## PROSPECTUS

#### IMPORTANT: IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT AS TO THE CONTENTS OF THIS PROSPECTUS YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR STOCKBROKER, BANK MANAGER, SOLICITOR ACCOUNTANT OR OTHER FINANCIAL ADVISER.

The Directors, whose names appear on page 7, accept responsibility for the information contained in this document. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

## SALAR FUND PLC

(An investment company with variable capital incorporated with limited liability in Ireland under registered number 449784)

## CQS (UK) LLP

(INVESTMENT MANAGER)

This Prospectus replaces the prospectus dated 9 August 2019

The Date of this Prospectus is 6 April 2021

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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

No person has been authorised by the Fund to give any information or make any representations in connection with the offering of Shares other than those contained in this Prospectus, and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied on as having been made by the Fund.

The distribution of this Prospectus and the offering of Shares in certain jurisdictions may be restricted. Persons into whose possession this Prospectus comes are required by the Fund to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation is not authorised or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

The creation of further classes of Shares will be effected in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

Applications for Shares will only be considered on the basis of this Prospectus and the latest audited annual report and accounts and, if published after such report, a copy of the latest unaudited semiannual report. These reports will form part of this Prospectus. The delivery of this Prospectus (whether or not accompanied by any reports) or the issue of Shares shall not, under any circumstances, create any implication that the affairs of the Fund have not changed since the date hereof.

Potential investors should not treat the contents of this Prospectus as advice relating to legal, taxation, investment or any matters and are recommended to consult their own professional advisers concerning the acquisition, holding or disposal of Shares.

The provisions of the Constitution are binding on each of its Shareholders (who are taken to have notice of them).

This Prospectus is based on information, law and practice currently in force in Ireland (which may be subject to change) at the date hereof. The Fund cannot be bound by an out of date Prospectus when it has issued a new Prospectus, and investors should check with CQS (UK) LLP that this is the most recently published Prospectus.

## The value of investments and the income derived there from may fall as well as rise and investors may not recoup the original amount invested in the Fund.

In particular, investors in the Fund should note the additional risk factors associated with investing in emerging markets and below investment grade securities. Accordingly, it is recommended that investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investor's portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.

## United Kingdom

The Fund is a recognised collective investment scheme for the purposes of Section 264 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA"). Therefore, the Fund may be marketed to the general public in the UK.

In connection with the Fund's recognition under Section 264 of the FSMA, the Fund will maintain the facilities required of a recognised scheme under the rules contained in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA, at the offices of CQS (UK) LLP (the "Investment Manager"). Such facilities will enable, among other things:

- (a) information to be obtained about the Fund's most recently published share prices;
- (b) any person who has a complaint to make about the operation of the Fund to submit his complaint in writing for transmission to the Fund;
- (c) any person to inspect or obtain copies in English of the Fund's Constitution (and any amendments), the latest sales prospectus, the latest simplified prospectus or key investor information document and the latest annual and half yearly reports; and
- (d) the reception and redirection of dealing instructions (without reviewing the content) to the specific contact within the management company.

The Prospectus must be read in conjunction with the simplified prospectus or key investor information document. Together these constitute a direct offer financial promotion and a UK investor applying for shares in response only to these documents will not have any right to cancel or withdraw that application under the provisions dealing with cancellation and withdrawal set out in the FCA's Conduct of Business Sourcebook if such an application is accepted by the Facilities Agent. No rights of cancellation arise when dealing direct with the Fund, the depositary bank or the other paying agents. Cancellation rights are granted in accordance with FCA rules for applications made through regulated intermediaries.

Compensation under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme will generally not be available to UK investors.

Directors have the power under the Constitution to refuse an application for Shares and the acceptance of such application does not confer on investors a right to acquire Shares in respect of any future or subsequent application.

The Fund may make application to register and distribute its Shares in jurisdictions outside Ireland. In the event that such registrations take place, the Fund may appoint or be required to appoint paying agents, representatives, distributors or other agents in the relevant jurisdictions.

The Fund may apply to be registered for sale in additional countries as determined by the Investment Manager.

The Fund has availed itself of the UK's temporary permissions regime. The Fund is not directly marketed to retail investors but to professional investors in the UK.

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

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

The Directors may restrict the ownership of Shares by any person, firm or corporation where such ownership would be in breach of any regulatory or legal requirement or may affect the tax status of

the Fund. Any person who is holding Shares in contravention of the restrictions set out above or, by virtue of his holding, is in breach of the laws and regulations of any competent jurisdiction or whose holding could, in the opinion of the Directors, cause the Fund or any Shareholder to incur any liability to taxation or to suffer any pecuniary disadvantage which any or all of them might not otherwise have incurred or sustained or otherwise in circumstances which the Directors believe might be prejudicial to the interests of the Shareholders, shall indemnify the Fund, the Investment Manager, Investment Advisers, the Distributor, the Depositary, the Administrator and Shareholders for any loss suffered by it or them as a result of such person or persons acquiring or holding Shares in the Fund.

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

## United States of America

The Shares have not been, and will not be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 (the "1933 Act") or qualified under any applicable state statutes and may not be offered, sold or transferred in the United States (including its territories and possessions) or to or for the benefit of, directly or indirectly, any U.S. Person (as that term is defined in this Prospectus), except pursuant to registration or an exemption. The Fund will not be registered under the US Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and investors will not be entitled to the benefits of such registration. Pursuant to an exemption from registration under the 1940 Act, the Fund may make a private placement of Shares to a limited category of US Persons. The Shares have not been approved or disapproved by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission or other U.S. regulatory authority, nor have any of the foregoing authorities passed upon or endorsed the merits of this offering or the accuracy or adequacy of these offering materials. Any representation to the contrary is unlawful.

If and when investments from U.S. Persons are permitted, the Fund reserves the right to reject or condition applications from U.S. Persons if the Fund does not receive evidence satisfactory to it that the sale of Shares to such an investor is exempt from registration under the securities laws of the United States, including, but not limited to, the 1933 Act, that such sale will not require the Fund to register under the 1940 Act and, in all events, that there will be no adverse tax or other regulatory consequences to the Fund or its Shareholders as a result of such sale.

The following statements are required to be made under applicable regulations of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC"). As the Fund is a collective investment vehicle that may make transactions in commodity interests, the Fund is considered to be a "commodity pool".

Pursuant to CFTC Rule 4.13(a)(3), the Investment Manager is exempt from registration with the CFTC as a commodity pool operator ("CPO"). Therefore, unlike a registered CPO, the Investment Manager is not required to deliver a disclosure document and a certified annual report to investors in the Fund. The Investment Manager qualifies for such exemption based on the following criteria: (i) the interests in the Fund are exempt from registration under the 1933 Act, and are offered and sold without marketing to the public in the United States; (ii) the Fund meets the trading limitations of either CFTC Rule 4.13(a)(3)(ii)(A) or (B); (iii) the CPO reasonably believes, at the time the investor makes his investment in the Fund (or at the time the CPO began to rely on Rule 4.13(a)(3)), that each investor in the Fund is (a) an "accredited investor," as defined in Rule 501(a) of Regulation D under the Securities Act, (b) a trust that is not an accredited investor but that was formed by an accredited investor for the benefit of a family member, (c) a "knowledgeable employee," as defined in Rule 3c- 5 under the 1940 Act, or (d) a "qualified eligible person," as defined in CFTC Rule 4.7(a)(2)(viii)(A) and (iv) interests in the Fund are not marketed as or in a vehicle for trading in the commodity futures or commodity options markets.

