares are issued.

"Board", the board of Directors of the Company from time to time including a duly authorised committee thereof.

"Benchmark Index", in relation to a Fund, the index against which the return of the Fund will be compared.

"BlackRock Group", the BlackRock group of companies, the ultimate holding company of which is BlackRock, Inc.

"Business Day", in relation to any Fund, shall bear the same meaning as set out in any Prospectus relating thereto.

"Central Bank", the Central Bank of Ireland or any successor thereof.

"Class", such class of Shares as the Directors may, from time to time designate.

"Class Expenses", the expenses of registering a Class in any jurisdiction or with any stock exchange, regulated market or settlements system and such other expenses arising from such registration and such further expenses howsoever arising as may be disclosed in the Prospectus.

"Clear Days", in relation to the period of a notice, that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect.

"Client Agreement", an agreement between a BlackRock Group company and an investor in the Company under which the investor has agreed to pay certain fees to such BlackRock Group company in respect of his investment in the Company.

"Client Agreement Class", any Class in respect of which Shareholders must enter into a Client Agreement prior to acquiring Shares in the Class.

"Collective Investment Scheme":

- (i) any arrangement made for the purpose, or having the effect, of providing facilities for the participation by persons, as beneficiaries under a trust, in profits or income arising from the acquisition, holding, management or disposal of investments or any other property whatsoever; and
- (ii) any other investment vehicle of a similar nature to that described in paragraph (i) of this definition (including, without limitation, any open-ended investment company, mutual fund or fonds commun de placement)

and, in relation to any such collective investment scheme, "unit" means any unit, share or other interest (however described) of similar nature in such collective investment scheme.

"Company", the Company whose name appears on the heading to these Articles.

"Connected Person", means the Manager or the Custodian and the delegates and sub-delegates of the Manager or Custodian (excluding any non-group company sub-custodians appointed by the Custodian) and any associated or group company of the Manager, Custodian, delegate or sub-delegate.

"Custodian", any person firm or corporation appointed and for the time being acting as custodian and trustee of all the assets of the Company pursuant to these Articles under the terms and provisions of the Custodian Agreement with powers to appoint sub-custodians.

"Custodian Agreement", any agreement for the time being subsisting between the Company (and, if required, the Manager) and the Custodian and relating to the appointment and duties of the Custodian and giving the Custodian power to appoint sub-custodians.

"Dealing Currency", shall bear the same meaning as set out in the Prospectus.

"Dealing Day", shall bear the same meaning as set out in the Prospectus or such other day as the Directors may from time to time determine in the case of any Fund and notify in advance to Shareholders, provided always that there shall be at least two Dealing Days in every month.

"Directive", Directive No. 2009/65/EC of the Council of the European Parliament of 13 July 2009, Commission Directive 2010/43/EU of 1 July 2010 and Commission Directive

2010/44/EU of 1 July 2010 on the co-ordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities, as may be amended or replaced.

"Directors", the Directors of the Company for the time being, or as the case may be, the Directors present at a meeting of the Board.

"Duties and Charges", in relation to any Fund, all stamp and other duties, taxes, governmental charges, fiscal charges, brokerage, bank charges, foreign exchange spreads, interest, custodian or sub-custodian charges (relating to sales and purchases), transfer fees, registration fees and other duties and charges whether in connection with the original acquisition or increase of the assets of the relevant Fund or the creation, issue, sale, conversion or repurchase of Shares or the sale or purchase of Investments or in respect of certificates or otherwise which may have become or may be payable in respect of or prior to or in connection with or arising out of or upon the occasion of the transaction or dealing in respect of which such duties and charges are payable, which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes, when calculating the Net Asset Value per Share, any provision for spreads (to take into account the difference between the price at which a Fund's underlying assets were valued for the purpose of calculating the Net Asset Value and the estimated price at which such assets shall be bought as a result of a subscription and sold as a result of a redemption), but shall not include any commission payable to agents on sales and purchases of Shares or any commission, taxes, charges or costs which may have been taken into account in ascertaining the Net Asset Value of Shares in the relevant Fund.

"Equalisation Accounts", such accounts (a separate account for each Fund) as may be maintained at the discretion of the Directors in accordance with Article 128.

"Euro" or "€", the single European currency unit referred to in Council Regulation (EC) No. 974/98 of 3 May 1998 on the introduction of the Euro.

"Funds", the Funds established and maintained in accordance with Article 8 hereof which shall be kept separate from one another and to which all assets and liabilities, income and expenditures attributable or allocated to each such Fund shall be applied or charged.

"Holder", a holder of shares in the Company.

"In writing", any written, printed or lithographed or photographed material or represented by any other substitute for writing or partly one and partly another.

"Initial Offer Period", the period (if any) set by the Directors in relation to any Class as the period during which such Shares are initially on offer.

"Initial Offer Price(s)", the price(s) at which Shares in any Fund are offered for purchase or subscription during the Initial Offer Period.

"Investment", any investment authorised by the Memorandum of Association of the Company and which is permitted by the Regulations and these Articles.

"Investment Manager", any person, firm or corporation appointed and for the time being acting as the Investment Manager of the Company or any Fund.

"Investment Management Agreement", any Agreement for the time being subsisting to which the Company and/or the Manager and the Investment Manager are a party and relating to the appointment and duties of the Investment Manager.

"Management Agreement", any agreement for the time being subsisting between the Company and the Manager in relation to the appointment and duties of the Manager.

"Manager", any person, firm or corporation appointed and for the time being acting as manager to the Company under the terms and provisions of the Management Agreement.

"Member", a person who is registered as the holder of Shares or Subscriber Shares in the Register of Members for the time being kept by the Company.

"Minimum Additional Investment Amount", such amount or number of Shares as the Directors may from time to time prescribe in respect of any Fund and/or Class as the minimum subscription by any Shareholder for additional Shares or additional number of Shares of the relevant Fund and/or Class.

"Minimum Holding", a holding of Shares in any Fund and/or Class having an aggregate value of such minimum amount as determined by the Directors.

"Minimum Investment Amount", such amount or number of Shares as the Directors may from time to time prescribe in respect of any Fund and/or Class as the minimum initial subscription amount for Shares or number of Shares of the relevant Fund and/or Class.

"Minimum Redemption Amount", such amount or number of Shares as the Directors may from time to time prescribe in respect of any Fund or Class as the minimum amount or number of Shares which the Member must redeem of the relevant Fund and/or Class.

"Net Asset Value", or "Net Asset Value of a Share" or "Net Asset Value of a Class" in respect of any Fund, the amount determined in accordance with Articles 16 to 19 inclusive of these Articles.

"Net Asset Value per Share", the Net Asset Value divided by the number of Shares of the relevant Fund or Class in issue or deemed to be in issue where there is more than one Class in the Fund and being the price at which Shares can be subscribed and redeemed.

"OECD", the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, whose member states currently comprise Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States.

"Office", the registered office of the Company.

"Ordinary Resolution", a resolution of the Company in general meeting passed by a simple majority of the votes cast.

"Prospectus", any prospectus issued by the Company from time to time in connection with the purchase of or subscription for Shares of any class.

"Qualified Holder", shall bear the same meaning as set out in the Prospectus.

"Redemption", shall include repurchase and "redeemed" shall be construed accordingly.

"Register", the register of Shareholders kept pursuant to the Act.

"Regulated Markets", the list of stock exchanges and regulated markets in which the assets of the Company may be invested from time to time, as set out in the Prospectus. For the purposes only of determining the value of the assets of a Fund, the term "Regulated Market" shall be deemed to include, in relation to any futures or options contract any organised exchange or market on which such futures or options contract utilised for efficient portfolio management purposes or to provide protection against exchange rate risk, any organised exchange or market on which such futures or options contract is regularly traded.

"Regulations", the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (SI No. 352 of 2011) as same may be amended or replaced.

"Relevant Time", such hour of the day set out as the time limit for the purposes of these Articles as may be specified by the Directors in relation to any Class, from time to time.

"Seal", the Common Seal of the Company.

"Secretary", any person appointed by the Directors to perform any of the duties of the Secretary of the Company.

"Share", a share of no par value in the capital of the Company issued in accordance with these Articles and with the rights provided for under these Articles.

"Shareholder", the registered holder of shares of any class of the Company.

"Signed", includes a signature or representation of a signature affixed by mechanical means.

"Special Resolution", a resolution of the Company passed in accordance with Section 191 of the Act or a resolution of Shareholders of a Fund or class thereof passed by not less than 75% of the votes cast by the Shareholders entitled to vote thereon.

"State", Ireland.

"Sterling" or "Stg", the lawful currency of the United Kingdom.

"Subscriber Share", shares of Euro€1 each in the capital of the Company designated as "Subscriber Shares" in these Articles and subscribed by or on behalf of the Manager for the purpose of incorporation of the Company.

"The Irish Stock Exchange", the Irish Stock Exchange Limited.

"UCITS", an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities as defined in the Directive.

"United Kingdom", the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

"United States" and "US", the United States of America or any of its territories, possessions, any State of the United States and the Federal District of Columbia.

"United States Dollars", "US Dollars" and "US\$", the lawful currency of the United States.

"US Person", shall bear the same meaning as set out in the Prospectus.

"Valuation Point", in respect of any Fund such time or times as the Directors shall appoint on or in respect of a Dealing Day for the valuation of its assets and liabilities.

- (ii) Unless specifically defined in these Articles or the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these Articles shall bear the same meaning as in the Act but excluding any statutory modification thereof not in force when these Articles become binding on the Company.
- (iii) References to Articles are to Articles of these Articles and any reference in an Article to a paragraph or sub-paragraph shall be a reference to a paragraph or sub-paragraph of the Article in which the reference is contained unless it appears from the context that a reference to some other provision is intended.

- (iv) The headings and captions included in these Articles are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered a part of or affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles.
- (v) In these Articles, the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter, and vice versa, and the singular number shall include the plural, and vice versa, and words importing persons shall include firms or companies (whether corporate or not).
- (vi) References to enactments and to provisions of enactments shall include reference to any modifications or re-enactments thereof for the time being in force.
- (vii) Except as otherwise expressly provided, references to times of day shall be to local time in Ireland.

2. **Establishment Expenses**

All fees and expenses relating to the establishment of Funds and the listing of any Shares of such Funds (including the fees of the legal and other advisers to the Company) will be borne by the Company as will all ongoing expenses relating to the Company and all Funds. Such fees and expenses will be charged to the Funds established by the Company on such terms and in such manner as the Directors deem fair and equitable and may be amortised over such period as the Directors may determine provided that each Fund will bear its own direct establishment costs and each Class listed on The Irish Stock Exchange will bear the costs of listing its Shares on The Irish Stock Exchange.

PART II - SHARE CAPITAL AND RIGHTS

3. **Share Capital**

- (i) The initial share capital of the Company is Euro€40,000 divided into 40,000 Subscriber Shares of Euro€1 each and 500,000,000,000 Shares of no par value initially designated as unclassified shares each having the rights appearing in these Articles. The unclassified shares are available for issue as Shares.
- (ii) The number of shares in issue shall not be less than such number as is required by law (currently two) nor more than 40,000 Subscriber Shares and 500,000,000,000 Shares of no par value.
- (iii) The actual value of the paid up share capital of the Company shall be at all times equal to the value of the assets of any kind of the Company after deduction of its liabilities.
- (iv) The Shares of the Company shall, at the request of any of the holders thereof, but subject to any restrictions contained in these Articles, be purchased or redeemed by the Company directly or indirectly out of the Company's assets.

4. **Allotment of Shares**

- (i)
 - (i) The Directors may issue any of the unclassified shares in the capital of the Company as Shares in a particular Fund and, if required, a particular Class within a Fund. The Company is structured as an "umbrella fund" and the Directors may divide the Shares into different Funds and Classes in such currencies as they deem fit and designate one or more Classes to a separate Fund. On or before the issue of any Share the Directors shall specify the Class and Fund in relation to which such Share is designated.
 - (ii) Where the Directors designate any Shares in a Fund as being part of a Class of such Fund, all Shares of any Class of a Fund shall rank pari passu with all other Shares of any other Class of such Fund save with respect to:

- A. any Minimum Holding, Minimum Investment Amount, Minimum Additional Investment Amount and/or Minimum Redemption Amount that may be made applicable to the Class but not to another or others;
 - B. the dividend entitlement of any Class;
 - C. the amount of any charge that may be made (either to investors subscribing for such Shares or payable in respect of the Shares of such Class for the services of any Manager, Custodian, Investment Manager, Administrator or other adviser or provider of services) as the same may be described in a Prospectus; or
 - D. any other different rights and restrictions alternatively thereto as set out in the Prospectus.
- (iii) New Funds may be established with the prior approval of the Central Bank. Shares in relation to other Funds (and Classes thereof) may be issued and designated from time to time by the Directors in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

All monies payable for or in respect of Shares (including without limitation the subscription and repurchase monies in respect thereof) shall be paid in the currency in which such Share is designated or in such other currency as the Directors shall determine either generally or in relation to a particular Class or in any specific case.

- (ii) The Directors may in their absolute discretion accept or reject any application for Shares in the Company in whole or in part without assigning any reason therefor.
- (iii) The Directors are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot relevant securities within the meaning of Section 20 of the 1983 Act. The maximum amount of relevant securities which may be allotted under the authority hereby conferred shall be the number of the authorised but unissued relevant securities in the capital of the Company from time to time and for the time being, provided however that any shares which have been repurchased shall be deemed never to have been issued for the purpose of calculating the maximum amount of shares which may be issued.
- (iv) Without prejudice to any special rights previously conferred on the holders of any existing shares or class of shares, any share in the Company may be issued with such preferred, deferred, or other rights or restrictions, whether in regard to dividends, voting, return of capital or otherwise, as the Directors may from time to time determine.
- (v) Subject to the foregoing, the Shares of the Company shall be at the disposal of the Directors and (subject to the provisions of the Act) they may allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons on such terms and conditions and at such times as they may consider to be in the best interests of the Company and the Members.
- (vi) Subject to the provisions of the Act and the requirements of the Central Bank, Shares of any Fund may be acquired, by way of subscription or transfer for consideration, or redeemed, by another Fund for the purpose of cross investment by one Fund to another.

5. Shares

- (i) Shares may only be issued fully paid and shall have no par value.
- (ii) The actual value of the paid up share capital of each Class in the Company shall at all times be equal to the Net Asset Value of such Class.
- (iii) The rights and restrictions attaching to Shares shall be as follows:

- (i) the holder of each whole Share shall, on a vote taken on a show of hands, be entitled to one vote per holder and, on a poll, be entitled to one vote per Share;
- (ii) the holder of each Share shall be entitled to such dividends as the Directors may from time to time declare;
- (iii) in the event of a winding up or dissolution of the Company the holder of each Share shall have the rights referred to in Article 124(b).

6. Subscriber Shares

- (i) Subscriber Shares shall only be issued at their par value of Euro€1 each.
- (ii) Any Subscriber Shares not held by the Manager or its nominees shall be subject to requisition under Article 31 of these Articles.
- (iii) The holder of a Subscriber Share shall on a vote taken on a show of hands, be entitled to one vote and, on a poll, be entitled to one vote per Subscriber Share.
- (iv) The holders of the Subscriber Shares shall not be entitled to any dividends whatsoever in respect of their holding of Subscriber Shares.
- (v) In the event of a winding up or dissolution of the Company, the holder of a Subscriber Share shall have the rights referred to in Article 124(b).

7. Variation of Rights

- (i) The rights attached to any class of shares may, whether or not the Company is being wound up, be varied or abrogated with the consent in writing of the holders of three-fourths of the issued and outstanding shares of that class, or with the sanction of a Special Resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of the class. To every such separate general meeting the provisions of these Articles relating to general meetings shall apply but so that the necessary quorum at any such meeting other than an adjourned meeting shall be two persons holding or representing by proxy shares of the class in question and, at an adjourned meeting, one person holding shares of the class in question or his proxy. Any holder of shares of the class in question present in person or by proxy may demand a poll.
- (ii) The rights conferred upon the holders of the shares of any class shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class, be deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of further shares ranking *pari passu* therewith.