The Shares are suitable only for sophisticated investors who do not require immediate liquidity for their investments, for whom an investment in the Fund does not constitute a complete investment program and who fully understand and are willing to assume the risks involved in the Fund's investment program. The Fund's investment practices, by their nature, may be considered to involve a substantial degree of risk. Subscribers for Shares must represent that they are acquiring the Shares for investment.

A prospective investor should not subscribe for Shares unless satisfied that he and/or his investment representative has/have asked for and received all information which would enable him or both of them to evaluate the merits and risks of the proposed investment. The Shares are not, and are not expected to be, liquid, except as described in this Prospectus.

The Shares of the Fund are subject to restrictions on transferability and resale and may not be transferred or resold in the United States except as permitted under the 1933 Act and applicable state securities laws, pursuant to registration or exemption therefrom. Investors should be aware that they will be required to bear the financial risks of this investment for an indefinite period of time. If and when investments from U.S. Persons are permitted, each U.S. Person subscribing for Shares must agree that the Directors may reject, accept or condition any proposed transfer or assignment of those Shares. Investors in the Fund may have limited redemption rights, and such rights may be suspended under the circumstances described in this Prospectus.

The Shares have not been filed with or approved or disapproved by any regulatory authority of the United States or any state thereof, nor has any such regulatory authority passed upon or endorsed the merits of this offering or the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is unlawful. There will be no public offering of the Shares in the United States.

This Prospectus has been prepared solely for the information of the person to whom it has been delivered by or on behalf of the Fund, and should not be reproduced or used for any other purpose.

Notice to prospective purchasers in Florida: These securities have not been registered under the Florida Securities Act in reliance upon an exemption there from. Any sale made pursuant to such exemption is voidable by a Florida purchaser within three (3) days after the first tender of consideration is made by such purchaser to the issuer, an agent of the issuer or an escrow agent in payment for such securities. However, this right is not available to any purchaser who is a bank, trust company, savings institution, insurance company, securities dealer, investment company (as defined in the 1940 Act), pension or profit-sharing trust or qualified institutional buyer (as defined in Rule 144A under the 1933 Act).

No Shares will be issued to any person, whether or not a US Person, if immediately thereafter, the interests of "Benefit Plan Investors" as defined in regulations issued by the US Department of Labor (i.e., employee benefit plans as defined in Section 3(3) of the US Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA") (whether or not subject to Title I of ERISA), plans described in Section 4975(e)(1) of the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "IRC"), insurance company general and separate accounts and entities the underlying assets of which include plan assets), would equal or exceed 25 per cent of the value of any Class of Shares (disregarding certain interests held by persons with discretion over (or who provide investment advice with respect to) the assets of the Fund and the affiliates of such persons), so that equity participation by Benefit Plan Investors will not be considered "significant" under US Department of Labor regulations and, as a result, the underlying assets of the Fund will not be deemed "plan assets" for purposes of ERISA. If the assets of the Fund were regarded as "plan assets" of a benefit plan investor that is subject to ERISA or the prohibited transaction rules of the IRC, the Investment Manager would be a "fiduciary" (as defined in ERISA) with respect to such plan and would be subject to the obligations and liabilities imposed on fiduciaries by ERISA and/or the IRC. Moreover, the Fund would be subject to various other requirements of ERISA and/or the IRC. The Fund may require the

compulsory redemption of Shares of any Class to ensure that the interest of Benefit Plan Investors does not equal or exceed 25 per cent of the value of that Class of Shares.

## Other jurisdictions:

The above information is for general guidance only, and it is the responsibility of any person or persons in possession of this Prospectus and wishing to make application for Shares to inform themselves of, and to observe, all applicable laws and regulations of any relevant jurisdiction. Prospective applicants for Shares should inform themselves as to legal requirements also applying and any applicable exchange control regulations and applicable taxes in the countries of their respective citizenship, residence or domicile.

#### **Reliance on this Prospectus**

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

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

## **Risk Factors**

Investors should read and consider the section entitled "Risk Factors" before investing in the Fund.

#### **Financial Derivative Instruments**

The Fund may engage in transactions in financial derivative instruments ("FDIs") on behalf of the Fund for investment purposes and for the purposes of efficient portfolio management as more particularly disclosed in this Prospectus.

## Translations

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

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"Administrator"	BNP Paribas Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited or such other person as may be appointed from time to time in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank to provide administration services to the Fund.
"Administration Agreement"	the agreement dated 31 August 2016 between the Fund and the Administrator as may be amended from time to time.
"Adjusted GAV"	The Gross Asset Value per Share after the deduction of Investment Management Fees and other expenses.
"Application Form"	the written application form, obtainable from the Administrator, to be completed by subscribers for Shares as prescribed by the Fund from time to time.
"Auditor"	Ernst & Young LLP.
"Benchmark Return"	the Hurdle.
"Beneficial Ownership Regulations"	the European Union (Anti-Money Laundering Beneficial Ownership of Corporate Entities) Regulations 2019 as may be amended or substituted from time to time.
"Business Day"	any day on which banks are open for business in Dublin and London and/or such other place or places and such other day or days as the Directors may determine and notify to Shareholders in advance.
"Calculation Period"	a calculation period as defined on page 44.
"Central Bank"	the Central Bank of Ireland or any successor regulatory authority with responsibility for the authorisation and supervision of the Fund.
"Central Bank UCITS Regulations"	the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 as may be amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time as well as any related guidance or Q&A document issued by the Central Bank from time to time.
"Class"	a class of Shares in the Fund.
"Class Account"	a separate Class account as defined on page 37.
"Constitution"	the memorandum and articles of association of the Fund.
"Data Protection Legislation"	the GDPR, the Data Protection Act 2018 (as amended from time to time), any other applicable national data protection legislation, and any data protection guidance or codes of practice issued by the Irish Data Protection Commissioner or other relevant

	supervisory authority, as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time.
"Dealing Day"	each Business Day or such other day or days as may be determined by the Directors (provided that there is at least two Dealing Days in each calendar month carried out at regular intervals) and notified in advance to Shareholders.
"Dealing Deadline"	5.30 pm (Dublin time) two Business Days prior to the relevant Dealing Day or such other time as the Directors may determine and notify to Shareholders in advance, provided always that the Dealing Deadline is no later than the Valuation Point.
"Depositary"	BNP Paribas Securities Services, Dublin Branch, the depositary to the Fund or such other person as may be appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.
"Depositary Agreement"	the agreement dated 31 August 2016 between the Fund and the Depositary as may be amended from time to time.
"Directors"	the members of the board of directors of the Fund for the time being and any duly constituted committee thereof and any successors to such members as may be appointed from time to time.
"Distribution Agreement"	the distribution agreement dated 1 June 2010 between (1) the Fund and (2) Ferox Capital LLP, as novated between each of the Fund, Ferox Capital LLP and the Investment Manager by way of a deed of novation dated 6 April 2021
"Distributor"	The Investment Manager or any successor thereto, duly appointed;
"Duties and Charges"	all stamp and other duties, taxes, governmental 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 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 subscription and redemption prices, any provision for spreads (to take into account the difference between the price at which assets were valued for the purposes of calculating the Net Asset Value and the price at which assets were bought as a result of 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 Fund.
"Eligible Investors"	investors who are (i) financial intermediaries which, according to regulatory requirements, are not permitted to accept or retain trail commissions (including financial intermediaries providing discretionary portfolio management or investment advice on an independent basis pursuant to MiFID II); or (ii) financial intermediaries rendering non-independent investment advice that are not otherwise allowed to accept or retain commissions pursuant to separate fee arrangements with their clients; or (iii) institutional investors investing on their own account (which includes, in respect of investors incorporated in the EU, Eligible Counterparties and Professional Investors per se, pursuant to MiFID II).
"Equalisation Credit"	an equalisation credit as defined on page 44.
"ESMA"	the European Securities and Markets Authority.
"ESMA Remuneration Guidelines"	ESMA's Guidelines on sound remuneration policies under the UCITS Directive.
"EU"	the European Union.
"EU Distribution Agent"	any distribution agent or other distributor of Shares subject to the requirements of MiFID, for example due to it being located in the EU or otherwise, or due to the nature and location of investors it is marketing the Shares to.
"FATCA" or "Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act"	sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, and any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b) of the Code, or any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement entered into in connection with the implementation of these Sections of the Code.
"FCA"	Financial Conduct Authority of the United Kingdom.
"Fund"	Salar Fund plc.
"Fund Cash Account"	an account maintained at the level of the Fund.
"General Data Protection Regulation" or GDPR"	means Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation).
"Gross Asset Value per Share"	the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class in the relevant Calculation Period plus Investment Management Fees, Performance Fees and other expenses.