8. Segregated Liability Between Funds

- (i) All consideration, other than the preliminary charge (if any) pursuant to Article 13, received by the Company for the allotment or issue of Shares of each Class, together with all Investments in which such consideration is invested or reinvested, all income, earnings, profits and proceeds thereof shall be segregated and kept separate in the Fund to which such Class relates from all other monies of the Company and to which the following provisions shall apply:
 - (i) the records and accounts of each Fund shall be maintained separately in the Base Currency of the relevant Fund;
 - (ii) the liabilities of each Fund shall be attributable exclusively to that Fund;
 - (iii) the assets of each Fund shall belong exclusively to that Fund, shall be segregated in the records of the Custodian from the assets of other Funds, shall not be used to discharge directly or indirectly the liabilities of or claims against any other Fund;

- (iv) the proceeds from the issue of each Class shall be applied to the relevant Fund established for that Class, and the assets and liabilities and income and expenditure attributable thereto shall be applied to such Fund subject to the provisions of these Articles;
- (v) where any asset is derived from another asset, the derived asset shall be applied to the same Fund as the assets from which it was derived, and on each revaluation of an asset the increase or diminution in value shall be applied to the relevant Fund;
- (vi) in the case where an asset or a liability of the Company cannot be considered as attributable to a particular Fund, the Directors shall have discretion, subject to the Act and the approval of the Auditors to determine the basis upon which such asset or liability shall be allocated between the Funds and the Directors shall have power at any time and from time to time subject as aforesaid to vary such basis, provided that the approval of the Auditors shall not be required in any case where the asset or liability is allocated between all Funds pro rata to their Net Asset Values.

9. Trusts Not Recognised

Except as required by law, no person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any shares upon any trust, and the Company shall not be bound by or be compelled in any way to recognise (even when having notice thereof) any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in any share or (except only as by these Articles or by law otherwise provided) any other rights in respect of any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the registered holder. This shall not preclude the Company from requiring a Member or a transferee of shares to furnish the Company with information as to the beneficial ownership of any share when such information is reasonably required by the Company.

PART III - SHARES

10. Issue of Shares

- (i) Subject as hereinafter provided, the Company, on receipt by it or its authorised agents of the following:
 - (i) an application for Shares in such form and sent by such means as the Company may from time to time determine;
 - (ii) such declarations as to the applicant's status, residence or otherwise as the Company from time to time may require;

may issue any Shares at the Net Asset Value per Share for each Class determined in accordance with Article 11 of these Articles, or provided that the application referred to in sub-paragraph (a)(i) above has been received may allot such Shares pending receipt of cleared funds and/or such information and declarations referred to in sub-paragraph (a)(ii) above. Failure to provide all application information/documentation requested shall, at the discretion of the Manager, result in the compulsory redemption of the relevant Shares in accordance with these Articles.

- (ii) Payment for Shares shall be made in such currency at such time, place and manner and to such person on behalf of the Company as the Directors may from time to time determine.
- (iii) If payment in full in cleared funds in respect of a subscription has not been received by the Relevant Time the Company or the Manager may (and in the event of non-clearance shall) cancel the allotment of Shares made in respect of such application. In such event and notwithstanding cancellation of the application, the Manager may charge the

applicant for any expense incurred by it or the Company for any loss to any Fund arising out of such non-receipt or non-clearance. In addition, the Company or the Manager shall have the right to sell or redeem all or any part of the applicant's holding of the Shares in the Fund or any other Fund in order to meet such charges.

- (iv) The issue or allotment of Shares pursuant to this Article shall be made on the Dealing Day on which the application is received provided that such application is received, in respect of an application to be made during the Initial Offer Period, before the expiry of such period and, in respect of an application made after the Initial Offer Period no later than the Relevant Time for receipt thereof. If the application is received outside the Relevant Time, it may be treated as an application for Shares on the Dealing Day following such receipt.
- (v) The Company may (at the option of the Directors) satisfy any application for the allotment of Shares of any class by procuring the transfer to the applicant of fully-paid Shares of the relevant class and the effective date of such transfer shall be the relevant Dealing Day. In any such case, references in these Articles to allotting Shares shall where appropriate be taken as references to procuring the transfer of Shares.
- (vi) For the purposes of these Articles:
 - (i) Shares of the Class concerned which have been allotted but not issued on a Dealing Day shall be deemed to be in issue on receipt of payment therefor and Shares of the class concerned whose allotment has been cancelled and the relevant application monies have not been returned to the applicant on or prior to a Dealing Day shall be deemed to cease to be in issue at the close of business on the day of such cancellation; and
 - (ii) Shares of the class concerned which have been repurchased on a Dealing Day in accordance with Article 20 shall be deemed to have ceased to be in issue at the close of business on the Dealing Day on which they are repurchased.
- (vii) Where an amount received for Shares applied for is not an exact multiple of their Net Asset Value per Share, a fraction of a Share shall be allotted to the incoming member who shall be registered as the holder of such a fraction, provided however that a fraction of less than .01 of a Share shall not be issued and amounts received representing less than .01 of a Share will not be returned to the applicant but will be retained by the Manager to meet administration costs.

In addition to the foregoing, the Directors may determine not to return any amount received for Shares which is less than a whole unit of denomination specified by them of any particular currency.

The rights, entitlement and benefits of the holder of a Share under the Articles are granted to a holder of a fraction of a Share in proportion to the fraction of the Share held by him and, except where the context otherwise requires or is otherwise provided herein, reference in the Articles to "Share" shall include a fraction of a Share. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Articles the holder of a fraction of a Share may not exercise any voting rights in respect of such fraction of a Share.

- (viii) Applications for the issue of Shares will be irrevocable unless the Directors or a delegate, otherwise agree.

11. Price per Share

- (i) The Initial Offer Price(s) per Share at which Shares of any Fund or Class shall be allotted and issued during the Initial Offer Period shall be determined by the Directors.
- (ii) The price per Share of any Class of the relevant Fund to be issued subsequent to the Initial Offer Period shall be the Net Asset Value per Share ascertained by:

- (i) determining the Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Class calculated in respect of the Valuation Point on the Dealing Day on which the subscription or redemption is to be made under Articles 16 to 19 of these Articles;
 - (ii) applying (either by adding to or deducting from) an amount determined by the Directors from time to time at their sole discretion to the amount at (b)(i) above, when on any Dealing Day the aggregate transactions in Shares of all Classes of a Fund result in a net increase or decrease of Shares which exceeds a threshold set by the Directors from time to time for that Fund, which provision shall be an amount which the Directors consider appropriate to meet Duties and Charges relating to the purchase or sale of underlying investments which may be incurred by a Fund;
 - (iii) dividing the amount calculated under (b)(i) or, where applicable, (b)(ii) above by the number of Shares of the relevant Class of the Fund in issue or deemed to be in issue at the relevant Valuation Point; and
 - (iv) rounding the resulting amount up or down to such number of decimal places as the Directors deem appropriate in the currency in which such Shares are designated.
- (iii) The Net Asset Value per Share of any Class may also be converted to and expressed in the relevant Dealing Currency where the currency in which such Shares are designated is different to the Dealing Currency.
- (iv) Subject to the provisions of the Act and the Regulations, the Directors on any Dealing Day may issue Shares of any Class on terms providing for settlement to be made by the vesting in the Company of any Investments and in connection therewith the following provisions shall apply:
- (i) in the case of a person who is not an existing Shareholder no Shares shall be issued until the person concerned shall have completed and delivered to the Company or its duly authorised agent an Application Form as required under these Articles and satisfied all the requirements of the Directors and Manager as to the application;
 - (ii) the nature of the Investments transferred into the relevant Fund are such as would qualify as Investments of such Fund in accordance with the investment objectives, policies and restrictions of such Fund and the Investments to be transferred have been agreed in advance with the Manager;
 - (iii) no Shares shall be issued until (i) and (ii) above have been satisfied and the Custodian is satisfied that the terms of such settlement will not be such as are likely to result in any prejudice to the existing Shareholders of the relevant Fund;
 - (iv) any exchange shall be effected upon the terms (including provision for paying any expenses of the exchange and any preliminary charge as would have been payable for Shares issued for cash) that the number of Shares issued shall not exceed the number which would have been issued for cash against payment of a sum equal to the value of the Investments concerned calculated in accordance with the principles set out in Article 17(b). Such sum may be increased by such amount as the Directors may consider represents an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges which would have been incurred by the relevant Fund in the acquisition of the Investments by purchase for cash or decreased by such amount as the Directors may consider represents any Duties and Charges to be paid to the relevant Class Fund as a result of the direct acquisition by the Fund of the Investment;
 - (v) The Investments must vest in the Custodian or any sub-custodian to the Custodian's satisfaction by the Relevant Time. Any late vesting in respect of in

specie subscriptions shall be dealt with in the same manner as late settlement of non in specie subscriptions as set out in these Articles.

12. Minimum Subscription

The Directors may decline to issue Shares to satisfy any application unless:

- (i) the amount in value of the Shares to which an application relates equals or exceeds:
 - (i) the Minimum Investment Amount or its equivalent in another currency or such amount as the Directors may from time to time determine in relation to any Class; or
 - (ii) such minimum amount of investment in classes of Shares as the Directors may from time to time determine where an application is made for Shares of two or more classes; or
- (ii) the applicant is already the holder of Shares and the amount in value of the Shares to which the application relates equals or exceeds the Minimum Additional Investment Amount or such other amount as the Directors may determine.

13. Preliminary Charge

The Directors may, in their absolute discretion, require any person to whom any Class is to be allotted to pay to the Manager or any duly authorised agent of the Manager for its absolute use and benefit, a preliminary charge at a rate to be determined by the Directors by reference to the aggregate amount subscribed but not exceeding in respect of each Share to be allotted an amount equal to 5% of the Net Asset Value for such Share rounded up or down to such number of decimal places as the Directors deem appropriate in the currency in which such Share is designated. The Directors may on any Dealing Day differentiate between applicants as to the amount of the preliminary charge required to be paid to the Manager or any duly authorised agent of the Manager as to the amount of initial preliminary charge (if any) to be levied on each Class (subject to the maximum aforesaid).

14. Suspension of Issue

No Shares of any particular Class shall be allotted or issued during any period when the determination of the Net Asset Value of that Class is suspended pursuant to these Articles except those for which applications have been previously received and accepted by the Company or its authorised agent.

15. Restrictions on Shareholders/Qualified Persons

- (i) The Directors shall have power (but shall not be under any duty) to impose such restrictions as they may think necessary for the purpose of ensuring that no Shares of any class are acquired or held directly or beneficially by:
 - (i) any person who is not a Qualified Holder; or
 - (ii) any person or persons in circumstances, (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) which, in the opinion of the Directors might result in the Company incurring any liability to taxation or suffering pecuniary disadvantages which the Company might not otherwise have incurred or suffered or the Company being required to register under the 1940 Act or similar statute successor thereto or to register any class of its securities under the 1933 Act or similar statute successor thereto; or

- (iii) (where in respect of a Class a pre-condition to the holding of which requires the applicant to enter into a Client Agreement) a person who has not entered into a Client Agreement.
- (ii)
 - (i) No person other than a Qualified Holder shall be or remain registered as a holder of Shares and the Directors may upon an application for any Class or (subject as herein provided) on a transfer of any Class or at any other time and from time to time require such evidence to be furnished to them in this connection as they shall in their discretion deem sufficient and in default of such evidence being furnished to the satisfaction of the Directors the Directors may require the repurchase or transfer of such Shares pursuant to these Articles.
 - (ii) A holder of Shares who shall cease to be a Qualified Holder shall promptly either give to the Company a redemption notice in respect of such shares or shall promptly transfer such shares to a Qualified Holder.
 - (iii) If the Directors shall in their absolute discretion consider that any holder of Shares is not a Qualified Holder (or at any time while registered as a holder of such shares has not been a Qualified Holder), the Directors may require the repurchase or transfer of such Shares in accordance with Article 20 hereof.

PART IV - DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

16. Net Asset Value of Shares

- (i) The Net Asset Value of a Fund shall be the value of all the assets comprised in the relevant Fund less all the liabilities attributable to the relevant Fund and subject to any regulations made by the Central Bank pursuant to the Regulations.
- (ii) The value of the assets and liabilities referred to in (a) above shall be determined in accordance with the valuation rules set out hereafter in Articles 17 to 19 inclusive.
- (iii) The Net Asset Value of a Fund shall be expressed in the currency in which the Fund is designated (translated where necessary at such rate of exchange as the Directors think fit) and will be calculated to such number of decimal places as the Directors may determine.
- (iv) The Net Asset Value of any Class within a Fund shall be determined by deducting the share of liabilities of that class of the Fund of which that Class forms part from that Class' share of the assets of the said Fund, in all cases in a manner determined by the Directors with the approval of the Custodian.
- (v) The costs and related liabilities/benefits arising from instruments entered into (subject to article 78(c)) for the purposes of any particular class of a Fund including, without limitation, hedging the currency exposure (where the currency of a particular class is different to the base currency of the Fund), and any transactions entered for such purposes shall be attributable exclusively to that class. Currency hedged Share classes shall not be leveraged as a result of these transactions other than in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements.
- (vi) The Net Asset Value of a Class within a Fund shall be expressed in the Base Currency in which the Fund is designated except where the currency of the particular Class is different to the Base Currency of the Fund, it shall be expressed in the currency in which that Class is designated (translated, where necessary at such rate of exchange as the Directors think fit) and will be calculated to such number of decimal places as the Directors may determine.
- (vii) The Net Asset Value of a Share within a Class shall be determined by dividing the Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Class by the number of Shares of that Class in

issue and deemed to be in issue and will be calculated to such number of decimal places in the currency in which that Class is designated as the Directors may determine.

- (viii) If different Classes of Shares in a Fund bear different charges, the Net Asset Value of the Fund will be allocated as may be determined by the Directors (with the approval of the Custodian) between the different Classes to reflect the different charges for the purpose of calculating the Net Asset Value of each Class.

17. **Assets of the Company**

- (i) The assets of the Company shall be determined to include inter alia:
 - (i) all cash in hand, on deposit, or on call including any interest accrued thereon and all accounts receivable;
 - (ii) all bills, demand notes, certificates of deposit and promissory notes;
 - (iii) all bonds, forward currency transactions, time notes, shares, stock, units of or participation in collective investment schemes/mutual funds, debentures, debenture stock, subscription rights, warrants, futures contracts, options contracts, swap contracts, contracts for differences, fixed rate securities, variable or floating rate securities, securities in respect of which the return and/or redemption amount is calculated by reference to any index, price or rate, financial instruments and other investments and securities owned or contracted for by the Company, other than rights and securities issued by it;
 - (iv) all stock and cash dividends and cash distributions to be received by the Company and not yet received by it but declared to stockholders on record on a date on or before the day as of which the Net Asset Value is being determined;
 - (v) all interest accrued on any interest-bearing securities attributed to the Company except to the extent that the same is included or reflected in the principal value of such security;
 - (vi) all other Investments of the Company;
 - (vii) the establishment costs attributable to the Company including the cost of issuing and distributing Shares of the Company insofar as the same have not been written off; and
 - (viii) all other assets of the Company of every kind and nature including prepaid expenses as valued and defined from time to time by the Directors.
- (ii) The valuation principles to be used in valuing the Company's assets are as follows:
 - (i) the value of any Investment which is quoted, listed or normally dealt in on a Regulated Market shall (save in the specific cases set out below) be the official close of business prices on the Regulated Market which, in the opinion of the Directors, constitutes the main market for such assets or, in the absence of market transactions, be based on the mid price for such Investment last available to the Directors at close of business in the relevant market, provided that:
 - A. if an Investment is quoted, listed or normally dealt in on more than one Regulated Market, the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, select any one of such markets which constitutes the main market or the one which the Directors determine provides the fairest criteria in a valuation of the security, for the foregoing purposes and once selected a market shall be used for future calculations of the Net Asset Value with respect to that Investment unless the Directors otherwise determine;

- B. in the case of any Investment which is quoted, listed or normally dealt in on a Regulated Market but in respect of which for any reason, prices on that market may not be available at any relevant time, or, in the opinion of the Directors, may not be representative, the value therefor shall be the probable realisation value thereof estimated with care and in good faith by a competent person, firm or association chosen by the Directors making a market in such Investment and approved by the Custodian for such purpose and/or any other competent person, in the opinion of the Directors (and approved for such purpose by the Custodian); and
 - C. in the case of any Investment which is quoted, listed or normally dealt in on a Regulated Market but acquired or traded at a premium or at a discount outside or off the Regulated Market, the Investment may be valued taking into account the level of premium or discount as at the date of valuation of the Investment with the approval of the Custodian, who must ensure that the adoption of such a procedure is justifiable in the context of establishing the probable realisation value of the security;
- (ii) the value of any Investment which is not quoted, listed or normally dealt in on a Regulated Market (save in the case set out in paragraph (i)) shall be the probable realisable value estimated with care and in good faith by a competent person, firm or association chosen by the Directors making a market in such Investment (approved for the purpose by the Custodian) and/or any other competent person, in the opinion of the Directors (and approved for the purpose by the Custodian);
 - (iii) units or shares in open-ended collective investment schemes will be valued at the latest available net asset value. Units or shares in other collective investment schemes will, if listed or traded on a stock exchange or over the counter market, be valued at the official close of business price on the relevant Dealing Day or, if unavailable or unrepresentative, the latest available net asset value of the collective investment scheme or, if unavailable or unrepresentative the probable realisation value calculated with care and in good faith by a competent person appointed by the Directors and approved for such purpose by the Custodian;
 - (iv) the value of any cash in hand, prepaid expenses, cash dividends and interest declared or accrued as aforesaid and not yet received shall be deemed to be the full amount thereof unless in any case the Directors are of the opinion that the same is unlikely to be paid or received in full in which case the value thereof shall be arrived at after making such discount as the Directors (with the approval of the Custodian) may consider appropriate in such case to reflect the true value thereof;
 - (v) deposits shall be valued at their principal amount plus accrued interest from the date on which the same were acquired or made;
 - (vi) treasury bills shall be valued at the middle market dealing price on the market on which same are traded or admitted to trading as at the Valuation Point, provided that where such price is not available, same shall be valued at the probable realisation value estimated with care and in good faith by a competent person chosen by the Directors and approved for such purpose by the Custodian;
 - (vii) bonds, notes, debenture stocks, certificates of deposit, bank acceptances, trade bills and similar assets shall be valued at the latest available middle market dealing price on the market on which these assets are traded or admitted for trading (being the market which is the sole market or in the opinion of the Directors the principal market on which the assets in question are quoted or traded) plus any interest accrued thereon from the date on which same were acquired;
 - (viii) forward foreign exchange contracts will be valued by reference to the price at the Valuation Point at which a new forward contract of the same size and maturity could be undertaken;

- (ix) the value of any future contracts and options which are dealt in on a Regulated Market shall be calculated at that day's settlement price as determined by the market in question, provided that where it is not the practice of the relevant market to quote an official closing price or if such official closing price is not available for any reason, such value shall be the probable realisable value thereof estimated with care and in good faith by the Directors or a competent person approved for the purpose by the Custodian;
 - (x) any non-centrally cleared OTC derivative contract shall be valued at least daily: (a) on the basis of an up to date market value which the Directors and the Custodian have agreed is reliable; or (b) if the value referred to in (a) is not available, on the basis of a reliable and prudent pricing model which the Directors and the Custodian have agreed uses an adequate recognised methodology;
 - (xi) notwithstanding the foregoing sub-paragraphs, OTC derivatives contracts may, alternatively be valued in accordance with the requirements of the relevant regulations and / or the requirements of the Central Bank;
 - (xii) notwithstanding any of the foregoing sub-paragraphs, the Directors with the approval of the Custodian may adjust the value of any Investment if, having regard to currency, applicable rate of interest, maturity, marketability and/or such other considerations as they may deem relevant, they consider that such adjustment is required to reflect the fair value thereof;
 - (xiii) if in any case a particular value is not ascertainable as above provided or if the Directors shall consider that some other method of valuation better reflects the fair value of the relevant Investment then in such case the method of valuation of the relevant Investment shall be such as the Directors shall decide with the approval of the Custodian;
 - (xiv) notwithstanding the foregoing, where at any time of any valuation any asset of the Company has been realised or contracted to be realised there shall be included in the assets of the Company in place of such asset the net amount receivable by the Company in respect thereof provided that if such amount is not then known exactly then its value shall be the net amount estimated by the Directors as receivable by the Company.
 - (xv) the Directors may, in order to comply with any applicable accounting standards, present the value of any assets of the Company in financial statements to Shareholders in a manner different to that set out in this Article.
- (iii) For the purposes of this Article 17 monies payable to the Company in respect of the allotment of Shares of the Fund shall be deemed to be an asset of such Fund as of the time at which such Shares are deemed to be in issue in accordance with Article 10(f) of these Articles.

18. Liabilities attributable to each Fund

- (i) The Company may pay out of the assets of each Fund (and, where appropriate, may pay Class Expenses out of the assets of each Class):
 - (i) the fees and expenses payable to the Manager, the Administrator and the Custodian (and to any sub-custodians appointed by the Custodian) appointed in respect of such Fund;
 - (ii) the fees and expenses of the Directors;
 - (iii) the fees in respect of publication and circulation of details of the Net Asset Value of any Share, Class or Fund;

- (iv) stamp duties, taxes, brokerage or other expenses incurred in acquiring and disposing of Investments;
- (v) the fees and expenses of the auditors, tax, legal and other professional advisers and company secretarial fees;
- (vi) the Central Bank industry funding levy;
- (vii) the fees connected with listing on The Irish Stock Exchange or any other Exchange;
- (viii) the costs and expenses of any rating agency and any licensing or other fees payable to any index providers;
- (ix) the fees and expenses of any representative which a Fund appoints in connection with the distribution of Shares and/or costs of registration of the Company in jurisdiction outside Ireland;
- (x) the costs of preparing, printing and distributing reports, accounts and any explanatory memoranda, publishing prices and any costs incurred as a result of periodic updates of the Prospectus any necessary translation fees and any other administrative expenses;
- (xi) fees and expenses in connection with provision of transfer agency and registrar services to the Company including, without limitation, the transfer of Shares in the Company to, from or within CREST or any other system for the registration and transfer of dematerialised securities;
- (xii) costs of preparing, printing and distributing the Prospectus and supplements, reports, fact sheets, publications, accounts and any explanatory memoranda;
- (xiii) any foreign exchange costs incurred in converting the Net Asset Value per Share from Base Currencies to Dealing Currencies where the Base Currencies and the Dealing Currencies are not the same;
- (xiv) any other fees and expenses relating to the management and administration of the Company or attributable to the Company's Investments;
- (xv) in respect of each financial year of the Company in which expenses are being determined, such proportion (if any) of the establishment expenses as are being discharged in that year;
- (xvi) an appropriate provision for taxes (other than taxes taken into account as Duties and Charges) and contingent liabilities as determined from time to time by the Directors; and
- (xvii) all other liabilities of the Company of whatsoever kind and nature except liabilities represented by shares in the Company and reserves (other than reserves authorised or approved by the Directors for Duties and Charges or contingencies).

In determining the amount of such liabilities the Directors may calculate administrative 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.

(ii) For the purposes of this Article 18:

- (i) monies payable to the Company in respect of the allotment of Shares of any Fund or Class shall be deemed to be an asset of the relevant Fund or Class as at the

time at which such shares are deemed to be in issue in accordance with Article 10(f) of these Articles; and

- (ii) monies payable by the Company on the repurchase or repurchase by the Company of Shares pursuant to the repurchase requests or monies payable by the Company as a result of the cancellation of allotments shall be deemed to be a liability of the relevant Fund and Class from time to time at which such Shares are deemed to cease to be in issue in accordance with Article 10(f) of these Articles; and
- (iii) monies due to be transferred from one class to another pursuant to any switching pursuant to Article 25 shall be deemed to be a liability of the Original Fund or Class and an asset of the New Fund or Class immediately after the Valuation Point on the Dealing Day on which the switching form is received or deemed to be received in accordance with Article 25.

19. General Provisions on Valuation

- (i) Any assets held, including funds on deposit and amounts payable to the Company and any liabilities and amounts payable by the Company in respect of any Fund in a currency other than that in which that Fund is designated shall be translated into the currency of the relevant Fund at such rate of exchange as the Directors may think fit.
- (ii) Where the current price of an Investment is quoted "ex" any dividend (including stock dividend), interest or other rights to which the relevant Fund is entitled, but such dividend, interest or the property to which such rights relate has not been received and is not taken into account under any other provisions of this Article, the amount of such dividend, interest, property or cash shall be taken into account.
- (iii) Any entity wholly owned by the Company (as envisaged by Article 77(f) shall be valued on the basis of its net assets being the difference between the value of its assets and liabilities) and in valuing its net assets, the provisions of Articles 16 to 19 inclusive shall mutatis mutandis apply.
- (iv) Any certificate as to Net Asset Value of Shares given in good faith (and in the absence of negligence or manifest error) by or on behalf of the Directors shall be binding on all parties.
- (v) Notwithstanding the provisions of these Articles the fees, expenses and liabilities of a Fund may be charged to the capital of a Fund in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

PART V - REDEMPTION OF SHARES

20. Redemption

- (i) Subject to the provisions of the Act and the Regulations, and subject as hereinafter provided, the Company shall, on receipt by the Company or its duly authorised agents of a redemption request in such form and by such means as may be prescribed by the Company in relation to any Fund by a holder of Shares (the "Applicant") which request shall, save as provided in this Article, be irrevocable, repurchase or redeem all or any portion of the Shares held by the Applicant at the Net Asset Value per Share (as hereinafter set out) for each such Share of the Class concerned determined in accordance with the provisions of these Articles, or procure the purchase thereof at not less than the Net Asset Value per Share PROVIDED THAT:
 - (i) the redemption of Shares of any Class pursuant to this Article shall be made on the Dealing Day on which a request in such form and conveyed by such means as the Company may prescribe is received, if it is received by the Manager before the Relevant Time on such Dealing Day and, if received after the Relevant Time, the

request shall be treated as having been received on the Dealing Day following receipt;

(ii) the Manager may (at its discretion) refuse a request for redemption if:

- A. the proposed redemption request is for the redemption of Shares having a value or number of less than the Minimum Redemption Amount; or
- B. as a result of the implementation of such request the Member would hold less than the Minimum Holding;

if the Manager refuses such a request, it shall notify the Member of such refusal and the reason therefor and invite the Member either to discontinue with a request for redemption or to require redemption of the Member's entire holding. If any request for redemption is pursued by the Member which, if implemented, would result in the Member holding less than the Minimum Holding, the Directors shall have power to compulsorily redeem the whole of that Member's holding of Shares;

(iii) in the event that the determination of the Net Asset Value per Share has been suspended in accordance with Article 23, the right of the Applicant to have his Shares repurchased or redeemed pursuant to this Article, shall be similarly suspended and during the period of suspension he may withdraw his request for redemption and his certificate (if applicable). Any withdrawal of a request for redemption under the provisions of this Article shall be made in writing and shall only be effective if actually received by the Company or its duly authorised agent before termination of the period of suspension. If the request is not so withdrawn the redemption of the Shares shall be made on the Dealing Day next following the end of the suspension or on such earlier day following the end of the suspension as the Directors at the request of the Applicant may agree;

(ii) In the case of a holder of Shares which is a corporation, a list of authorised signatories must be provided by the corporation to the Company or its authorised agents in the event that the signatories at repurchase differ from signatories on the most recent application form submitted by the holder. If Shares are held in certificated form the Shareholder must send the original Share Certificate(s) (duly endorsed by each joint shareholder if applicable) to the Manager. The Directors may, at their option, dispense with the production of any certificate which shall have become defaced, lost, stolen or destroyed upon compliance by the Applicant with the like requirements to those applying in the case of an application by him for replacement of a defaced, lost, stolen or destroyed under Article 28.

(iii) The redemption under the provisions of this Article shall be deemed to be effected immediately after the Valuation Point on the Dealing Day or such day as may be agreed or determined pursuant to paragraph (a) above of this Article 20 but the relevant Shares shall remain in existence until they cease to be in issue in accordance with Article 10(f).

(iv) Upon the redemption of a Share being effected pursuant to these Articles, the Holder shall cease to be entitled to any rights in respect thereof (excepting always the right to receive a dividend (if any) which has been declared in respect thereof prior to such redemption being effected) and accordingly his name shall be removed from the Register with respect thereto, the relevant Shares shall be treated as cancelled and the amount of issued share capital in respect of Shares shall be reduced by the appropriate amount of the Net Asset Value per Share paid by the Company.

(v)

(i) Without prejudice to the other provisions of these Articles, if Shares fall to be redeemed (pursuant to requests for redemption or conversion) on any Dealing Day

amounting to more than 10% of the value of Shares then in issue or deemed to be in issue of any Fund, the Directors, if in their sole discretion acting in good faith believe it shall be necessary or desirable in order not to prejudice the interests of the Shareholders not making such request, or on the grounds of liquidity or other like reason, may reduce each such request for redemption or conversion of Shares of the relevant Fund pro rata so that all such requests cover no more than 10% of the Shares of the relevant Fund in issue. Any part of a redemption or conversion request to which effect is not given by reason of the exercise of this power by the Directors shall be treated as if a request had been made in respect of the next Dealing Day and each succeeding Dealing Day (in relation to which the Directors shall have the same power) until the original requests have been satisfied in full.

- (ii) During any period in which allotments or redemptions of Shares of any class are suspended or deferred a shareholder who has previously lodged a request for a transaction involving an allotment or redemption of the kind suspended or deferred may with the consent of the Company withdraw his request.
- (iii) Any such withdrawal shall be made in writing and shall only be effective if actually received by the Company before the termination of the period of suspension or deferral and then only to the extent that the transaction concerned has not been effected at the time of receipt of such withdrawal.

(vi)

- (i) If it shall come to the notice of the Directors that any Shares are owned directly or beneficially by any person in breach of the restrictions imposed by Article 15 above, the Directors may give notice to such person requiring him to transfer such Shares to a person who is qualified or entitled to own such Shares or to give a request in accordance with these Articles for the redemption of such Shares in accordance with paragraph (a) above. If any person upon whom such a notice is served pursuant to this sub-paragraph does not within thirty days after such notice:

- A. transfer his shares to a person qualified to own such Shares;
- B. request the Company to redeem his Shares; or
- C. establish to the satisfaction of the Directors (whose judgement shall be final and binding and conclusive) that he is not subject to such restrictions;

he shall be deemed upon the expiration of such thirty days to have given a request in accordance with these Articles for the redemption of all his Shares pursuant to paragraph (a) above and shall be bound forthwith to deliver his certificate or certificates (if any) to the Directors and the Directors shall be entitled to appoint any person to sign on his behalf such documents as may be required for the purpose of the redemption of the said Shares by the Company.

- (ii) A person who becomes aware that he is holding or owning Shares in breach of any such restrictions as aforesaid shall forthwith unless he has already received a notice pursuant to sub-paragraph (i) above either transfer all his Shares to a person qualified to own such Shares or give a request in writing for the redemption of all his Shares pursuant to paragraph (a) above.
- (iii) Payment of any amount due to such person pursuant to sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) above shall be subject to any requisite exchange control approvals first having been obtained and the amount due to such person will be deposited by the Company in a bank for payment to such person upon such approvals being obtained against surrender of the certificate(s), if any, representing the Shares previously held by such person. Upon deposit of such amount as aforesaid such person shall have no further interest in such Shares or any of them or any claim against the Company in respect of such Shares except the right to receive such

amounts so deposited (without interest) upon such approvals as aforesaid being obtained.

- (vii) Where, in any case involving a redemption of less than the entire of an Applicant's holding of Shares, any amount representing the redemption monies for such Shares is not an exact multiple of their Net Asset Value per Share a fraction of a Share shall be registered in the name of the Applicant who shall be registered as the holder of such a fraction provided however that a fraction of not less than .01 of a Share shall not be registered and amounts representing less than .01 of a Share will not be returned to the Applicant but will be retained by the Manager to meet administration costs.

In addition to the foregoing, the Directors may determine not to return any amount for Shares which is less than a whole unit of denomination specified by them of any particular currency.

- (viii) The Directors may redeem Shares of any Fund by way of exchange for Investments provided that:

- (i) the redemption request has satisfied all the requirements of the Directors and the Manager as to such request and the Shareholder seeking redemption of Shares agrees to such course of action;
- (ii) the Manager being satisfied that the terms of any exchange would not be such as would be likely to result in any prejudice to the remaining Shareholders and with the agreement of a Shareholder seeking the realisation of Shares in any Fund, elect that instead of the Shares being redeemed in cash, the redemption shall be satisfied in specie by the transfer to the Shareholder of Investments provided that the value thereof shall not exceed the amount which otherwise would have been payable on a cash redemption, such value may be reduced by such amount as the Directors may consider represents any Duties and Charges to be paid to the Fund as a result of the direct disposition by the Fund of the Investments or increased by such amount as the Directors may consider represents any appropriate allowance for Duties and Charges which would have been incurred by the Fund in the disposal of the Investments to be transferred. The shortfall (if any) between the value of the Investments transferred on a repurchase in specie and the repurchase proceeds which would have been payable on a cash redemption shall be satisfied in cash;
- (iii) if the discretion conferred upon the Manager by paragraph (h) is exercised, the Manager shall notify the Custodian and shall supply to the Custodian particulars of the Investments to be transferred and any amount of cash to be paid to the Shareholder. All stamp duties, transfer and registration fees in respect of such transfers shall be payable by the Shareholder.