"High Water Mark"	the greater of (i) the initial offer price per Share of the relevant Class; or (ii) the all-time highest Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class calculated on the last Valuation Point of a prior Calculation Period.
"HK IAA"	the amended and restated investment advisory agreement between the Investment Manager and the HK Investment Adviser as amended from time to time.
"HK Investment Adviser"	CQS (Hong Kong) Limited.
"Hurdle"	the Hurdle will be added to the High Water Mark, and, in any Calculation Period, the Adjusted GAV must exceed the Hurdle plus High Water Mark before a Performance Fee can be paid. For periods of less than 1 year, the Hurdle shall be pro-rated over the relevant period by multiplying by the number of actual days invested and dividing by 365. This adjustment to the Hurdle shall apply both to new subscription amounts and to redemption amounts.
"Ineligible Applicant"	any person to whom a transfer of Shares (legally or beneficially) or by whom a holding of Shares (legally or beneficially) would or, in the opinion of the Directors, might:
	<ul> <li>a) be in breach of any law (or regulation by a competent authority) of any country or territory by virtue of which the person in question is not qualified to hold such Shares; or</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>b) require the Fund or the Investment Manager to be registered under any law or regulation whether as an investment fund or otherwise, or cause the Fund to be required to comply with any registration requirements in respect of any of its Shares, whether in the United States of America or any other jurisdiction; or</li> </ul>
	c) cause the Fund, its Shareholders or the Investment Manager some legal, regulatory, taxation, pecuniary or material administrative disadvantage which the Fund, its Shareholders or the Investment Manager might not otherwise have incurred or suffered.
"IFRS"	the International Financial Reporting Standard.
"Initial Price"	the initial price payable for a Share.
"Investment Advisory Agreements"	the HK IAA and the US IAA.
"Investment Advisers"	the US Investment Adviser and the HK Investment Adviser, and "Investment Adviser" shall be construed accordingly.

"Investment Management Agreement"	the investment management agreement dated 1 June 2010 between (1) Ferox Capital LLP and (2) the Fund, as novated between each of the Fund, Ferox Capital LLP and the Investment Manager by way of a deed of novation dated 6 April 2021.
"Investment Manager"	CQS (UK) LLP or any successor thereto, duly appointed.
"Investment Management Fee"	the investment management fee payable by the Fund to the Investment Manager.
"Ireland"	the Republic of Ireland.
"Legislation"	the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, the UCITS Directive, the UCITS Regulations or any of the foregoing as the context so requires.
"LIBOR"	the London Interbank Offered Rate.
"Management Shares"	ordinary shares of (i) par value \$0.01 in the Fund issued as \$ Management Shares (Accumulation), (ii) par value €0.01 in the Fund issued as Euro Management Shares (Accumulation) and (iii) par value £0.01 in the Fund issued as GBP Management Shares (Accumulation).
"Member"	a Shareholder or a person who is registered as the holder of one or more non-participating Shares.
"Member State"	the member states of the European Union.
"MiFID" or "MiFID II"	Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments, the Markets in Financial Instruments Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 ("MiFIR") and related legislation, as transposed into Irish law by the MiFID Regulations.
"MiFID Delegated Directive"	Commission Delegated Directive (EU) of 7 April 2016 supplementing Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to safeguarding of financial instruments and funds belonging to clients, product governance obligations and the rules applicable to the provision or reception of fees, commissions or any monetary or non-monetary benefits;
"MiFID Regulations"	S.I. No. 375 of 2017 European Union (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2017, as amended from time to time and any regulations or conditions made thereunder by the Central Bank.
"Money Market Instruments"	instruments normally dealt in on the money markets which are liquid, have a value which can be accurately determined at any time and include, but are not limited to, government debt, commercial paper, bankers acceptances, certificates of deposit and other short term debt securities as ancillary liquid assets, and

	which are further described in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.
"Net Asset Value" or "NAV"	the value of the Fund or a Class, as the case may be, determined in accordance with the Constitution.
"Net Asset Value per Share" or "NAV per Share"	the Net Asset Value of the relevant Class Account divided by the number of Shares of the relevant Class in issue or deemed to be in issue.
"Non-United States Person"	(a) a natural person who is not a resident of the United States, (b) a partnership, corporation or other entity, other than an entity organised principally for passive investment, organised under the laws of a non-US jurisdiction and which has its principal place of business in a non-US jurisdiction, (c) an estate or trust, the income of which is not subject to United States income tax regardless of source, (d) an entity organised principally for passive investment such as a pool, investment company or other similar entity, provided that units of participation in the entity held by persons who do not qualify as Non-United States Persons or otherwise as qualified eligible persons represent in the aggregate less than 10 per cent of the beneficial interest in the entity and that such entity was not formed principally for the purpose of facilitating investment by persons which do not qualify as Non-United States Persons in a commodity pool with respect to which the commodity pool operator is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being Non-United States Persons, and (e) a pension plan for employees, officers or principals of an entity organised and with its principal place of business outside the United States.
"Non-Voting Shares"	the Shares of the Fund that are not Voting Shares.
"OECD"	the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.
"Paying Agent"	any paying agent as may be appointed by the Fund.
"Qualified Holder"	an investor or Shareholder who is not an Ineligible Applicant.
"Qualifying Shares"	Shares in respect of which income is distributed periodically to Shareholders.
"Recognised Exchange"	the stock exchanges or regulated markets set out in Appendix 4.
"Redemption Price"	the price per Share at which Shares are redeemed, calculated in the manner described on page 33 and 34.
"RPA"	a research payment account operated in accordance with the requirements of MiFID.