- (ix) The shareholders of the Company and/or any Fund may (by way of Special Resolution and/or subject to the Regulations and in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank), authorise the amalgamation/merger of the Company or a Fund on a domestic or cross border basis with any other collective investment scheme or schemes, where such an amalgamation/merger may involve the redemption of Shares of the Company or the relevant Fund and the transfer of the whole or part of the assets of the Company or a Fund to the custodian/trustee (who may or may not be regulated by the Central Bank) of the relevant collective investment scheme or schemes.

- (x)

- (i) The Company may (subject to the Regulations and in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank) establish new Funds as or convert existing Funds into either master funds or feeder funds.

- (ii) Where a Fund is established as a feeder fund, the feeder fund may change its master fund in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.
- (iii) Where a Fund is a feeder fund and the master fund is liquidated or merges with another fund, the feeder fund may convert to a non-feeder fund in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

21. The Redemption Price

- (i) The price at which a Share of any Class is redeemed shall be the Net Asset Value per Share as determined in accordance with Article 11(b).
- (ii) Any certificate as to the Net Asset Value per Share given in good faith (and in the absence of negligence or manifest error) by or on behalf of the Directors shall be binding on all parties.
- (iii) The Directors may, in their absolute discretion, deduct from the Redemption Price for the absolute use and benefit of the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager a redemption charge in respect of Shares of any class which have been redeemed (at the request of the Shareholder), provided, however, that such redemption charge shall not exceed 1% of the Net Asset Value per Share rounded up or down to such number of decimal places as the Directors deem appropriate in the currency in which such Share is designated. This maximum redemption fee shall not be increased without prior Shareholder approval on the basis of a simple majority of votes cast in a general meeting or a resolution in writing of all Shareholders of the relevant class. In the event of an increase in the redemption fee, a reasonable notification period shall be provided prior to the implementation of the increase.
- (iv) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Articles, if the Company becomes liable to account for tax in any jurisdiction in the event that a Shareholder or beneficial owner of a Share were to receive a distribution in respect of his Shares or to dispose (or be deemed to have disposed) of his Shares in any way ("Chargeable Event"), the Company shall be entitled to deduct from the payment arising on a Chargeable Event an amount equal to the appropriate tax and/or where applicable, to appropriate or cancel such number of Shares held by the Shareholder or such beneficial owner as are required to meet the amount of tax. The relevant Shareholder shall indemnify and keep the Company indemnified against all loss arising to the Company by reason of the Company becoming liable to account for tax in any jurisdiction on the happening of a Chargeable Event if no such deduction, appropriation or cancellation has been made.
- (v) In calculating the Net Asset Value per Share the Directors may on the advice of the Investment Manager require the Administrator to adjust the Net Asset Value per Share to reflect the value of the Company's Investments, assuming the Investments were valued using the lowest market dealing bid price on the relevant market at the relevant time. The Directors only intend to use this discretion to preserve the value of the shareholdings of continuing Shareholders in the event of substantial or recurring net repurchase of Shares.
- (vi) Payment of redemption proceeds shall be made in such currency as the Shareholder elects (subject to Article 23) within ten Business Days of the deadline for receipt of redemption requests. Redemption proceeds will be paid by electronic transfer (less expenses) or cheque to the bank account indicated on the Shareholder's most recent form for application for Shares or other written instructions to the Company or its authorised agents. If no such instructions have been given redemption proceeds will be sent by post to the relevant Shareholder's address as set out in the Shareholders' Register and, in the case of joint holders, the joint holder whose name stands first in the Shareholders' Register.
- (vii) If any redemption requests received by the Directors would necessitate, in the opinion of the Directors, the breaking of deposits at a penalty or the realisation of Investments at a discount below their value, as calculated in accordance with Article 16, the redemption

amount in respect of the relevant Shares may be reduced by a proportionate part of such reduction in value or penalty which will be suffered by the relevant Fund in such manner as the Directors may consider fair and equitable and which is approved by the Custodian. Alternatively, the Directors may arrange for the Company to borrow funds in accordance with Article 79(a) subject always to any borrowing restrictions in force in relation to the Company or the relevant Fund, and the costs of such borrowings may be apportioned as aforesaid to such extent as the Directors may consider fair and equitable.

22. Compulsory Redemption

- (i) If at any time the aggregate Net Asset Value of the Company shall be less than Euro€100,000,000 (or equivalent), the Company may, by notice to all holders of Shares given within 4 weeks of such time, redeem on the Dealing Day next following the expiry of the notice all (but not some) of the Shares not redeemed.
- (ii) If for a period of thirty consecutive days for any reason the Net Asset Value of any Fund or Class is lower than Euro€100,000,000 or Euro€50,000,000 respectively (or equivalent in each case) or if the Directors deem it appropriate because of changes in the economic or political situation affecting the relevant Fund, the Directors may, after giving thirty days' prior notice to the holders of Shares of the relevant Fund or Class, terminate the Fund or Class by redeeming all (but not some) of the Shares of that Fund or Class on the next Dealing Day following the expiry of such period of notice or, with the prior approval of the Central Bank and of the Shareholders of the Fund or Class affected, merge that Fund or Class with another Fund or Class of the Company or with another UCITS authorised by the Central Bank or regulated by the competent authority of another Member State.
- (iii) The termination of a Fund or Class by way of a compulsory redemption of all Shares or the merger of the Fund or Class with another Fund or Class of the Company or with another UCITS authorised by the Central Bank or regulated by the competent authority of another Member State, in each case for reasons other than the minimum size of the Fund's or Class' assets or because of changes in the economic or political situation affecting the relevant Fund or Class, may be effected only upon the prior approval of such termination or merger, as the case may be, by the Central Bank.
- (iv) A merger so decided by the Directors or approved by the Shareholders of the relevant Fund or Class will be binding on the holders of Shares of the relevant Fund or Class(es) upon thirty days' prior notice thereof.
- (v) The Net Asset Value per Share of any Fund or Class which is to be terminated pursuant to the above provisions shall, as from the date on which notice or approval is given (as the case may be), reflect the anticipated realisation and liquidation costs of such termination, and no redemption charge may be made in respect of any such redemption.

PART VI - SUSPENSION OF REDEMPTION, VALUATION AND DEALINGS

23. Temporary Suspensions

- (i) The Directors may declare a temporary suspension of the determination of the Net Asset Value of any Fund or Class and of the issue, switching and / or redemption of any Share during the whole or any part of any period when:
 - (i) any stock exchange or market on which a substantial portion of the Company's Investments attributable to the Fund in question are quoted or traded is closed (including customary closings) or during which trading thereon is restricted or suspended; or
 - (ii) the Directors believe that there exist conditions as a result of which disposal by the Company of the Investments attributable to the Fund in question is not practicable or appropriate under normal conditions or without seriously harming the Company itself or any class of its shareholders; or

- (iii) the means of communication which are normally used for the purpose of determining the price or the value of the relevant Investments or the stock exchange price cannot be used or if for any other reason the price or value of the relevant Investments cannot be determined normally, quickly and correctly; or
- (iv) the transfer of funds which may be involved in the disposal of the relevant Investment or in the payment by the Company for Investments made can not in the Directors' opinion be made normally at normal exchange rates; or
- (v) the Company is being or may be wound-up on or following the date on which notice is given of the meeting of shareholders at which a resolution to wind up the Company is to be proposed;
- (vi) notice has been given by the Directors or a resolution passed for the termination or merger of a Fund pursuant to Article 22;
- (vii) if the suspension is required by the Central Bank in accordance with the UCITS regulations,

and the allotment of Shares of any class and the right of any Shareholder to require redemption of his Shares or to convert his Shares into the Shares of another Fund and/or Class shall be suspended accordingly.

24. Notification of Suspensions

Any such suspension of the determination of the Net Asset Value of Shares and the issue and redemption of Shares shall be:

- (i) notified to The Irish Stock Exchange and the Central Bank by the Company without delay and to the competent authority in the Member States of the European Union and in any other country in which the Shares are registered for marketing; and
- (ii) (unless by reason of the customary closing of a stock exchange for a period of three days or less on which relevant Investments are quoted) made known at the offices of the Manager and shall be notified to those Shareholders who have requested redemption from the Company, at the time their request has been made in writing. As soon as may be practicable after the declaration of a suspension made under this Article the Directors shall cause notice thereof to be placed in such leading financial newspapers as they may from time to time determine, and the end of any period of suspension shall be announced in the same way PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT no such notice need be placed in relation to the declaration or termination of a suspension if such termination occurs before the earliest practicable date on which notice of its declaration can be published as aforesaid.

PART VII - CLASS/FUND CONVERSIONS

25. Class/Fund Conversions

- (i) Subject to Articles 22 and 23 above and as hereinafter provided, the holder of Shares of any Fund and/or, as the case may be, Class (the "Original Fund or Class") on any Dealing Day shall have the right from time to time to exchange such minimum amount and value of his holding of Shares in such Fund and/or, as the case may be, Class as may be specified by the Directors, to Shares of such Class or Classes of another Fund as may be specified by the Directors on such terms as may be specified by the Directors in the relevant Prospectus, provided always that only Shareholders who have entered into a Client Agreement may hold Client Agreement Class Shares.
- (ii) On any exchange of Shares pursuant to these Articles the Directors may subtract from the Net Asset Value per Share for the Shares of the Original Fund or Class to be

redeemed a fee, for payment to the Manager out of the Fund relating to the Shares of such class not exceeding 1% of the Net Asset Value of the Shares in the Original Fund or Class.

26. Compulsory Conversion

Subject to Articles 22 and 23 above and as hereinafter provided, where the Directors:

- (i) become aware that any Shares in any Client Agreement Class are directly or beneficially owned by any person who is not a Qualified Holder by virtue of the fact that they have acquired Shares in the relevant Client Agreement Class without first entering into a Client Agreement; or
- (ii) shall in their absolute discretion consider that any Shares in any Client Agreement Class are held by a Shareholder whose Client Agreement has terminated for any reason whatsoever;

the Directors may, in addition to the options of compulsory redemption or compulsory transfer, direct the Shareholder to switch his Shares to another Class of the same Fund, that is not a Client Agreement Class, in default of which, the Shareholder shall, on the expiration of 30 days from the giving of such notice, be deemed to have given a request in writing for the Shares to be switched to such Class as the Directors may deem most appropriate for such Shareholder.

PART VIII - CERTIFICATES AND CONFIRMATIONS OF OWNERSHIP

27. Confirmation of Ownership/Share Certificates

- (i) Every person whose name is entered as a Member in the Register shall receive a written confirmation of ownership of the relevant Shares and, if specifically requested in writing by him, be entitled without payment to receive within two months after request for a certificate one certificate for each Class held by him. Any such certificate shall be issued in accordance with Article 99. Bearer certificates will not be issued.
- (ii) Notwithstanding any other provision herein contained but subject to the Act, the Directors from time to time may resolve that no share certificates shall be issued by the Company either absolutely or on such terms (including as to Funds and Classes to be covered by such resolution and duration of application of such resolution) as the Directors may determine. Shareholders shall be bound by the terms of such resolution as fully as if it were contained herein. Following the passing of such resolution, the Company shall be entitled to seek the return of any certificates already issued by the Company and to retain any certificates surrendered to it.

28. Balance and Exchange Certificates

- (i) If any Member shall surrender for cancellation a share certificate representing Shares of a particular class held by him and request the Company to issue in lieu thereof two or more share certificates representing such Shares in such proportions as he may specify, the Directors may, if they think fit, comply with such request. Where a Member transfers part only of the Shares comprised in a certificate, the old certificate shall be cancelled and a new certificate, for the balance of such Shares, issued in lieu without charge. Any two or more certificates of Shares of any one class held by any Member at his request may be cancelled and a single new certificate for such Shares issued in lieu without charge unless the Directors otherwise determine.
- (ii) However, the Company shall not be bound to register more than four persons as the joint holders of any Shares (except in the case of executors or trustees of a deceased member) and, in the case of a Share held jointly by several persons and in respect of which the issue of a Share certificate has been requested, the Company shall not be

bound to issue more than one certificate in respect of such holding and delivery of a certificate to one of such persons shall be sufficient delivery to all.

- (iii) Every certificate shall be signed by an authorised signatory of the Custodian and the Company (such signatures may be reproduced mechanically) and shall specify the name(s) of the holder(s) and the number, class and registration number of the Shares to which it relates and the fact that they are fully paid.

29. Replacement of Certificates

If a share certificate be defaced, lost, stolen or destroyed, a new certificate may be issued in lieu on such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity and the payment of out-of-pocket expenses of the Company in investigating evidence as the Directors think fit.

30. Calls on Subscriber Shares

- (i) The Directors may from time to time make calls upon the Members in respect of any moneys unpaid on the Subscriber Shares provided that (except as otherwise fixed by the conditions of application or allotment) no call on any shares shall be payable at less than fourteen days from the date fixed for the payment of the last preceding call, and each Member shall (subject to being given at least fourteen days' notice specifying the time or times and place of payment) pay to the Company at the time or times and place so specified the amount called on his Subscriber Shares. A call may be payable by instalments. A call may be revoked or postponed as the Directors may determine. A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Directors authorising the call was passed.
- (ii) The Directors may, if they think fit, receive from any Member willing to advance the same all or any part of the money uncalled and unpaid upon the Subscriber Shares held by him beyond the sums actually called up thereon as a payment in advance of calls, and such payment in advance of calls shall extinguish, so far as the same shall extend, the liability upon the Subscriber Shares in respect of which it is advanced, and upon the money so received, or so much thereof as from time to time exceeds the amount of the calls then made upon the shares in respect of which it has been received.

PART IX - TRANSFER OF SHARES

31. Procedure on Transfer

- (i) All transfers of shares shall be effected by an instrument in writing in any form approved by the Directors. No transfer of Subscriber Shares may be effected without the prior written consent of the Company.
- (ii) No Share of any class has been or will be registered under the 1933 Act or the securities laws of any State of the United States. Accordingly, Shares of any class may not be offered, sold, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account of, a US Person at any time without the prior consent of the Directors, which consent may be granted or withheld in the sole discretion of the Directors but which will not in any case be granted if, as the result thereof, the number of Shareholders who are US Persons would exceed such number as may be specified by the Directors.
- (iii) If a transferee who is a US Person applies to register a transfer of Shares and if as a result of such transfer the number of holders of Shares known to the Company to be US Persons would exceed such number as the Directors may from time to time determine or the Company otherwise becomes aware that a holder of Shares is a US Person who acquired Shares without the prior consent of the Directors, the Company will refuse to register the transfer in favour of the US Person and/or may direct the US Person to sell his Shares within 30 days and provide to the Company evidence of the sale by him or to make the request that the Company repurchase the Shares pursuant to Article 20(f). If

the US Person fails to comply with the direction, the Company will compulsorily repurchase the holding of Shares of such US Person pursuant to Article 22.

- (iv) The Directors may decline to register a transfer of Shares, if as a result of such transfer the transferor's holding would drop below the Minimum Holding.
- (v) The Directors may decline to register any transfer of Shares:
 - (i) where they are aware or believe that such transfer would or might be likely to result in the beneficial ownership of such Shares by a person who is not a Qualified Holder or, in the case of the Class X Shares, to a person who has not entered into a Client Agreement or expose the Company or the Shareholder to adverse tax or regulatory consequences;
 - (ii) to a person who is not already a Shareholder, if as a result of such transfer, the proposed transferee would not be the holder of a Minimum Holding of Shares; or
 - (iii) if in the opinion of the Directors the transfer might result in the Company incurring any liability to taxation or suffering pecuniary disadvantages which the Company might not otherwise have incurred or suffered.

32. Purchase of Subscriber Shares

- (i) The Directors may at any time after the Initial Offer Period direct that any Subscriber Shares not held by the Manager or its nominee(s) shall be compulsorily purchased from the holder thereof at the price of Euro€1 per Subscriber Share in the following manner:
 - (i) The Directors shall serve a notice (hereinafter called a "Purchase Notice") upon the person appearing in the Register as the holder of the Subscriber Shares to be purchased ("the Vendor") specifying the Subscriber Shares to be purchased as aforesaid, the price to be paid for such shares, the person in whose favour such holder must execute a transfer of such shares and the place at which the purchase price in respect of such shares is payable. Any Purchase Notice may be served upon the Vendor by mailing such notice in a pre-paid registered envelope addressed to the Vendor at his address shown in the Register. The Vendor shall thereupon forthwith be obliged to deliver to the Company within ten days from the date of the Purchase Notice a duly executed transfer of the shares specified in the Purchase Notice in favour of the person specified in the Purchase Notice.
 - (ii) In the event of the Vendor failing to carry out the sale of any Subscriber Shares which he shall have become bound to transfer as outlined in paragraph (i) above, the Directors may authorise some person to execute a transfer of such share(s) in accordance with the direction of the Directors and may give good receipt for the purchase price of such share, and may register the transferee or transferees as holder or holders of such shares and thereupon the transferee or transferees shall become indefeasibly entitled to such shares.
- (ii) After the Initial Offer Period, any holder of Subscriber Shares in the Company may (subject to the Subscriber Shares held by such holder being fully paid) by notice in writing to the Company, request the Company to purchase any such Subscriber Shares held by such holder at the nominal value therefor. The Company shall, within thirty days of receipt of such request, complete the purchase of such Subscriber Shares (subject to receipt of the relevant share certificates, if any) and make arrangements with the holder for payment to him of the purchase monies therefore.

33. Entry in Register

The instrument of transfer of a share shall be signed by or on behalf of the transferor. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the share until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register in respect of such share.

34. Refusal to Register Transfers

The Directors may in their absolute discretion, without assigning any reason therefor, decline to register any transfer of shares:

- (i) unless the instrument of transfer in proper form is deposited at the Office or such other place as the Directors may reasonably require together with such other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer and satisfying the Directors as to their requirements in relation to money laundering that they may require from time to time;
- (ii) where the transfer of a share or any renunciation of any allotment made is in respect of a Subscriber Share which is not fully paid; or
- (iii) unless the instrument of transfer relates to Shares of one Fund and one Class only.

35. Procedure on Refusal

If the Directors decline to register a transfer of any share they shall, within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company, send to the transferee notice of the refusal.

36. Suspension on Transfers

The registration of transfers may be suspended at such times and for such periods as the Directors may from time to time determine PROVIDED ALWAYS that such registration shall not be suspended for more than thirty days in any year.

37. Retention of Transfer Instruments

Subject to Article 126 below all instruments of transfer which shall be registered shall be retained by the Company, but any instrument of transfer which the Directors may decline to register shall (except in any case of fraud) be returned to the person depositing the same.

38. Absence of Registration Fees

No registration fee shall be charged for the registration of any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share.

PART X - TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

39. Death of Member

In the case of the death of a Member, the survivors or survivor where the deceased was a joint holder, and the executors or administrators of the deceased where he was a sole or only surviving holder, shall be the only persons recognised by the Company as having title to his interest in the shares held by such a Member, but nothing in this Article shall release the estate of the deceased holder whether sole or joint from any liability in respect of any share solely or jointly held by him.

40. Transfer/Transmission - Special Circumstances

Any curator or other legal representative of a Member under legal disability and any person entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Member shall, upon producing such evidence of his title as the Directors may require, have the right either to be registered himself as the holder of the share or to make such transfer thereof as the deceased or bankrupt Member or Member under a disability could have made, but the Directors shall in any case have the same right to refuse or suspend registration as they would have had in the case of a transfer of the share by the Member under disability or by the deceased or bankrupt

Member before the death or bankruptcy or by the Member under legal disability before such disability.

41. Rights before Registration

A person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Member shall have the right to receive and may give a discharge for all dividends and other moneys payable or other advantages due on or in respect of the share, but he shall not be entitled to receive notice of or to attend or vote at meetings of the Company, nor save as aforesaid, to any of the rights or privileges of a Member unless and until he shall be registered as a Member in respect of the shares PROVIDED ALWAYS that the Directors may at any time give notice requiring any such person to elect either to be registered himself or to transfer the share and if the notice is not complied with within ninety days the Directors may thereafter withhold all dividends or other moneys payable or other advantages due in respect of the share until the requirements of the notice have been complied with.

PART XI - ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL

42. Increase of Capital

- (i) The Company may from time to time by Ordinary Resolution increase its capital by such number of shares as the resolution shall prescribe.
- (ii) Except so far as otherwise provided by the conditions of issue or by these Articles, any capital raised by the creation of new shares shall be considered part of the pre-existing share capital of the Company and shall be subject to the provisions herein contained with reference to transfer and transmission, and otherwise.

43. Consolidation, Sub-Division and Cancellation of Capital

The Company may from time to time by Ordinary Resolution:

- (i) consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into share capital of a larger amount;
- (ii) subject to the provisions of the Act, sub-divide its shares, or any of them, into a smaller number of shares than that fixed by its Memorandum of Association; or
- (iii) cancel any shares which, at the date of the passing of the Ordinary Resolution in that behalf, have not been taken, or agreed to be taken, by any person, and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

44. Reduction of Capital

In addition to any rights of the Company specifically conferred by these Articles to reduce its share capital, the Company from time to time, by Special Resolution, may reduce its share capital in any way and in any manner subject to any incident authorised or consent required by law.

PART XII - GENERAL MEETINGS

45. Annual General Meeting

The Company shall in each year hold a general meeting as its Annual General Meeting in addition to any other meeting in that year and specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it. Not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the date of one Annual General Meeting of the Company and that of the next PROVIDED THAT so long as the Company holds its first Annual General Meeting within eighteen months of its incorporation it need not hold it in the year of its incorporation or in the following year. Subsequent Annual General Meetings shall be held once in each year and will normally be held in Ireland within six months of the end of each financial year.

46. Extraordinary General Meetings

All general meetings (other than Annual General Meetings) shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.

47. Convening General Meetings

The Directors may convene general meetings. The Directors may call an Extraordinary General Meeting whenever they think fit and Extraordinary General Meetings may also be convened on such requisition, or in default may be convened by such requisitionists and in such manner as provided by the Act. If at any time there are not within the State sufficient Directors capable of forming a quorum, any Director or any one Member of the Company may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which General Meetings may be convened by the Directors.

48. Notice of General Meetings

- (i) Subject to the provisions of the Act allowing a General Meeting to be called by shorter notice, an Annual General Meeting and an Extraordinary General Meeting called for the passing of a Special Resolution shall be called by at least twenty-one Clear Days' notice and all other Extraordinary General Meetings shall be called by at least fourteen Clear Days' notice.
- (ii) Any notice convening a General Meeting shall specify the time and place of the meeting, the general nature of that business, and, in reasonable prominence state that a Member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend, speak and vote in his place and that a proxy need not be a Member. It shall also give particulars of any Directors who are recommended by the Directors for appointment or re-appointment as Directors at the meeting, or in respect of whom notice has been duly given to the Company of the intention to propose them for appointment or re-appointment as Directors at the meeting. Subject to any restrictions imposed on any shares, the notice shall be given to all the Members and those persons listed in Article 123.
- (iii) The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at the meeting.
- (iv) Where, by any provision contained in the Act, extended notice is required of a resolution, the resolution shall not be effective (except where the Directors of the Company have resolved to submit it) unless notice of the intention to move it has been given to the Company not less than twenty-eight days (or such shorter period as the Act permit) before the meeting at which it is moved, and the Company shall give to the Members notice of any such resolution as required by and in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

PART XIII - PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

49. Business to be Transacted

All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting as also will all business that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting with the exception of the consideration of the accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors, the election of Auditors in the place of those retiring, and the appointment and the fixing of the remuneration of the Auditors. Save as otherwise provided in these Articles, the provisions of these Articles relating to Extraordinary General Meetings shall apply mutatis mutandis to class meetings and meetings of Shareholders in a Fund, except that the quorum for any such meeting shall, in circumstances where there is only one Shareholder in the relevant class or Fund, be one Shareholder in the relevant class or Fund respectively.

50. Quorum for General Meetings

- (i) No business other than the appointment of a Chairman shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of Members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Except as provided in these Articles in relation to an adjourned meeting, two persons entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted, each being a Member or a proxy for a Member, or a duly authorised representative of a corporate Member, shall be a quorum for all purposes.
- (ii) If such a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the following business day at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Directors may determine. If at such adjourned meeting such a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting, then the meeting, if convened otherwise than by resolution of the Directors, shall be dissolved, but if the meeting shall have been convened by resolution of the Directors, any Member or Members present at the meeting shall be a quorum.

51. Chairman of General Meetings

- (i) The Chairman (if any) or, in his absence, the Deputy Chairman (if any) of the Board or in his absence, some other Director nominated by the Directors shall preside as Chairman at every general meeting of the Company. If at any general meeting none of such persons shall be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting and willing to act, the Directors present shall elect one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting and, if there is only one Director present and willing to act, he shall be Chairman.
- (ii) If at any meeting no Director is willing to act as Chairman or if no Director is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, the Members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of the Members present to be Chairman of the meeting.

52. Directors' and Auditors' Right to Attend General Meetings

A Director shall be entitled, notwithstanding that he is not a Member, to attend and speak at any general meeting and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company. The Auditors shall be entitled to attend any general meeting and to be heard on any part of the business of the meeting which concerns them as Auditors.

53. Adjournment of General Meetings

The Chairman, with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present, may (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the meeting from time to time (or sine die) and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. Where a meeting is adjourned sine die, the time and place for the adjourned meeting shall be fixed by the Directors. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more sine die, at least seven Clear Days' notice shall be given specifying the time and meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Save as aforesaid, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjourned meeting.

54. Determination of Resolutions

At any general meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands, a poll is duly demanded. Unless a poll is so demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of

or against such a resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn before the poll is taken but only with the consent of the Chairman, and a demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.

55. Entitlement to Demand Poll

Subject to the provisions of the Act, a poll may be demanded:

- (i) by the Chairman of the meeting;
- (ii) by at least three Members present (in person or by proxy) having the right to vote at the meeting;
- (iii) by any Member or Members present (in person or by proxy) representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the Members having the right to vote at the meeting.

56. Taking of a Poll

- (i) Save as provided in paragraph (b) of this Article, a poll shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman directs and he may in the event of a poll, appoint scrutineers (who need not be Members) and fix a time and place for declaring the result of the poll. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- (ii) A poll demanded on the election of a Chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either forthwith or at such time (not being more than thirty days after the poll is demanded) and place as the Chairman of the meeting may direct. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll has been demanded. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.
- (iii) No notice need be given of a poll not taken forthwith if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting at which it is demanded. In any other case at least seven Clear Days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.

57. Votes of Members

Votes may be given either personally or by proxy. Subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any class of shares, on a show of hands every holder of shares who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by a duly authorised representative shall have one vote and on a poll every member in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder.

58. Casting Vote

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.

59. Voting by Joint Holders

Where there are joint holders of a share, 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 holders; and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the holders stand in the Register in respect of the shares.

60. Voting by Incapacitated Holders

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 and by such time as is specified in accordance with these Articles for the deposit of instruments of proxy and in default the right to vote shall not be exercisable.

61. Time for Objection to Voting

No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered and every vote not disallowed at such meeting shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection made in due time shall be referred to the Chairman of the meeting, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

62. Appointment of Proxy

Every Member entitled to attend and vote at a general meeting may appoint a proxy to attend, speak and vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a Member. An instrument of proxy shall be in the form set out below or such other form as the Directors may approve, and shall be executed by or on behalf of the appointor. The signature to such instrument need not be witnessed. A body corporate may execute a form of proxy under its common seal or under the hand of a duly authorised officer thereof.

**BLACKROCK INSTITUTIONAL POOLED FUNDS PUBLIC LIMITED
COMPANY**

I/We
of

being a Member/Members of the above named Company hereby
appoint

of
or failing him
or

as my/our proxy to vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the (Annual or Extraordinary
as the case may be) General Meeting of the Company to be held on the day of
20 , and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this day of 20 .
This form is to be used* in favour of/abstain/against the Resolution.

Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy will vote or abstain from voting as he thinks fit.

* Strike out whichever is not desired.

63. Deposit of Proxy Instruments

The instrument appointing a proxy and any authority under which it is executed or a copy certified notarially or in some other way approved by the Directors, shall be deposited at the Office or (at the option of the Member) at such other place or places (if any) as may be specified for that purpose in or by way of note to the notice convening the meeting not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting or (in the case of a poll taken otherwise than at or on the same day as the meeting or adjourned meeting) for taking of the poll at which it is to be used, and in default shall not be treated as valid. PROVIDED THAT:

- (i) in the case of a meeting which is adjourned to, or a poll which is to be taken on, a date which is less than seven days after the date of the meeting which was adjourned or at which the poll was demanded, it shall be sufficient if the instrument of proxy and any such authority and certification thereof as aforesaid is lodged with the Secretary at the commencement of the adjourned meeting or the taking of the poll;
- (ii) at the discretion of the Directors, an instrument appointing a proxy and any authority and certification thereof deposited as aforesaid may be treated as valid notwithstanding that it has been deposited less than forty-eight hours before the relevant time; and
- (iii) an instrument of proxy relating to more than one meeting (including any adjournment thereof) having once been so delivered for the purposes of any meeting shall not require to be delivered again for the purposes of any subsequent meeting to which it relates.

The deposit of the instrument of proxy referred to in Article 63(a) may, rather than it being effected by sending or delivering the instrument, be effected by communicating the instrument to the Company by electronic means, and this sub-section likewise applies to the depositing of anything else referred to in Article 63(a).

64. Effect of Proxy Instruments

Deposit of an instrument of proxy in respect of a meeting shall not preclude a Member from attending and voting at the meeting or at any adjournment thereof. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid, unless the contrary is stated therein, as well for any adjournment of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates.

65. Effect of Revocation of Proxy or of Authorisation

A vote given or poll demanded in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy or a resolution authorising a representative to act on behalf of a body corporate shall be valid notwithstanding the death or insanity of the principal, or the revocation of the instrument of proxy or of the authority under which the instrument of proxy was executed or of the resolution authorising the representative to act or the transfer of the share in respect of which the instrument of proxy or the authorisation of the representative to act was given, provided that no intimation in writing of such death, insanity, revocation or transfer shall have been received by the Company at the Office at least one hour before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the instrument of proxy is used or at which the representative acts.

66. Representation of Bodies Corporate

Any corporation which is a Member of the Company may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body, authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of Members of the Company, and the person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation which he represents as that corporation could exercise if it were an individual Member of the Company and such corporation shall for the purposes of these Articles be deemed to be present in person at any such meeting if a person so authorised is present thereat.

67. Written Resolutions

A resolution in writing executed by or on behalf of each Member who would have been entitled to vote upon it if it had been proposed at a meeting 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 Members. In the case of a corporation a resolution in writing may be signed on its behalf by a director or the secretary thereof or by its duly appointed attorney or duly authorised representative.

PART XIV - DIRECTORS

68. Number of Directors

The number of the Directors shall not be less than 2. A Director may only be appointed if the approval of the Central Bank to such appointment has been obtained. The Directors holding office on the date these Articles come into force shall continue to hold office subject to the provisions of these Articles. The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, provided that if the number of the Directors is reduced below the prescribed minimum, the remaining Director or Directors shall appoint forthwith an additional Director or additional Directors to make up such minimum or shall convene a general meeting of the Company for the purpose of making such appointment. If there is no Director or Directors able or willing to act then any two shareholders may summon a general meeting for the purpose of appointing Directors. Any additional Director so appointed shall hold office (subject to the provisions of the Act and these Articles) only until the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company next following such appointment unless he is re-elected during such meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, there shall be no other requirements relating to the rotation of Directors, save as provided above.

69. No Rotation/Share Qualifications

- (i) A Director shall hold office until he resigns or is removed or ceases to be entitled to act as a director pursuant to these Articles or the Act.
- (ii) A Director shall not require a share qualification.

70. Ordinary Remuneration of Directors

Each Director shall be entitled to such remuneration for his services as the Directors shall from time to time resolve provided that no Director may be paid in excess of the figure set out in the Prospectus without the approval of the Board. Such remuneration shall be deemed to accrue from day to day.