"Securities Financing Transactions" or "SFT"	Repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, stock lending agreements and any other transactions within the scope of the Securities Financing Transactions Regulations that the Fund is permitted to engage in.
"Securities Financing Transactions Regulations" or "SFTR"	Regulation EU 2015/2365 of the European Parliament and of the Council on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012.
"Share" or "Shares"	any Class of Shares in the Fund as the context requires. The Classes currently in issue are as set out in Appendix 1. Further Classes may be created in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.
"Shareholder"	a holder of Shares in the Fund.
"Subscription Price"	the price per Share at which Shares can be subscribed as calculated in the manner described on page 32.
"Sustainability Factors"	environmental, social and employee matters, respect for himan rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.
"Sustainability Risk"	an environmental, social or governance event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of the investment.
"Sustainable Finance Disclosures Regulation"	Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector.
"Sustainable Investment"	an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental objective, as measured, for example, by key resource efficiency indicators on the use of energy, renewable energy, raw materials, water and land, on the production of waste, and greenhouse gas emissions, or on its impact on biodiversity and the circular economy, or an investment in an economic activity that contributes to a social objective, in particular an investment that contributes to tackling inequality or that fosters social cohesion, social integration and labour relations, or an investment in human capital or economically or socially disadvantaged communities, provided that such investments do not significantly harm any of those objectives and that the investee companies follow good governance practices, in particular with respect to sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.
"UCITS"	an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities established pursuant to the UCITS Directive.
"UCITS Directive"	Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities as amended by

	Directive 2014/91/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 amending Directives 2009/65/EC as regards depositary functions, remuneration policies and sanctions and as may be further amended from time to time and including any supplementing European Commission delegated regulations in force from time to time.
"UCITS Regulations"	the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 as amended by the European Union (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 as may be further amended, supplemented, consolidated or otherwise modified from time to time.
"UCITS Rules"	the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and any guidance or Q&A document issued by the Central Bank from time to time pursuant to the Central Bank UCITS Regulations; or any document published by the Central Bank which sets down all of the conditions which the Central Bank imposes on UCITS, their management companies and depositaries.
"US IAA"	the amended and restated investment advisory agreement between the Investment Manager and the US Investment Adviser as amended from time to time.
"US Investment Adviser"	CQS (US), LLC.
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"U.S. Person"	a "United States Person" within the meaning of the Code, as defined in Appendix 2 herein.
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"U.S. Reportable Account"	<ul> <li>defined in Appendix 2 herein.</li> <li>a Financial Account held by a U.S. Reportable Person.</li> <li>means (i) a "U.S. Taxpayer" who is not an Excluded U.S. Taxpayer or (ii) a Passive U.S. Controlled Foreign Entity. See Appendix 2 for a complete definition of U.S. Reportable Person, Excluded U.S. Taxpayer, and Passive U.S. Controlled Foreign</li> </ul>
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In this Prospectus the words and expressions set out in the first column above shall have the meanings set opposite them unless the context requires otherwise. All references to "Euro" and "€" are to the unit of the European single currency, all references to "US Dollar" and "\$" are to the currency of the United States and all references to "GBP" and "£" are to the currency of the United Kingdom.

## **PRINCIPAL FEATURES**

## The Fund

The Fund was incorporated in Ireland on 27 November 2007 as an investment company with variable capital with limited liability under registration number 449784. The Fund is authorised by the Central Bank as a UCITS pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

The base currency of the Fund is US Dollars.

The Investment Manager and the Investment Advisers generally seek to hedge the foreign currency exposure of the Fund to currencies other than the base currency through the use of spot and forward foreign exchange contracts or other methods of reducing exposure to currency fluctuations.

Where currency hedging (including derivative overlay) takes place at Class level, the performance of the hedged Class may move in line with the performance of the underlying assets. Currency hedging at Class level may limit holders of Shares of a Class denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund from benefiting if the currency of the denomination of that Class falls against the base currency of the Fund.

The Investment Manager and the Investment Advisers do not intend to have under-hedged or overhedged positions, however, due to market movements and factors outside the control of the Investment Manager and/or Investment Advisers, under-hedged and over-hedged positions may arise from time to time. All hedging transactions will be clearly attributable to a specific Class. The currency exposures of different Classes will not be combined or offset and the currency exposure of the assets attributable to a Class may not be allocated to other Classes. Hedged positions will be kept under review to ensure that over-hedged positions do not exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value of the Class and under-hedged positions do not fall below 95% of the Net Asset Value of the Class. Under-hedged positions and any over- hedged positions materially in excess of 100% of the Net Asset Value of a Class will not be carried forward from month to month. The Fund will implement stress tests to quantify the potential impact of losses on all Classes in the event of a hedged Class exceeding its Net Asset Value.

The risk and all costs and gains/losses arising as a result of currency hedging (and any associated derivative overlay) shall be borne by the relevant hedged Class.

## Investment Objective and Approach

#### Investment Objective

The Fund's investment objective is to generate capital growth, whilst seeking to preserve capital, through a variety of risk/reward strategies generally in the convertible bond markets. The Fund targets absolute returns and aims to achieve returns which exceed the Benchmark Return.

There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

#### Investment Approach

The Investment Manager and Investment Advisers will seek to achieve the investment objective of the Fund by investing primarily in, listed and unlisted convertible bonds, listed and unlisted convertible preference shares, listed and unlisted equities (in any market including emerging markets), debt securities (which may be below investment grade and be either fixed or floating and government or corporate) and currencies. Debt securities will be deemed to be below investment grade, if they have a rating BB+ and/or lower by Standard & Poor's, or an equivalent rating by any of the other principal rating agencies or by Moody's.

There are no limits to the extent that investments in emerging markets or below investment-grade debt exposure might be made, if deemed appropriate by the Investment Manager and/or Investment Advisers. The Fund may also invest no more than 10 per cent in aggregate of its Net Asset Value in other collective investment schemes having similar investment objectives and policies to the Fund and exchange traded funds. The Fund may, but is not obliged to, use FDI for investment or efficient portfolio management purposes based on these securities including, without limitation, equity index and bond options (listed and over the counter) including asset swapped convertible option transactions ("ASCOTs"), currency forward exchange contracts and non-deliverable forward contracts, bond futures, over the counter ("OTC") credit default swaps and total return swaps, warrants, contracts for difference and interest rate futures. FDIs may be exchange-traded or OTC. The Fund may also retain amounts in cash or cash equivalents (which shall include, but shall not be limited to, short- term fixed income securities including commercial paper (i.e. investment grade short-term paper issued by credit institutions) and money market obligations such as short and medium-term treasury bills and treasury notes (both fixed and floating rate), certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances) pending re-investment, or for use as collateral, arising from the Fund's use of FDIs if this is considered appropriate to the investment objective.

An ASCOT is a call option that allows the holder to acquire a convertible bond. It is generally used to separate a convertible bond into its major two components – namely (1) a corporate bond and (2) a call option to acquire stock. The bond component is bought by those looking for certainty of income. Call options to acquire stock are bought by those who are seeking capital appreciation for a known initial risk. The capital appreciation can occur in two ways – (1) the underlying share rises, driving the convertible bond price higher than the exercise price of the option and/or (2) via an improvement in the perceived credit quality of the issuer of the bond moving the convertible bond price above the strike price. If the convertible bond price declines for whatever reason, the losses to the holder of the ASCOT is limited to the value of the ASCOT, which is usually a very small percentage of the price of the overall convertible bond. This provides the ASCOT investor with a more volatile return but with the advantage of both a smaller initial capital allocation and a more limited loss potential relative to buying the convertible bond outright.

The Investment Manager and Investment Advisers generally take long positions that the Investment Manager and/or Investment Advisers have identified as undervalued in a portfolio of convertible bonds, convertible preferred shares and convertible bond options. A convertible bond is a bond that gives the holder the right to "convert" or exchange the par amount of the bond for common shares of the issuer at some fixed ratio during a particular period. The Investment Manager and/or Investment Advisers may take short positions that the Investment Manager and/or Investment Adviser has identified as overvalued provided that the aggregate value of all such short sales does not exceed 20 per cent of Net Asset Value. It is intended that the Fund will be managed to operate in normal circumstances within a range of net 100 % long exposure and net 10% short exposure.