71. Special Remuneration of Directors

Any Director who holds any executive office (including for this purpose the office of Chairman or Deputy Chairman) or who serves on any committee, or who otherwise performs services which in the opinion of the Directors are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director or who devotes special attention to the business, may be paid such extra remuneration by way of salary, commission or otherwise as the Directors may determine.

72. Expenses of Directors

The Directors may be paid, inter alia, for travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings of Directors or committees of Directors or general meetings or separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties.

73. Alternate Directors

- (i) Any Director may appoint by writing under his hand any person (including another Director) to be his alternate.
- (ii) An alternate Director shall be entitled to receive notices of all meetings of the Directors and of all meetings of committees of Directors of which his appointor is a member, to attend and vote at any such meeting at which the Director appointing him is not personally present and in the absence of his appointor to exercise all the powers, rights, duties and authorities of his appointor as a Director (other than the right to appoint an alternate hereunder).
- (iii) Save as otherwise provided in these Articles, an alternate Director shall be deemed for all purposes to be a Director and shall alone be responsible for his own acts and defaults

and he shall not be deemed to be the agent of the Director appointing him. The remuneration of any such alternate Director shall be payable out of the remuneration paid to the Director appointing him and shall consist of such portion of the last mentioned remuneration as shall be agreed between the alternate and the Director appointing him.

- (iv) A Director may revoke at any time the appointment of any alternate appointed by him. If a Director shall die or cease to hold the office of Director the appointment of his alternate shall thereupon cease and determine but if a Director retires by rotation or otherwise but is re-appointed or deemed to have been reappointed at the meeting at which he retires, any appointment of an alternate Director made by him which was in force immediately prior to his retirement shall continue after his reappointment.
- (v) Any appointment or revocation by a Director under this Article shall be effected by notice in writing given under his hand to the Secretary or deposited at the Office or in any other manner approved by the Directors.

PART XV - POWERS OF DIRECTORS

74. Directors' Powers

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Regulations, the Memorandum of Association of the Company and these Articles and to any directions by the Members given by Ordinary Resolution, not being inconsistent with these Articles or with the Act, the business of the Company shall be managed by the Directors who may do all such acts and things and exercise all the powers of the Company as are not by the Act or by these Articles required to be done or exercised by the Company in general meeting. No alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company or of these Articles and no direction made by the Company in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Directors which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or such direction had not been given. The powers given by this Article shall not be limited or restricted by any special authority or power given to the Directors by these Articles and a meeting of Directors at which a quorum is present may exercise all powers exercisable by the Directors.

75. Power to Delegate

Without prejudice to the generality of the last preceding Article, the Directors may delegate any of their powers and discretions to any Managing Director or any other Director holding any other executive office or to any committee consisting of one or more Directors together with such other persons (if any) as may be appointed to such committee by the Directors provided that a majority of the members of each committee appointed by the Directors shall at all times consist of Directors and that no resolution of any such committee shall be effective unless a majority of the members of the committee present at the meeting at which it was passed are Directors. The power or discretion which may be delegated to any such committee shall include (without limitation) any powers and discretions whose exercise involves or may involve the payment of remuneration to, or the conferring of any other benefit on, all or any of the Directors). Any such delegation may be made subject to any conditions the Directors may impose, and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers and may be revoked. Subject to any such conditions, the proceedings of a committee with two or more members shall be governed by the provisions of these Articles regulating the proceedings of Directors so far as they are capable of applying.

76. Appointment of Attorneys

The Directors, from time to time and at any time by power of attorney under the Seal, may appoint any company, firm or person or any fluctuating body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Directors, to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Directors under these Articles) and for such period and subject to such conditions as they may think fit. Any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Directors may think fit and may also

authorise any such attorney to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him. Notwithstanding the generality of the foregoing, the Directors may appoint an attorney for the purpose of exercising their power to allot relevant securities as more particularly described in Article 4 hereof.

77. Payments and Receipts

All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable or transferable instruments, and all receipts for moneys paid to the Company shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the Directors shall from time to time by resolution determine.

78. Investment Objectives

- (i) Subject to the provisions of the Regulations the Directors shall determine the investment objectives and policies (including the permissible forms of Investments) and restrictions applying to each Fund and the investment objectives of each Fund from time to time determined by the Company shall be as set out in any Prospectus.
- (ii) The assets of each Fund shall be invested in Investments subject to the restrictions and limits imposed under the Regulations and under these Articles.
- (iii) The Company may invest more than 35% and up to 100% of the net assets of the Company in transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by any Member State of the European Union, its local authorities, or issued or guaranteed by any of the following:

OECD Governments (provided the relevant issues are investment grade), 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.

Each Fund must hold securities from at least six different issues with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30 per cent of its Net Asset Value.

- (iv) The Company may (subject to the Regulations and the prior approval of the Central Bank) own all the issued share capital of any entity (the shares and assets of which shall be held by the Custodian) which the Directors consider it necessary or desirable for the Company, with the prior approval of the Central Bank, to incorporate or acquire or utilise in connection with the carrying on only of the business of management, advice or marketing in the country where that entity is located, in regard to the repurchase of Shares at Shareholders' request exclusively on the Company's behalf. None of the limitations or restrictions referred to in paragraphs (a) or (b) above, shall apply to Investments in, loans to or deposits with any such entity, and for the purpose of paragraphs (a) and (b) above Investments or other property held by any such private company shall be deemed to be held directly for the Company.
- (v) Subject to the provisions of the Regulations, the Company may invest up to 20% (35% in certain circumstances and only then in respect of a single issuer) of a Fund's net assets in transferable securities issued by the same body where the aim of the investment policy of the Fund is to replicate the composition of a certain index.

79. Borrowing Powers and Efficient Portfolio Management

- (i) Subject as hereinafter provided the Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow or raise money (including the power to borrow for the purpose of repurchasing shares) and to hypothecate, mortgage or charge its undertaking, property, assets or any part thereof, and to issue debentures, debenture stock or other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company.
- (ii) Nothing herein contained shall permit the Directors or the Company to borrow other than in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations.
- (iii) To achieve its investment objectives the Company may employ techniques and instruments relating to the Investments subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank provided such techniques and instruments are used for efficient portfolio management including for providing protection against exchange risks and for performance enhancement.
- (iv) The Company may lend securities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management, in accordance with the guidelines laid down from time to time by the Central Bank.

PART XVI - APPOINTMENT AND DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

80. Eligibility for Appointment

- (i) No person shall be appointed a Director unless his appointment has been approved in writing by the Central Bank.
- (ii) No person shall be appointed a Director at any general meeting unless he is recommended by the Directors or, not less than six nor more than thirty Clear Days before the date appointed for the meeting, notice executed by a Member qualified to vote at the meeting has been given to the Company of the intention to propose that person for appointment stating the particulars which would be required, if he were so appointed, to be included in the Company's register of Directors together with notice executed by that person of his willingness to be appointed and not less than three quarters of all Members entitled to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company vote in favour of the appointment of the person referred to in such notice.

81. Appointment of Additional Directors

- (i) Subject as aforesaid, the Company by Ordinary Resolution may appoint a person to be a Director either to fill a vacancy or as an additional Director.
- (ii) The Directors may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional Director, provided that the appointment does not cause the number of Directors to exceed any number fixed by or in accordance with these Articles as the maximum number of Directors.

82. Disqualification of Directors

- (i) The office of a Director shall be vacated ipso facto if:
 - (i) he ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Act or he becomes prohibited by law from being a Director;
 - (ii) if, without prejudice to Article 81(a)(i), the Central Bank has issued a prohibition notice in respect of such Director;

- (iii) he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;
 - (iv) he is notified in writing, signed by all of his fellow Directors, that he is no longer a Director;
 - (v) he resigns his office by notice to the Company;
 - (vi) he is convicted of an indictable offence and the Directors determine that as a result of such conviction he should cease to be a Director; or
 - (vii) a majority of the Directors are satisfied on reasonable grounds that he no longer complies with any standards of fitness and probity in a code issued by the Central Bank from time to time;
 - (viii) he shall have been absent for more than six consecutive months without permission of the Directors from any meetings of the Directors held during that period and his alternate Director (if any) shall not have attended any such meeting in his place during such period, and the Directors pass a resolution that by reason of such absence he has vacated office.
- (ii) The Company may, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Act, by ordinary resolution of the Shareholders remove any Director (including any Managing Director or other Executive Director) before the expiry of his period of office notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Articles or in any agreement between the Company and any such Director.

83. Suspension of Director

A Director shall comply immediately with any suspension notice issued by the Central Bank in respect of such Director and shall accordingly cease performing any or all of the functions of his office as may be specified in the notice. For so long as a suspension notice is in force any Director the subject of such notice shall not attend any meetings of the Directors and shall not be counted in the quorum thereat.

PART XVII - DIRECTORS' OFFICES AND INTERESTS

84. Executive Offices

- (i) The Directors may appoint one or more of their body to the office of Managing Director or Joint Managing Director or to any other executive office under the Company (including, where considered appropriate, the office of Chairman) on such terms and for such period as they may determine and, without prejudice to the terms of any contract entered into in any particular case, may revoke any such appointment at any time.
- (ii) A Director holding any such executive office shall receive such remuneration, whether in addition to or in substitution for his ordinary remuneration as a Director and whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise or partly in one way and partly in another, as the Directors may determine.
- (iii) The appointment of any Director to the office of Chairman or Managing or Joint Managing Director shall determine automatically if he ceases to be a Director but without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company.
- (iv) The appointment of any Director to any other executive office shall not determine automatically if he ceases from any cause to be a Director unless the contract or resolution under which he holds office shall expressly state otherwise, in which event such determination shall be without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company.

- (v) A Director may hold any other office or place of profit under the Company (except that of Auditor) in conjunction with his office of Director, and may act in a professional capacity to the Company, on such terms as to remuneration and otherwise as the Directors may determine.

85. Directors' Interests

- (i) Subject to the provisions of the Act, and provided that he has disclosed to the Directors the nature and extent of any material interest of his, a Director notwithstanding his office:
 - (i) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or any subsidiary or associated company thereof or in which the Company or any subsidiary or associated company thereof is otherwise interested;
 - (ii) may be a Director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company or any subsidiary or associated company thereof is otherwise interested; and
 - (iii) shall not be accountable, by reason of his office, to the Company for any benefit which he derives from any such office or employment or from any such transaction or arrangement or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the ground of any such interest or benefit.
- (ii) For the purposes of this Article:
 - (i) a general notice given to the Directors that a Director is to be regarded as having an interest of the nature and extent specified in the notice in any transaction or arrangement in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be deemed to be a disclosure that the Director has an interest in any such transaction of the nature and extent so specified; and
 - (ii) an interest of which a Director has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to have knowledge shall not be treated as an interest of his.

86. Restriction on Directors' Voting

- (i) Save as otherwise provided by these Articles, a Director shall not vote at a meeting of the Directors or a committee of Directors on any resolution concerning a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, an interest which is material 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.
- (ii) A Director shall be entitled (in the absence of some other material interest than is indicated below) to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of any resolutions concerning any of the following matters, namely:
 - (i) the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity to him in respect of money lent by him to the Company or any of its subsidiary or associated companies or obligations incurred by him at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiary or associated companies;
 - (ii) the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiary or associated companies for which he himself has assumed responsibility in whole or in part and whether alone or jointly with others or by the giving of security under a guarantee or indemnity ;

- (iii) any proposal concerning any offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any of its subsidiary or associated companies for subscription, purchase or exchange in which offer he is or is to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting thereof;
 - (iv) any proposal concerning any other company in which he is interested, directly or indirectly and whether as an officer or shareholder or otherwise howsoever, provided that he is not the holder of or beneficially interested in 10% or more of the issued shares of any class of such company or of the voting rights available to members of such company (or of a third company through which his interest is derived) (any such interest being deemed for the purposes of this Article to be a material interest in all circumstances); or
 - (v) any proposal concerning the adoption, modification or operation of a superannuation fund or retirement benefits scheme under which he may benefit and which has been approved by or is subject to and conditional upon approval for taxation purposes by the appropriate Revenue authorities; or
 - (vi) any proposal concerning the adoption, modification or operation of any scheme for enabling employees (including full time executive Directors) of the Company and/or any subsidiary thereof to acquire shares in the Company or any arrangement for the benefit of employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries under which the Director benefits or may benefit.
- (iii) Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment (including fixing or varying the terms of appointment) of two or more Directors to offices or employments with the Company or any company in which the Company is interested, such proposals may be divided and considered in relation to each Director separately and in such case each of the Directors concerned (if not debarred from voting under sub-paragraph (b)(iv) of this Article) shall be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment.
 - (iv) If a question arises at a meeting of Directors or of a committee of Directors as to the materiality of a Director's interest or as to the right of any Director to vote and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, such question may be referred, before the conclusion of the meeting, to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to any Director other than himself shall be final and conclusive.
 - (v) For the purposes of this Article, an interest of a person who is the spouse or a minor child of a Director shall be treated as an interest of the Director and, in relation to an alternate Director, an interest of his appointor shall be treated as an interest of the alternate Director.
 - (vi) The Company by Ordinary Resolution may suspend or relax the provisions of this Article to any extent or ratify any transaction not duly authorised by reason of a contravention of this Article.

PART XVIII - PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

87. Convening and Regulation of Directors' Meetings

- (i) Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the Directors may regulate their proceedings as they think fit. A Director may, and the Secretary at the request of a Director shall, call a meeting of the Directors. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting and any such waiver may be retrospective. If the Directors so resolve, it shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting of Directors to any Director or alternate Director who, being a resident of the State, is for the time being absent from the State.
- (ii) Notice of a meeting of the Directors shall be deemed to be duly given to a Director if it is given to him personally or by word of mouth or sent in writing by delivery, post, cable,

telegram, telex, telefax, electronic mail or any other means of communication approved by the Directors to him at his last known address or any other address given by him to the Company for this purpose.

88. Quorum for Directors' Meetings

- (i) The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Directors may be fixed by the Directors and unless so fixed at any other number shall be two. For the avoidance of doubt any alternate Director for this purpose shall be classed as resident in his jurisdiction and not deemed to be resident in that of the Director who has appointed them as alternate. A person who holds office only as an alternate Director shall, if his appointor is not present, be counted in the quorum but notwithstanding that such person may act as alternate Director for more than one Director he shall not count as more than one for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.
- (ii) The continuing Directors or a sole continuing Director may act notwithstanding any vacancies in their number, but if and so long as the number of Directors is reduced below the minimum number fixed by or in accordance with these Articles or a majority of the Directors are resident in the United Kingdom, the continuing Directors may act for the purpose of filling of vacancies in their number, or of convening General Meetings of the Company, but for no other purpose. If there are no Directors or Director able or willing to act, then any two Members may summon a General Meeting for the purpose of appointing Directors.

89. Voting at Directors' Meetings

- (i) Questions arising at any meeting of Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes. Where there is an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. A Director who is also an alternate Director for one or more Directors shall be entitled in the absence of any such appointor from a meeting to a separate vote at such meeting on behalf of each such appointor in addition to his own vote.
- (ii) Subject as hereinafter provided, each Director present and voting shall have one vote and in addition to his own vote shall be entitled to one vote in respect of each other Director not present at the meeting who shall have authorised him in respect of such meeting to vote for such other Director in his absence. Any such authority may relate generally to all meetings of the Directors or to any specified meeting or meetings and must be in writing and may be sent by delivery, post, cable, telegram, telex, telefax, electronic mail or any other means of communication approved by the Directors and may bear a printed or facsimile signature of the Director giving such authority. The authority must be delivered to the Secretary for filing prior to or must be produced at the first meeting at which a vote is to be cast pursuant thereto provided that no Director shall be entitled to any vote at a meeting on behalf of another Director pursuant to the paragraph if the other Director shall have appointed an alternate Director and that alternate Director is present at the meeting at which the Director proposes to vote pursuant to this paragraph.

90. Telecommunication Meetings

Any Director or alternate Director may participate in a meeting of the Directors or any committee of the Directors by means of conference telephone or other telecommunications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting (and who are not all in one place) but each of whom is able (directly or by means of telephonic, video or other electronic communication) to speak to each of the others and to be heard by each of the others and a director or member of the committee taking part in such a conference shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and shall be entitled to vote and be counted in quorum accordingly. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place in Ireland.