The risks attached to the use of FDIs by the Fund are set out in the sections headed "Risks Associated with Financial Derivative Instruments".

Short positions may only be achieved through the use of FDIs. For details on the use of FDIs, see the Section headed "Financial Derivative Instruments" at Appendix 5 below.

Any leverage, including any leverage employed as a result of taking short positions, will be done in conjunction with strict risk/reward criteria to provide returns with quantifiable and tolerable risk, will be compliant with the UCITS Regulations and will not exceed the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

The Recognised Exchanges in which the Fund may invest are set out in Appendix 4. These stock exchanges and markets are listed in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, it being noted that the Central Bank does not issue a list of approved exchanges or markets.

The Investment Manager and Investment Advisers generally seek to hedge the foreign currency exposure of the Fund to currencies other than the base currency through the use of spot and forward foreign exchange contracts or other methods of reducing exposure to currency fluctuations. However, the Investment Manager and/or Investment Advisers do not currently take speculative positions in currencies. Any hedging employed by the Fund may include, but is not limited to, the use of short equity swaps to hedge out the delta exposure on long convertible bond positions.

Any alteration to the investment objectives or a material alteration to the investment policies of the Fund at any time will be subject to the prior approval in writing of a majority of the Shareholders of the Fund, or, if a general meeting of the Shareholders of such Fund is convened, by a majority of the votes cast at such meeting. Shareholders will be given at least 14 calendar days' advance notice of the implementation of any alteration in the investment objectives or material amendment of the investment policies of the Fund to enable them to redeem their Shares prior to such implementation.

The Fund is actively managed and not managed with reference to a benchmark.

#### Profile of a Typical Investor and Target Market Identification

An investment in the Fund is suitable for investors seeking capital appreciation and that are prepared to accept a moderate level of volatility.

Separately, any EU Distribution Agents (that are subject to the requirements of MiFID) appointed to offer Shares of the Fund are required to have in place adequate arrangements to obtain all appropriate information on the Fund and the identified target market of the Fund, pursuant to the obligations imposed on distributors under MiFID. Such information will be provided by the relevant EU Distribution Agent, which should be considered by prospective Shareholders in addition to the profile of a typical investor that the Fund is required to provide pursuant to the Central Bank requirements, as referenced above. The responsibility for the target market assessment and compliance with the provisions of MiFID in general ultimately rests with the EU Distribution Agent.

#### Classes of Shares

Several Classes of Share may be issued in respect of the Fund, distinguished, inter alia, by their criteria for subscription, fee structure, currency and dividend policy, details of which are set out either in the schedule to this Prospectus or in a separate supplement to the Prospectus (a "Share Class Supplement").

Further Classes may be created in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

Copies of any Share Class Supplements can be obtained from the Investment Manager.

## United Kingdom Taxation

Each Class in the Fund is likely to constitute an "offshore fund" for UK taxation purposes (as defined in section 40A of the Finance Act 2008). The Directors will determine whether any Class should be designated a "reporting fund" within the meaning of Part 3 of The Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations 2009 and shall apply for "reporting fund" status for any such Class of Share so determined.

HM Revenue and Customs under Regulation 55(1) (a) of the Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations 2009 have accepted the following share classes into the reporting fund regime with effect from 1 January 2010.

Class C1 Euro Shares (Distribution – non income) Class C1 \$ Shares (Distribution – non income) Class C1 GBP Shares (Distribution – non income) Class C1 Euro Shares (Distribution - income) Class C1 \$ Shares (Distribution - income) Class C1 GBP Shares (Distribution - income) Class C2 Euro Shares (Distribution – non income) Class C2 \$ Shares (Distribution – non income) Class C2 GBP Shares (Distribution – non income) Class C2 Euro Shares (Distribution – non income) Class C2 GBP Shares (Distribution - income) Class C2 Euro Shares (Distribution - income) Class C2 GBP Shares (Distribution - income)

Class E1 GBP Shares (Accumulation) Class E2 GBP Shares (Accumulation) Class E3 GBP Shares (Accumulation)

Class E1 Euro Shares (Distribution – income) Euro Management Shares (Accumulation) \$ Management Shares (Accumulation) GBP Management Shares (Accumulation)

The Directors may apply for "reporting fund" status for some of the following Classes:

Class E1 \$ Shares (Distribution – income) Class E1 GBP Shares (Distribution – income)

Class E2 Euro Shares (Distribution – income) Class E2 \$ Shares (Distribution – income) Class E2 GBP Shares (Distribution – income)

Class E3 Euro Shares (Distribution – income) Class E3 \$ Shares (Distribution – income) Class E3 GBP Shares (Distribution – income)

There can be no guarantee that "reporting fund" status is granted in respect of a particular Class of Shares, or that "reporting fund" status will continue to be maintained.

For further details on the consequences of the application of the UK offshore funds regime and the implications of being a "reporting fund", please see the section entitled "Taxation".

#### Minimum Investment and Minimum Holding

The minimum investment amount and minimum holding amount of each Class is set out above in the section entitled "Classes of Shares".

The Directors may, in their discretion, waive the minimum amounts above either generally or in relation to any specific subscription.

#### Investment Restrictions

Investment of the assets of the Fund must comply with the UCITS Regulations. The investment and borrowing restrictions applying to the Fund are set out in Appendix 3. The Directors may impose further restrictions in respect of the Fund. With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities or in units of open-ended collective investment schemes, investments in transferable securities will be made on Recognised Exchanges. The Fund may also hold ancillary liquid assets.

#### Changes to the UCITS Regulations

It is intended that the Fund shall have the power (subject to the prior approval of the Central Bank and any applicable restrictions imposed by any exchange on which the Shares are listed) to avail itself of any change in the investment and borrowing restrictions specified in the UCITS Regulations which would permit investment by the Fund in securities, FDIs or in any other forms of investment in which investment is at the date of this Prospectus restricted or prohibited under the UCITS Regulations which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall include any change that might permit direct shorting. The Fund intends to make use of the powers available to it pursuant to the UCITS Regulations and the UCITS Directive. The Fund will give Shareholders at least 14 calendar days' prior written notice of its intention to avail itself of any change which is material in nature.

#### Use of Financial Derivative Instruments

The Fund may use FDIs for direct investment purposes and/or for efficient portfolio management. The Fund will use FDIs for such investment purposes as is deemed to be of benefit to the Fund for example, increasing the yield, generating additional returns or altering the risk exposure for the Fund, gaining more efficient exposure to a selected stock, protecting the portfolio against possible unfavourable movements in the values of stocks held, managing the Fund's interest rate, duration, country and credit exposures or for active currency strategies in order to enhance returns. Details of some of the strategies that may be employed through the use of FDIs are set out in Appendix 5. The global exposure of the Fund relating to FDIs will not exceed the Fund's total Net Asset Value and therefore leverage will be limited to 100 per cent of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. This leverage limit is inclusive of short sales positions.

#### **Reports and Financial Statements**

The Fund's accounting period will end on 31 December in each year.

The Fund will prepare an annual report and audited annual accounts within four months of the financial period to which they relate i.e. by 30 April of each year. Copies of the unaudited half yearly reports (made up to 30 June in each year) will be prepared within two months of the end of the half year period to which they relate i.e. by 31 August of each year.

Copies of the latest annual audited financial statements and half yearly reports will be circulated to Shareholders.

## **Dividend Policy**

Shares are designated as Distribution – income (or Dis – income) ("Qualifying Shares"); Distribution – non income (or Dis - non income); or Accumulation (or Acc). Qualifying Shares will pay dividends

in the manner set out below. Accumulation Shares and Distribution – non income Shares will not pay dividends.

The Directors intend to declare dividends in respect of the Qualifying Shares in respect of some or all of the net income arising from the assets attributable to such Shares. Dividends are normally expected to be distributed bi-annually, or at such other times determined by the Directors, in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus and Constitution.

The Constitution empowers the Directors to declare dividends, subject to their discretion, in respect of any Qualifying Shares in the Fund out of the net income of the Fund subject to certain adjustments. To the extent that a dividend may be declared, it will be paid in compliance with any applicable laws.

To the extent that any dividend is declared, it will be paid in compliance with applicable laws. Any distribution of income for Shares that is unclaimed for a period of six years after having become due for payment shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Fund.

Any failure to supply the Fund or the Administrator with any documentation requested by them for anti-money laundering purposes may result in a delay in the settlement of any dividend payments. In such circumstances, any sums payable by way of dividends to Shareholders shall remain an asset of the Fund until such time as the Administrator is satisfied that its anti-money laundering procedures have been fully complied with, following which such dividend will be paid out.

Investors should note that any dividend income being paid out by the Fund and held in the Fund Cash Account shall remain an asset of the Fund until such time as the income is released to the investor and that during this time the investor will rank as a general unsecured creditor of the Fund.

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

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

#### Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation

Pursuant to EU Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector, which is also known as the "Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation" (the "SFDR"), the Fund is required to disclose the manner in which sustainability risks are integrated into the investment decision making process and the results of the assessment of the likely impacts of sustainability risks on the returns of the Fund.

• Integration of sustainability risks in investment decision making

A sustainability risk in the context of the Fund is an environmental, social, or governance event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or potential material negative impact on the value of an investment. The particular sustainability risks which apply to the Fund are included in the section entitled 'Sustainability Risks', below.

The extent to which sustainability risks represent potential or actual risks to the Fund is considered by the Investment Manager and Investment Advisers in their investment decision making and risk monitoring. Along with any other material risks, the Investment Manager and Investment Advisers will consider sustainability risks in order to seek to maximise returns for the Fund over the long-term and lead ultimately to better investment outcomes.

The Investment Manager and Investment Advisers recognise that environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") factors, including exposure to sustainability risk, are integral to the analysis of individual issuers. The factors considered by the Investment Manager and Investment Advisers will vary depending on the security in question, but typically include the themes addressed by the sustainability risks as set out in the section entitled 'Sustainability Risks', below. The Investment Manager and Investment Advisers conduct periodic monitoring of existing investments and may determine that certain investments are no longer appropriate for the Fund and accordingly may disinvest or decide not to invest in such assets.

In the event that a sustainability risk arises, the Investment Manager and/or Investment Advisers may determine that certain assets are no longer appropriate for the Fund and accordingly may disinvest or decide not to invest in such assets. The Investment Manager and/or Investment Advisers may determine specific parameters for which it expects to invest relating to sustainability factors, including but not limited to, the breakdown of ESG ratings and carbon intensity statistics relating to the portfolio.

As active investors, the Investment Manager and Investment Advisers may also engage, if deemed appropriate, on behalf of the Fund with issuers (either directly or collaboratively) to encourage them to recognise, and potentially change their sustainability actions to engender long-term industry improvement.

• Sustainability Impact Assessments

As part of the process to analyse ESG factors and any consequent sustainability considerations, the Investment Manager and the Investment Advisers may consider in particular the sustainability risks, detailed below under the heading 'Sustainability Risks', on the performance of the Fund and the outcomes expected of the Fund's Shareholders.

Assessment of sustainability risks is complex and relies on subjective judgements, which may be based on data that is limited, estimated, or outdated. As this is an evolving process, even when identified, it cannot be guaranteed that the Investment Manager's and/or the Investment Advisers' assessment of the impact of sustainability risks on the performance of the Fund is accurate or complete.

The impacts following the occurrence of a sustainability risk may be numerous and will vary depending on the specific risk, region, and asset class. Generally, where a sustainability risk occurs in respect of an asset, there could be a negative impact on, or entire loss of, the value of such asset. Any sustainability risk can either represent a risk on its own or have an impact on other risks and contribute significantly to other risks, such as market risks, operational risks, liquidity risks, or counterparty risks.

## DIRECTORS

## **Directors Functions**

The Directors are responsible for the overall management and control of the Fund in accordance with the Constitution. The Directors will review the operations of the Fund at regular meetings and will meet at least quarterly. The Directors have delegated certain of their duties to the Administrator and the Investment Manager and have appointed a Depositary.

The Central Bank UCITS Regulations introduce the concept of the responsible person, being the party responsible for compliance with the relevant requirements of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations on behalf of a particular Irish authorised UCITS. As the Fund has not designated a management company, the Directors collectively (as opposed to any director or other officer individually) assume the role of the responsible person for the Fund and any relevant references in this Prospectus to the Directors shall be construed accordingly, as appropriate.

#### Directors of the Fund

#### **Nicholas Curtis**

Mr. Curtis joined JPMorgan in 1979 working in a variety of roles in the Operations and Technology group. In 1995 he became the Global Head - Equity Derivatives Operations. He left in 2000 to join Ferox Capital Management Limited where he held the roles of Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer until 2011. He remained on the board as a non-executive director until 2020. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant with KPMG in 1979. He graduated from Manchester University with an Honours degree in Management Sciences.

## Elizabeth Beazley

Ms. Beazley is a director with the Carne Group specialising in corporate governance, product development, financial reporting and fund oversight for both mutual and hedge funds. She has an 18-year track record in financial services. As Head of Onboarding for Carne, Elizabeth oversees a team project managing the establishment of UCITS and AIFs and several third party management companies covering service provider selection, governance documentation drafting and operational set-up. Elizabeth acts as a designated person and compliance officer for a number of UCITS companies and acts as Director on Carne's QIAIF and UCITS platforms. In addition, Elizabeth is a Director of Carne's UCITS/AIF Management Company. Prior to Carne Ms. Beazley spent four years with AIB/BNY Fund Management in Ireland, and before that worked for HSBC. Elizabeth has been a member of various industry working groups including the Technical committee and the ETF committee. She graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce from University College Cork, and has a Masters' Degree in Business Studies from the Smurfit Graduate School of Business. Ms. Beazley is a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

## Tom Seymour Mead

Mr Seymour Mead has been the Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer at Ferox Capital LLP ("Ferox") since 2019. Prior to joining Ferox, he was Deputy Chief Operating Officer at Systematica Investments and previously Chief Operating Officer of Mariana Investment Partners,

before which he was a Senior Manager in the finance team at BlueBay Asset Management. Tom is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

## Teddy Otto

Mr. Otto is a Principal of Carne. He joined Carne in July 2007 and specialises mainly in product development, fund establishment governance and risk. Prior to joining Carne, he was employed by the Allianz/Dresdner Bank group in Ireland for six years from 2001 to 2007. During this time, he acted as Head of Fund Operations, Head of Product Management and was appointed as a director of Allianz Global Investors' Irish management company and a range of Irish and Cayman domiciled investment companies. He had previously held senior positions in the areas of market data and custody at Deutsche International (Ireland) Limited (from 1997 to 2001) and worked in the investment banking division of Deutsche Bank, Frankfurt (from 1995 to 1997). Prior to that, he was employed with Bankgesellschaft Berlin where he worked in finance/treasury following his completion of a graduate trainee program. He holds a degree in business administration from Technische Universität Berlin.