91. Appointment of Chairman

The Directors may from time to time elect and remove a Chairman and, if they think fit, a Deputy Chairman and determine the period for which they respectively are to hold office. The Chairman or failing him, the Deputy Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Directors, but if there is no Chairman or Deputy Chairman, or if at any meeting the Chairman or Deputy Chairman is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the Meeting.

92. Validity of Acts of Directors

All acts done by any meeting of Directors or of a committee of Directors or by any person acting as a Director, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such Director or person acting as aforesaid, or that any of them were disqualified from holding office, or had vacated office, or were not entitled to vote, shall be as valid as if every person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a Director and had been entitled to vote.

93. Minutes kept by Directors and Directors' Resolutions

- (i) The Directors shall cause minutes to be made of :
 - (i) all appointments of officers made by the Directors.
 - (ii) the names of the Directors present at each meeting of the Directors and of any committee of Directors.
 - (iii) all resolutions and proceedings of all meetings of the Company and of the Directors and of committees of Directors.
- (ii) Any such minutes if purporting to be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the proceedings took place, or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting, shall, until the contrary be proved, be conclusive evidence of their proceedings.
- (iii) A resolution or other document in writing signed by all the Directors entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Directors or of a committee of Directors shall be as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of Directors or (as the case may be) a committee of Directors duly convened and held and may consist of several documents in the like form each signed by one or more Directors, and such resolution or other document or documents when duly signed may be delivered or transmitted (unless the Directors shall otherwise determine either generally or in any specific case) by facsimile transmission or some other similar means of transmitting the contents of documents. A resolution or other document signed by an alternate Director need not also be signed by his appointor and, if it is signed by a Director who has appointed an alternate Director, it need not be signed by the alternate Director in that capacity.

PART XIX - MANAGEMENT

94. Manager

- (i) Without prejudice to the generality of Article 74 of these Articles, but subject to the prior approval of the Central Bank, the Directors may appoint any person, firm or corporation to act as Manager to the Company in accordance with the terms of the Management Agreement and may entrust to and confer upon the Manager so appointed any of the relevant powers, duties, discretions and/or functions exercisable by them as Directors, upon such terms and conditions including the right to remuneration payable by the Company and with such powers of delegation and such restrictions as they think fit and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers. In the event that the Manager shall resign or be dismissed or its appointment shall otherwise terminate, the Directors shall use their best endeavours to appoint subject to the approval of the Central Bank, some other person firm or corporation to act as Manager in its place.

- (ii) The fees, duties, charges (including value added tax) and all reasonable, properly vouched out of pocket expenses for the services of the Manager and those of its agents and delegates shall be charged to the Fund in respect of which the services were incurred or, where an expense is not considered by the Directors to be attributable to any one Fund, the expense will normally be allocated to all Funds pro rata to the value of the net assets of the relevant Funds. In the case of any fees or expenses of a regular recurring nature, Directors may calculate such fees and expenses on an estimated figure for yearly or other periods in advance accrue the same in equal portions over any period.

95. Custodian

- (i) The Directors shall, subject to the approval of the Central Bank, appoint a Custodian in accordance with the terms of the Custodian Agreement who shall:
 - (i) hold all the assets of the Company and all of its subsidiaries;
 - (ii) perform the duties prescribed by the Regulations and the Custodian Agreement;
 - (iii) perform such other duties upon such terms as the Directors may from time to time agree in writing with the Custodian; and
 - (iv) have power to appoint sub-custodians.
- (ii) In consideration for its services as Custodian, the Custodian shall be entitled to be paid by the Company:
 - (i) fees of such amount as are specified in the Custodian Agreement and any letters exchanged between the Company and the Custodian, together with VAT (if any) thereon; and
 - (ii) all reasonable, properly vouched out of pocket expenses and disbursements incurred by the Custodian in the performance of its functions as authorised by the Custodian Agreement or by any letters exchanged between the Company, the Manager and the Custodian, together with VAT (if any) thereon;

and the Custodian shall not be obliged to account to the Members or any of them for any payment received in accordance with the foregoing provisions.
- (iii) If for good and sufficient reasons the Directors are of the opinion and so state in writing to the Custodian that a change of Custodian is desirable, then subject to the approval of the Central Bank, the Custodian may be removed by notice given in writing by the Directors to the Custodian in accordance with the terms of the Custodian Agreement. In such circumstances, the Directors shall find a new custodian to act as Custodian to the Company and provided that such new custodian is acceptable to the Company and to the Central Bank, the Directors shall by a supplemental Custodian Agreement appoint such new custodian to be the Custodian in place of the removed Custodian. PROVIDED ALWAYS that the Custodian shall remain in office until a new custodian is appointed or until authorisation of the Company is revoked by the Central Bank. PROVIDED FURTHER that if a new Custodian is not appointed within such time period as the Central Bank may stipulate, the Company shall be wound up.

PART XX - THE SECRETARY

96. Appointment of Secretary

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Secretary shall be appointed by the Directors for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by them.

97. Assistant or Acting Secretary

Anything required or authorised by the Act or these Articles to be done by the Secretary may be done, if the office is vacant or there is for any other reason no Secretary readily available and capable of acting, by or to any assistant or acting secretary or, if there is no assistant or acting secretary readily available and capable of acting, by or to any officer of the Company authorised generally or specially in that behalf by the Directors.

PART XXI - THE SEAL

98. Use of Seal

The Directors shall ensure that the Seal (including any official securities seal kept pursuant to the Act) shall be used only by the authority of the Directors or of a committee authorised by the Directors.

99. Seal for Use Abroad

The Company may exercise the powers conferred by the Act with regard to having an official seal for use abroad and such powers shall be vested in the Directors.

100. Signature of Sealed Instruments

Every instrument to which the Seal shall be affixed shall be signed by a Director and shall also be signed by the Secretary or by a second Director or by some other person appointed by the Directors for the purpose. The Company may have, for use for sealing certificates, an official seal which is a facsimile of the Seal with the addition on its face of the word "Securities" and certificates on which the Securities Seal is used shall not require to be signed by any person.

PART XXII - DIVIDENDS AND RESERVES

101. Declaration of Dividends

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company may by Ordinary Resolution declare such dividends on any Class as appear to the Directors to be justified by the profits of the relevant Fund and no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the Directors. No dividend shall be payable to the holders of Subscriber Shares.

102. Interim Dividends

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Directors may from time to time if they think fit or the Manager or the Administrator may in accordance with procedures adopted by the Directors declare and pay such interim dividends on Shares of any class as appear to the Directors to be justified by the profits of the relevant Fund.

103. Source of Dividends

No dividend shall be payable except out of such funds as may be lawfully distributed as dividends in accordance with the Regulations. Dividends may be paid out of a Fund's investment income return (i.e. income from dividends, interest or otherwise less the Fund's accrued expenses for the accounting period), realised and unrealised profits on the disposal/revaluation of Investments and other assets less realised and unrealised losses of the relevant Fund.

104. Receipts

If several persons are registered as joint holders of any Share, any one of them may give effectual receipts for any dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of the Shares.

105. Dividends in Specie

A general meeting declaring a dividend may direct, upon the recommendation of the Directors, that the Directors may satisfy any dividend or capital sum payable to holders of the Shares of any class in whole or in part by distributing to them in specie any of the assets of the relevant Fund, and in particular any Investments to which the relevant Fund is entitled.

106. Reinvestment of Dividends

- (i) (i) Subject to the right of election provided for in paragraph (b) below dividends declared in accordance with the provisions of these Articles will be paid as provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below and used in payment for additional Shares (the "Additional Shares") upon such terms and conditions and in such manner as the Directors shall determine. Each holder of Shares who has not made such election under sub-paragraph (b) below (a "Relevant Holder") shall be entitled to receive an allotment of such number of Additional Shares credited as fully paid up, which, calculated by reference to the Net Asset Value of the Shares of the Relevant Fund and Class as at the Valuation Point immediately after said payment, is nearly as possible equal to (but not in excess of) the cash amount of the relevant dividend.

The number of Additional Shares to which a Relevant Holder is entitled shall be such number of Additional Shares the aggregate Net Asset Value per Share of which (ruling at the Relevant Period) is equal as nearly as may be to the amount of the dividend to which that Holder is entitled. For the purposes of this Article 105 "Relevant Period" means the Valuation Point preceding the date of payment of the relevant dividend.

- (ii) (i) The cash amount of the dividend on or in respect of Shares held by the Relevant Holders shall be paid to the Custodian who shall apply the same in paying up in full the appropriate number of Additional Shares for allotment and distribution credited as fully paid to the Relevant Holders. The Directors may do all acts and things considered necessary or expedient to give effect to any such allotment.
- (iii) The Additional Shares allotted to the Relevant Holders shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with the Shares of the relevant Fund or Class then in issue save only as regards participation in the relevant dividend.
- (iv) No share certificate will be issued in respect of the Additional Shares unless specifically requested in writing by a Holder, and in such a case the provisions of these Articles in relation to the issue of share certificates shall apply.
- (ii) (i) Notwithstanding the generality of the foregoing, when making an application for Shares, or otherwise on the acquisition of Shares, each applicant or transferee shall be entitled to elect by service of notice in writing on the Company to receive cash in satisfaction of the whole of any dividends that may be payable on the Shares for which application is made or which are acquired.
- (ii) Where any such election referred to in sub-paragraph (i) above is in force a holder of Shares may, by serving notice in writing on the Company, revoke that election, which revocation must be received at the Office at least 21 days before the next following Relevant Period to be effective in respect of dividends declared in respect of that date.
- (iii) An election shall be personal to the holder of Shares concerned in his capacity as a holder and, in respect of any Shares transferred, shall automatically cease to have effect upon registration of the transfer or transmission of the relevant Shares but shall continue in effect in respect of Shares retained.

- (iii) A holder of Shares who has made an election in accordance with paragraph (b)(i) shall be deemed to have made an election in respect of any further such Shares registered in his name in the Register in relation to all dividends declared on such Shares, until he revokes such election.
- (iv) Without prejudice to but notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article, the Directors may on occasion determine that such right of election to have dividends paid in cash shall be subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to any legal or fiscal problems under the laws of, or the requirements of, any regulatory or taxation authority in any territory.

107. Ranking of Dividends

If any Share is issued on terms providing that it shall rank for dividend as and from or after a particular date, or to a particular extent, such Share shall rank for dividend accordingly.

108. Payment of Dividends

Any dividend in respect of any Share will be paid by electronic transfer (less expenses) or cheque to the bank account indicated on the Shareholder's most recent form for application for Shares or other written instructions to the Company or its authorised agents. If no such instructions have been given, dividends will be sent by cheque, by post (at the Shareholder's risk) to the relevant Shareholder's address as set out in the Shareholders' Register and, in the case of joint holders, the joint holder whose name stands first in the Shareholders' Register. Every such cheque shall be made payable to the order of the person to whom it is sent and payment of the cheque shall be a good discharge to the Company. Any joint holder or other person jointly entitled to a Share as aforesaid may give receipts for any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of the Share. The Directors may deduct from any dividend or other monies payable to any Shareholder all sums of money (if any) presently payable by him to the Company in relation to the Participating Share. Where the Company is required to pay any taxation as a consequence of making any dividend payment to a Shareholder, the Directors may deduct from the payment to be made to the relevant Shareholder, an amount equal to the taxation attributable to the relevant payment(s) and pay such amount to the appropriate tax authority.

109. Dividends not to bear Interest

No dividend or other moneys payable in respect of a Share shall bear interest against the Company unless otherwise provided by the rights attached to the Share.

110. Payment to Holders on a Particular Date

Any resolution declaring a dividend on Shares of any class, whether a resolution of the Company in general meeting or a resolution of the Directors, may specify that the same may be payable to the persons registered as the holders of such Shares at the close of business on a particular date, notwithstanding that it may be a date prior to that on which the resolution is passed, and thereupon the dividend shall be payable to them in accordance with their respective holdings so registered, but without prejudice to the rights inter se of transferors and transferees of any such Shares in respect of such dividend. The provisions of this Article shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to capitalisations to be effected in pursuance of these Articles.

111. Unclaimed Dividends

If the Directors so resolve, any dividend which has remained unclaimed for six years from the date of its declaration shall be forfeited and cease to remain owing by the Company and shall become the property of the Company. The payment by the Directors of any unclaimed dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of a Share into a separate account shall not constitute the Company a trustee in respect thereof.

112. Payment from Equalisation Account

The holder of a Share in respect of whom an equalisation payment has been made out of the relevant Equalisation Account, shall, subject to Article 128, be entitled to have such equalisation payment returned to him by the Company on the occasion of the payment of a dividend and the amount payable to him by way of dividend shall be reduced by the amount so returned to him.

113. Currency of Payment and Foreign Exchange Transactions

Where payments in respect of subscription or redemption of Shares or dividend payments are tendered or requested in a major currency other than the Base Currency of the relevant Fund, any necessary foreign exchange transactions will be arranged by the Manager for the account of, and at the risk and expense of, the applicant at the time, in the case of subscriptions at the time cleared funds are received, in the case of redemptions at the time the request for redemption is received and accepted, and in the case of dividends at the time of payment.

114. Reserves

Before recommending any dividend, whether preferential or otherwise, the Directors may carry to reserve out of the profits of the Company such sums as they think proper. All sums standing to reserve may be applied from time to time in the discretion of the Directors for any purpose to which the profits of the Company may be properly applied and at the like discretion may be either employed in the business of the Company or invested in such Investments as the Directors may lawfully determine. The Directors may divide the reserve into such special funds as they think fit and may consolidate into one fund any special funds or any parts of any special funds into which the reserve may have been divided as they may lawfully determine. Any sum which the Directors may carry to reserve out of the unrealised profits of the Company shall not be mixed with any reserve to which profits available for distribution have been carried. The Directors may also carry forward, without placing the same to reserve, any profits which they may think it prudent not to divide.

PART XXIII - CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS OR RESERVES

115. Distributable Profits and Reserves

The Company in general meeting may resolve, upon the recommendation of the Directors, that it is desirable to capitalise any part of the amount for the time being standing to the credit of any of the Company's reserve accounts (including capital reserves) or to the credit of the profit and loss account or which is otherwise available for distribution and not required for payment of dividend on any shares with a preferential right to dividend amongst the Members may who would have been entitled thereto if distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportion on condition that the same be not paid in cash but be applied either in or towards paying up in full unissued shares of the Company to be allotted and distributed credited as fully paid up to and amongst such Members in the proportion aforesaid, or partly in one way and partly in the other, and the Directors shall give effect to such resolution.

116. Non-Distributable Profits and Reserves

Without prejudice to any powers conferred on the Directors as aforesaid, the Company in general meeting may resolve, on the recommendation of the Directors, that it is desirable to capitalise any part of the amount for the time being standing to the credit of any of the Company's reserve accounts or to the credit of the profit and loss account which is not available for distribution by applying such sum in paying up in full unissued shares to be allotted as fully paid bonus shares to those members of the Company who would have been entitled to that sum if it were distributable and had been distributed by way of dividend (and in the same proportions) and the Directors shall give effect to such resolution.

117. Implementation of Capitalisation Issues

Whenever such a resolution is passed in pursuance of either of the two immediately preceding Articles, the Directors shall make all appropriations and applications of the undivided profits resolved to be capitalised thereby and all allotments and issues of fully paid shares, if any, and generally shall do all acts and things required to give effect thereto with full power to the Directors to make such provisions as they shall think fit for payment in cash or otherwise for the case of shares becoming distributable in fractions and to authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the Members entitled thereto into an agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to them respectively, credited as fully paid up, of any further shares to which they may become entitled upon such capitalisation or (as the case may require) for the payment up by the Company on their behalf, by the application thereto of their respective proportions of the profits resolved to be capitalised, of the amounts or any part of the amounts remaining unpaid on their existing shares, and any agreement made under such authority shall be effective and binding on all such Members.

PART XXIV - NOTICES

118. Notices in Writing

Any notice to be given, served or delivered pursuant to these Articles shall be in writing.