For the purposes of this Prospectus, the address of each of the Directors is the registered office of the Fund.

The Secretary of the Fund is Pinsent Masons Corporate Services Ireland Limited.

## INVESTMENT MANAGER AND DISTRIBUTOR AND INVESTMENT ADVISERS

#### **Investment Manager, Distributor and Facilities Agent**

The Fund has appointed CQS (UK) LLP as investment manager and distributor. The Investment Manager is authorised and regulated by the FCA.

The Investment Manager (and/or its partners, employees, related entities and connected persons) may subscribe directly or indirectly for Shares (and/or Management Shares) and may invest a proportion of the Performance Fee directly or indirectly back into the Fund by the acquisition of Shares (and/or Management Shares). The level of such investment in the Fund may depend upon the fees payable to the Investment Manager and may fluctuate over time.

The Investment Manager has been appointed, pursuant to the Investment Management and Distribution Agreement, to provide a range of services to the Fund including to act as the facilities agent for the Fund in the United Kingdom and it has agreed to provide certain facilities at its office at 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, One Strand, London WC2N 5HR, United Kingdom in respect of the Fund.

#### Investment Advisers

The Investment Manager may delegate any or all of its duties to one or more investment advisers and, as at the date of this Prospectus, has delegated certain of its investment advisory and discretionary portfolio management duties in respect of the Fund to the Investment Advisers pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreements.

#### HK Investment Adviser

CQS (Hong Kong) Limited, the HK-based investment adviser to the Investment Manager, is a company limited by shares and incorporated in HK. The HK Investment Adviser, which is regulated

by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission, has responsibility for providing the Investment Manager and clients of the Investment Manager (including the Fund) with investment advisory and discretionary portfolio management services in Asia Pacific pursuant to the HK IAA.

#### US Investment Adviser

CQS (US), LLC, the New York-based investment adviser to the Investment Manager, is a company limited by shares and incorporated in the State of Delaware. The US Investment Adviser, which has registered as an investment adviser with the SEC under the US Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (as amended), has responsibility for providing the Investment Manager with investment advisory and discretionary asset management services in North America pursuant to the US IAA.

#### ADMINISTRATOR

BNP Paribas Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited will serve as the administrator of the Fund pursuant to the Administration Agreement.

The Administrator was incorporated in Ireland as a private limited company on 13 March 1998 with registered number 487406 to provide administration services to collective investment schemes and is authorised by the Central Bank. The Administrator is engaged in the provision of fund administration, accounting, registration, transfer agency and related shareholder services to collective investment schemes and investment funds.

The Administrator subject to the terms and conditions of the Administration Agreement and subject to the overall supervision of the Directors, will be responsible for administration of the Fund's affairs including calculating the Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Share and the preparation of the accounts of the Fund and will also be responsible for processing subscription and redemption applications and transfer instructions received by the Fund in respect of Shares; acting as registrar and transfer agent in respect of Shares and preparing and distributing annual reports to Shareholders.

The Administrator is a service provider to the Fund and does not have any responsibility or authority to make investment decisions, nor render investment advice, with respect to the assets of the Fund. The Administrator has no responsibility for monitoring compliance by the Fund or the Investment Manager with any investment policies or restrictions to which they are subject. The Administrator accepts no responsibility or liability for any losses suffered by the Fund as a result of any breach of such policies or restrictions by the Fund or the Investment Manager.

## DEPOSITARY

BNP Paribas Securities Services, Dublin Branch has been appointed by the Fund to act as depositary of all of the assets of the Fund under the terms of the Depositary Agreement.

The Depositary is a branch of BNP Paribas Securities Services SCA, a company incorporated in France as a Partnership Limited by Shares and is authorised by the ACP (Autorité de Controle Prudential) and supervised by the AMF (Autorité des Marchés Financiers), whose head office is at 3 rue d'Antin, 75002 Paris, France.

The Depositary has its principal place of business at Trinity Point, 10-11 Leinster Street South, Dublin 2, Ireland and is authorised and regulated by the Central Bank.

The Depositary acts as the depositary of the Fund and, in doing so, shall comply with the provisions of the Legislation and the terms of the Depositary Agreement. In this capacity, the Depositary's duties include among others, the following:

- (a) ensuring that the Fund's cash flows are properly monitored, and that all cash of the Fund has been booked in cash accounts opened in the name of the Fund or in the name of the Depositary, acting on behalf of the Fund with a regulated bank;
- (b) safekeeping the assets of the Fund, which includes: (a) holding in custody all financial instruments that can be registered in a financial instrument account opened in the Depositary's books and all financial instruments that can be physically delivered to the Depositary; and (b) for other assets, verifying ownership of such assets and the maintenance of a record accordingly (the "Safekeeping Function");
- (c) ensuring that the sale, issue, re-purchase, redemption and cancellation of Shares are carried out in accordance with the UCITS Regulations, Prospectus and the Constitution;
- (d) ensuring that the value of the Shares is calculated in accordance with the UCITS Regulations, Prospectus and the Constitution;
- (e) carrying out the instructions of the Fund, unless they conflicts with the Legislation, the Prospectus and the Constitution;
- (f) ensuring that in transactions involving each Fund's assets any consideration is remitted to the Fund within time limits which are acceptable market practice in the context of the particular transaction; and
- (g) ensuring that the Fund's income is applied in accordance with the UCITS Regulations, Prospectus and the Constitution.

Subject to certain conditions, the Depositary may delegate its duty to safe-keep financial instruments and its duty to verify the ownership of, and the maintenance of a record of, other assets to third parties in accordance with the UCITS Regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Depositary will not delegate its oversight and cash monitoring duties to any third party. The Depositary's liability for the loss of a financial instrument shall not be affected by any delegation of its safekeeping duties. The Depositary will exercise all due skill, care and diligence in the selection and the appointment of its delegates and will continue to exercise all due skill, care and diligence in the periodic review and ongoing monitoring of any delegate and of the arrangements of the delegate in respect of the matters delegated.

To enable the Fund to meet its investment objectives, the Depositary may appoint certain entities as its delegates for the purposes of providing sub-custodial functions in countries where the Depositary does not have a direct local presence. Conflicts of interest may arise in circumstances where, including without limitation, the Fund maintains other business relationships with any of the Depositary's delegates or the delegate's sub-delegates, where the Fund's assets may include an investment or property held by the delegate or sub-delegate or managed by the delegate or sub-delegate, where the delegate or its sub-delegate has a holding in financial instruments purchased or sold by the delegate or sub-delegate on behalf of the Fund, where a delegate or sub-delegate may have a relationship with another party that may conflict with the delegate's or sub-delegate's duties to the Fund and the Fund's interests. The list of delegates appointed by the Depositary and sub-delegates appointed by the delegate, as of the date of this Prospectus are set forth in Appendix 7.

The information in this section will be kept up to date and is available to Shareholders upon request.

## AUDITOR

The auditor of the Fund is Ernst & Young LLP.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

#### Initial Offer Period

Schedule 1 sets out details of all of the Classes of the Fund that are available for subscription and an indication of whether the Class is launched or whether in initial offer period remains open.

For all unlaunched Classes, the initial offer period will close upon the earlier of: (i) the first investment by a Shareholder in such Class; or (ii) at 5.00 p.m. (Dublin time) on 7 October 2021.