119. Service of Notices

- (i) A notice to be given, served or delivered in pursuance of these Articles or other document to be given by the Company to a Member may be given to, served on or delivered to any Member:
 - (i) by handing same to him or his authorised agent;
 - (ii) by leaving the same at his registered address; or
 - (iii) by sending the same by the post in a pre-paid cover addressed to him at his registered address; or
 - (iv) by sending the same by telefax or electronic means to such telefax number or electronic address as may have been provided by the Member to the Company.
- (ii) Where a notice is given pursuant to sub-paragraph (a)(i) or (a)(ii) of this Article, the giving thereof shall be deemed to have been effected at the time the same was handed to the Member or his authorised agent, or left at his registered address (as the case may be).
- (iii) Where a notice is given pursuant to sub-paragraph (a)(iii) of this Article, the giving thereof shall be deemed to have been effected at the expiration of two days after the cover containing it was posted. In proving service or delivery it shall be sufficient to prove that such cover was properly addressed, stamped and posted.
- (iv) Where a notice is given pursuant to sub-paragraph (a)(iv) of this Article, the giving thereof shall be deemed to have been effected at the time of termination of the transmission.
- (v) Every legal personal representative, committee, receiver, curator bonis or other legal curator, assignee in bankruptcy or liquidator of a Member shall be bound by a notice given as aforesaid if sent to the last registered address of such Member, notwithstanding that the Company may have notice of the death, lunacy, bankruptcy, liquidation or disability of such Member.
- (vi) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (a)(i), (a)(ii) and (a)(iv) of this Article, if at any time by reason of the suspension or curtailment of postal services within the State, the Company is unable effectively to convene a general meeting by notices sent through the post, a general meeting may be convened by a notice advertised on the same day in at least one leading national daily newspaper published in the State and

such notice shall be deemed to have been duly served on all Members entitled thereto at noon on the day on which the said advertisement or advertisements shall appear.

- (vii) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Article the Company shall not be obliged to take account of or make any investigations as to the existence of any suspension or curtailment of postal services within or in relation to all or any part of any jurisdiction or other area other than the State.

120. Service on Joint Holders

A notice may be given by the Company to the joint holders of a share by giving the notice to the joint holder whose name stands first in the Register in respect of the share and notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders.

121. Service on Transfer or Transmission of Shares

- (i) Every person who becomes entitled to a share shall be bound by any notice in respect of that share which, before his name is entered in the Register in respect of the share, has been duly given to a person from whom he derives his title.
- (ii) Without prejudice to the provisions of these Articles allowing a meeting to be convened by newspaper advertisement a notice may be given by the Company to the persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Member by sending or delivering it, in any manner authorised by these Articles for the giving of notice to a Member, addressed to them at the address, if any, supplied by them for that purpose. Until such an address has been supplied, a notice may be given in any manner in which it might have been given if the death or bankruptcy had not occurred.

122. Signature to Notices

The signature to any notice to be given by the Company may be written or printed.

123. Deemed Receipt of Notices

A Member present, either in person or by proxy, at any meeting of the Company or the holders of any class of shares in the Company shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which it was called.

124. Entitlement to Notices

Notice of every general meeting shall be given in any manner herein authorised to:

- (i) every Member;
- (ii) every person upon whom the ownership of a share devolves by reason of his being a personal representative, or the Official Assignee in bankruptcy of a Member, where the Member but for his death or bankruptcy would be entitled to receive notice of the meeting;
- (iii) the Directors;
- (iv) the Administrator;
- (v) the Custodian;
- (vi) the Manager; and
- (vii) the Auditors.

No other person shall be entitled to receive notices of general meetings.

PART XXV - WINDING UP

125. Termination of Funds

- (a) Any Fund may be terminated by the Directors, in their sole and absolute discretion, by notice in writing to the Custodian in any of the following events:-
 - (i) if at any time the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund shall be less than such amount as may be determined by the Directors in respect of that Fund and disclosed in the prospectus; or
 - (ii) if any Fund shall cease to be authorised or otherwise officially approved; or
 - (iii) if any law shall be passed which renders it illegal or in the opinion of the Directors impracticable or inadvisable to continue the relevant Fund; or
 - (iv) if there is a change in material aspects of the business, economic or political situation relating to a Fund which the Directors consider would have material adverse consequences on the Investments of the Fund; or
 - (v) if the Directors shall have resolved that it is or becomes impossible or impractical, for example from a cost, risk or operational perspective, for a Fund to continue to operate having regard to prevailing market conditions or the prevailing circumstances on the secondary market; or
 - (vi) if the Directors shall have resolved that it is or becomes impossible or impractical, for example from a cost, risk or operational perspective, to enter into, continue with or maintain FDIs relating to the Benchmark Index for the relevant Fund or to invest in securities comprised within the particular Benchmark Index; or
 - (vii) if the Directors shall have resolved that it is or becomes impossible or impractical, for example from a cost, risk or operational perspective, for a Fund to track or replicate the relevant Benchmark Index and / or to substitute another index for the Benchmark Index.
- (b) The decision of the Directors in any of the events specified herein shall be final and binding on all the parties concerned but the Directors shall be under no liability on account of any failure to terminate the relevant Fund pursuant to this Article 124 or otherwise.
- (c) The Directors shall give notice of termination of a Fund to the Shareholders in the relevant Fund 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.
- (d) With effect on and from the date as at which any Fund is to terminate or in the case of 124 (d) (i) below such other date as the Directors may determine:-
 - (i) No Shares of the relevant Fund may be issued or sold by the Company;
 - (ii) The Investment Manager or sub-investment manager shall, on the instructions of the Directors, realise all the Assets then comprised in the relevant Fund (which realisation shall be carried out and completed in such manner and within such period after the termination of the relevant Fund as the Directors think advisable);
 - (iii) The Custodian shall, on the instructions of the Directors from time to time, distribute to the Shareholders of the relevant Fund in proportion to their respective interests in the relevant Fund all net cash proceeds derived from the realisation of the relevant Fund and available for the purpose of such distribution, provided that

the Custodian shall not be bound (except in the case of the final distribution) to distribute any of the monies for the time being in its hands the amount of which is insufficient to pay €1 or its equivalent amount in the relevant currency in respect of each Share of the relevant Fund and provided also that the Custodian shall be entitled to retain out of any monies in its hands as part of the relevant Fund full provision for all costs, charges, expenses, claims and demands incurred, made or apprehended by the Custodian or the Directors in connection with or arising out of the termination of the relevant Fund and out of the monies so retained to be indemnified and saved harmless against any such costs, charges, expenses, claims and demands; and

- (iv) Every such distribution referred to above shall be made in such manner as the Directors shall, in their sole and absolute discretion, determine but shall be made only against production of the certificates or warrants relating to the Shares of the relevant Fund if issued in respect of which the same is made and upon delivery to the Custodian of such form of request for payment as the Custodian shall in its absolute discretion require. All certificates shall in the case of an interim distribution be enfaced by the Custodian with a memorandum of payments made and in the case of the final distribution shall be surrendered to the Custodian. Any unclaimed proceeds or other cash held by the Custodian hereunder may at the expiration of twelve months from the date upon which the same were payable be paid into court subject to the right of the Custodian to deduct therefrom any expenses it may incur in making such payment.
- (v) The Directors shall have the power to propose and implement a reconstruction and/or amalgamation and / or merger of the Company or any Fund or Funds on a cross-border basis, into or out of another Member State, or on a domestic basis, with any other collective scheme or schemes on such terms and conditions as are approved by the Directors subject to the requirements of the Central Bank and / or the UCITS Regulations.

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 Holders and the Directors shall have the power to and shall do all such acts and things as may be necessary for the implementation thereof.

126. Distribution on Winding Up

- (b) If the Company shall be wound up, the liquidator shall apply the assets of the Company in such manner and order as he thinks fit in satisfaction of creditors' claims. The liquidator shall in relation to the assets available for distribution among the Members make in the books of the Company such transfers thereof to and from Funds as may be necessary to ensure that the effective burden of such creditors' claims may be shared between the holders of shares of different classes in such proportions as the liquidator in his discretion may deem equitable in regard to these Articles.
- (c) The assets available for distribution among the Members shall then be applied in the following priority:
 - (i) firstly, in the payment to the holders of the Shares of each class a sum in the currency in which that class is designated or in any other currency selected by the liquidator as nearly as possible equal (at a rate of exchange determined by the liquidator) to the Net Asset Value of the Shares held by such holders respectively as at the date of commencement to wind up provided that there are sufficient assets available in the relevant Fund to enable such payment to be made. In the event that, as regards any Class, there are insufficient assets available in the relevant Fund to enable such payment to be made, recourse shall be had:

- A. first, to the assets of the Company not comprised within any of the Funds; and
 - B. second, to the assets remaining in the Funds for the other classes of Shares (after payment to the holders of the shares of the classes to which they relate of the amounts to which they are respectively entitled under this paragraph (i)) pro rata to total value of such assets remaining within each such Fund;
- (ii) secondly, in the payment to the holders of the Subscriber Shares of sums up to the nominal amount paid thereon out of the assets of the Company not comprised within any Funds remaining after any recourse thereto under sub-paragraph (b)(i)(a) above. In the event that there are insufficient assets aforesaid to enable such payment to be made, no recourse shall be had to the assets comprised within any of the Funds; and
 - (iii) thirdly, in the payment to the holders of each Class of any asset remaining in the relevant Fund of any balance being made in proportion to the number of Shares held; and
 - (iv) fourthly, in the payment to the holders of the Shares of any balance then remaining and not comprised within any of the Funds such payment being made in proportion to the value of each Fund and within each Fund to the value of each class and in proportion to the number of Shares held in each class.

127. Distribution in Specie

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 and any other sanction required by the Act, divide among the Members 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 the Members or different classes of Members. The liquidator may, with the like authority, vest any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of Members 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 Member shall be compelled to accept any assets in respect of which there is liability and any member may instruct the liquidator to sell any assets, to which he is entitled, on his behalf. The liquidator may with a like authority transfer the whole or part of the assets of the Company to a company ("the Transferee Company") on terms that members of any Class in the Company shall receive from the Transferee Company Shares in the Transferee Company of the equivalent value to their shareholding in the Company and liquidator shall be entitled with such authority to enter into an arrangement with the Transferee Company to give effect to any such transfer.

PART XXVI - MISCELLANEOUS

128. Destruction of Records

The Company shall be entitled to destroy all instruments of transfer of shares which have been registered at any time after the expiration of six years from the date of registration thereof and all dividend mandates and notifications of change of address at any time after the expiration of two years from the date of recording thereof and all share certificates which have been cancelled at any time after the expiration of one year from the date of cancellation thereof. It shall conclusively be presumed in favour of the Company that every entry in the Register purporting to have been made on the basis of an instrument or transfer or other document so destroyed was duly and properly made and a valid and effective instrument duly and properly registered and every share certificate so destroyed was a valid and effective certificate duly and properly cancelled and every other document hereinbefore mentioned in accordance with the

recorded particulars thereof in the books or records of the Company. PROVIDED ALWAYS that:

- (i) the provisions aforesaid shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without notice of any claim (regardless of the parties thereto) to which the document might be relevant;
- (ii) nothing herein contained shall be construed as imposing upon the Company any liability in respect of the destruction of any such document earlier than as aforesaid or in any other circumstances which would not attach to the Company in the absence of this Article;
- (iii) references herein to the destruction of any document include references to the disposal thereof in any manner.

129. Accounts

The Directors shall cause to be kept proper accounts with respect to:

- (i) all sums of money received and expended by the Company and the matters in respect of which such receipt and expenditure take place;
- (ii) all sales and purchases of the Company; and
- (iii) the assets and liabilities of the Company.

130. Equalisation Account

The Directors may from time to time at their discretion operate an Equalisation Account for each Fund, so as to ensure that holders of Shares participate in the income on such Shares on an equitable basis including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) providing for the payment out of such account capital sums to equalise the amount available for allocation attributable to such holders of Shares upon such basis as the Directors in their discretion determine.

131. Maintenance of Books of Accounts

The books of account shall be kept at the Office, or at such other place as the Directors think fit, and shall always be open to inspection by the Directors. No Member (other than a Director) shall have the right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Company except as conferred by the Act or authorised by the Directors or by the Company in general meeting.

132. Approval of Accounts

- (i) The Directors shall from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Regulations, cause to be prepared and to be laid before the Company in general meeting such profit and loss accounts, balance sheets, group accounts (if any) and reports as are specified in the Act and the Regulations.
- (ii) A copy of every account, balance sheet and report which are laid before the Company in general meeting in accordance with this Article together with the Auditor's and Custodian's report thereon shall not less than 21 days previous to the general meeting be sent by post, electronic mail or by other means of electronic communication to every person entitled under the provisions of the Act to receive them PROVIDED THAT this Article shall not require a copy of these documents to be sent to more than one of the joint Shareholders of any Shares. The foregoing documents shall be treated as sent to a person where upon agreement with that person the documents are made available on a website in accordance with the provisions of the Act (instead of being sent to that person).

133. Reports

- (i) The Company shall prepare an unaudited half yearly report for the first six months of each financial year. Such report shall be in a form approved by the Central Bank and shall contain the information required under the Regulations.
- (ii) Copies of the half yearly report shall be made available to Members in accordance with the terms of the Prospectus not later than two months from the end of the period to which it relates.
- (iii) The Company shall provide the Central Bank with all reports and information to which it is entitled under the Regulations.

134. Auditors

Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with the Act.

135. Dealings by Administrator, etc.

Any person being the Administrator and any associate of the Administrator or a Connected Person may:-

- (a) become the owner of Shares in the Company and hold dispose or otherwise deal with Shares as if that person were not such a person; or
- (b) deal in property of any description on that person's individual account notwithstanding the fact that property of that description is included in the property of the Company; or
- (c) act as agent or principal in the sale or purchase of property to or from the Custodian for the account of the Company without that person having to account to any other such person, to the Members or to any of them for any profits or benefits made by or derived from or in connection with any such transaction, provided that such transactions are in the best interests of Members and conducted at arm's length. Such transactions are subject to:-
 - (i) a certified valuation of a person approved by the Custodian (or the Manager in the case of a transaction with the Custodian) as independent and competent;
 - (ii) the transaction being executed on best terms reasonably attainable on an organised investment exchange in accordance with the rules of such exchange; or

execution on terms which the Custodian (or the Manager in the case of a transaction with the Custodian) is satisfied conforms with the principle that such transactions are in the best interests of Shareholders and conducted at arm's length.

136. Restriction on Modifications to Articles

- (i) No modification, recision, alteration or amendment shall be made to the Memorandum or Articles of Association of the Company which would result in the Company ceasing to be authorised under the Regulations.
- (ii) The Memorandum and Articles of the Company shall not be amended without the approval of the Central Bank.

137. Indemnity

- (i) Subject to the provisions of and insofar as may be permitted by the Act and the Regulations, every Director (including any alternate appointed by him), Secretary and other officer or servant of the Company and its former directors and officers shall be indemnified by the Company against, and it shall be the duty of the Directors out of the funds of the Company to pay 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 (otherwise than in the case of negligence or wilful default), including travelling expenses, 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 Members over all other claims.
- (ii) Subject to the provisions of and insofar as may be permitted by the Regulations, the Administrator, the Manager, the Investment Manager and the Custodian shall be entitled to such indemnity from the Company under such terms and subject to such conditions and exceptions and with such entitlement to have recourse to the assets of the Company with a view to meeting and discharging the costs thereof as shall be provided under the Investment Management Agreement, the Administration Agreement, the Management Agreement and the Custodian Agreement respectively.
- (iii) A holder of Shares shall indemnify the Company for any loss incurred by the Company by virtue of the fact that the Holder acquired or held Shares in breach of these Articles.

138. Overriding Provisions

- (i) In the event of there being any conflict between the provisions of these Articles and the UCITS Regulations, the Regulations shall prevail. The Articles shall only be amended in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.
- (ii) Without prejudice to Section 1007(4) of the Act and save as otherwise expressly provided in these Articles, where a provision of these Articles covers substantially the same subject matter as any optional provision of the Act, any such optional provision of the Act shall be deemed not to apply to the Company and for the avoidance of doubt, these Articles shall be deemed to have effect and prevail over the terms of such optional provisions of the Act (and the expression "optional provision" shall take its meaning from Section 1007(2) of the Act).

139. Disclaimer of Liability

Subject to the provisions of Section 235 of the Act, no Director or other officer of the Company shall be liable for the Act, receipts, neglects or defaults of any other Director or officer or for joining in any receipt or other act for conformity or for any loss or expense happening to the Company through the insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired for or on behalf of the Company or for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the moneys of the Company shall be invested or for any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency or tortious act of any person with whom any monies, securities or effects shall be deposited or any other loss, damage or misfortune whatever which shall happen in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto.

140. Severability

If any term, provision, covenant or restriction of these Articles is held by a court of competent jurisdiction or other authority to be invalid, void, unenforceable or against its regulatory policy, the remainder of the terms, provisions, covenants, and restrictions of these Articles shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.