The initial offer price for shares denominated in Euro, US Dollars and GBP shall be €100, \$100 and £100 respectively.

The Directors may extend or shorten the initial offer period for each of the Classes of Shares described above at their discretion in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

#### Subsequent Subscriptions

Following the close of the initial offer period in respect of a particular Class, Shares of the relevant Class will be available for subscription at the Subscription Price on each Dealing Day on a forward pricing basis. A subscriber may also be required to pay an additional amount as an Equalisation Credit.

The Directors are authorised from time to time to resolve to close any Class of Shares to new subscriptions on such basis and on such terms as the Directors may in their absolute discretion determine.

#### Procedure

Applications for Shares during the initial offer period or the relevant Class may be made by sending a fully completed and signed original Application Form or, if a US Person, the relevant US Persons Application Form, the Administrator by recognised courier delivery service (with a copy by facsimile or attachment to an e-mail) or such other electronic means (including applications via fax or email) as the Directors and the Administrator shall have approved, so as to be received by the Administrator, no later than the close of the initial offer period or the relevant class. Cleared funds in respect of the subscription monies must be received by the Administrator by 5.00 p.m. (Irish Time) four Business Days after the close of the initial offer period or the relevant Class (or within such other periods as may be permitted by the Directors). If the relevant Application Form is not received by these times, the application will be held over until the first Dealing Day after the close of the initial offer period of the Application Form and cleared funds in respect of subscription monies, Shares will then be issued at the Subscription Price, three Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day (or within such other periods as may be permitted by the Directors).

Thereafter, initial subscriptions may be made by way of fully completed and signed original Application Form or, if a US Person, the relevant US Persons Application Form, sent to the Administrator by recognised courier delivery service (with a copy by facsimile or attachment to an e-

mail) or such other electronic means (including applications via fax or email) as the Directors and the Administrator shall approve, so as to be received by the Administrator, no later than the Dealing Deadline. Shareholders wishing to apply for additional Shares must send their completed Application Form by mail (with a copy by facsimile or attachment on an e-mail) or such other electronic means (including applications via fax or email) as the Directors and the Administrator shall have approved, to the Administrator. Applications accepted prior to the Dealing Deadline for any particular Dealing Day will be processed on that Dealing Day. Any applications received after the Dealing Deadline for a particular Dealing Day will be processed on the following Dealing Day unless the Directors in their absolute discretion otherwise determine to accept one or more applications received after the Dealing Deadline for processing on that Dealing Day provided that such application(s) have been received prior to the Valuation Point for that particular Dealing Day. Payment in respect of subscriptions for Shares must be received by 5.00 p.m. (Irish Time) three Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day (or within such other periods as may be permitted by the Directors).

If payment in full in cleared funds in respect of a subscription has not been received by the relevant time, the Fund may (and in the event of non-clearance of funds, shall) cancel the allotment and/or charge the applicant for any loss suffered by the Fund in relation to the delay or non-clearance. In addition, the Fund will have the right to sell or redeem all or part of the applicant's holding of Shares in the Fund in order to meet those charges.

Investors will be unsecured creditors of the Fund with respect to the amount subscribed and held by the Fund until such Shares are issued, and will not benefit from any appreciation in the NAV of the Fund or any other shareholders' rights until such time as Shares are issued. In the event of the insolvency of the Fund, there is no guarantee that the Fund will have sufficient funds to pay unsecured creditors in full.

Fractions of Shares to two decimal places will be issued if necessary. Interest on subscription monies will accrue to the Fund.

The Fund reserves the right to reject any application in whole or part at its absolute discretion, in which event the amount paid on application or the balance thereof (as the case may be) will be returned (without interest) as soon as practicable in Euro, GBP or US Dollar at the risk and cost of the applicant.

The Administrator will issue a written confirmation to successful applicants confirming acceptance of their application. Once completed applications have been received by the Administrator, they are irrevocable.

Shares will not be issued until receipt of notification that an applicant's funds have been cleared in the full amount of the subscription.

The following forms of communication are acceptable to the Fund for submitting subscription, redemption, transfer or other instructions (such as change of address) to the Administrator:

by fax – on fax number + 353 1 865 0174; or

by email attachment - to investordealing@bnpparibas.com; or

by post or courier - to the Investor Relations Group of the Administrator at:

Salar Fund plc c/o BNP Paribas Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited Trinity Point 10/11 Leinster Street South Dublin D02 EF85 Ireland

Notwithstanding the method of communication, the Fund and/or the Administrator reserve the right to ask for the production of original documents or other information to authenticate the communication. In the case of mis-receipt or corruption of any message, the Investor will be required to re-send the documents. Facsimiles or emails sent to the Fund or the Administrator shall only be effective when actually acknowledged by the Fund or the Administrator. In the event that no acknowledgement is received from the Administrator within five (5) days of submission of the request, the investor should contact the Administrator on telephone number + 353 1 636 7300 to confirm receipt by the Administrator of the request. The investor must use the form document provided by the Fund in respect of the subscription, redemption or transfer; unless such condition is waived by the Fund and/or the Administrator and messages sent via email must contain a duly signed document as an attachment.

#### Ineligible Applicants

The Application Form requires each prospective applicant for Shares to represent and warrant to the Fund that, among other things, it is not an Ineligible Applicant.

In particular, the Shares may not be offered, issued or transferred to any person in circumstances, which, in the opinion of the Directors, might result in the Fund incurring any liability to taxation or suffering any other pecuniary disadvantage which the Fund might not otherwise incur or suffer, or would result in the Fund being required to register under any applicable US securities laws.

Shares may generally not be issued or transferred to any US Person, except that the Directors may authorise the issue or transfer of Shares to or for the account of a US Person provided that:

- (A) such US Person certifies that it is an "accredited investor" and a "qualified purchaser", in each case as defined under applicable US federal securities laws;
- (B) such issue or transfer does not result in a violation of the 1933 Act or the securities laws of any of the states of the United States;
- (C) such issue or transfer will not require the Fund to register under the US Investment Company Act of 1940 or to file a prospectus with the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission or the US National Futures Association pursuant to regulations under the US Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA");
- (D) such issue or transfer will not cause any assets of the Fund to be "plan assets" for the purposes of Part 4 of Title 1 of the US Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"); and
- (E) such issue or transfer will not result in any adverse regulatory or tax consequences to the Fund or its Shareholders as a whole.

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

## Form of Shares

All the Shares will be registered Shares and will only be issued in bookstock form, meaning that a Shareholder's entitlement will be evidenced by an entry in the Fund's register of Shareholders, as maintained by the Administrator, and not by a share certificate.

## Suspension

The Directors may declare a suspension of the issue of Shares in certain circumstances as described under "Suspension of Valuation of Assets" on page 36 and 37. No Shares will be issued during any such period of suspension.

#### Subscription Price

The Subscription Price per Share of each Class shall be ascertained by:

- determining the Net Asset Value attributable to the Shares of each Class in the Fund calculated as at the Valuation Point for the Dealing Day and adding thereto such sum as the Directors may consider represents an appropriate figure for Duties and Charges;
- (B) dividing the amount calculated under (A) above by the number of Shares of such Class of the Fund in issue at the relevant Valuation Point; and
- (C) adding thereto such amount as may be necessary to round the resulting amount to such number of decimal places as the Directors may determine.

## Anti-Money Laundering

## Verification of Identity

Measures aimed at the prevention of money laundering may require an applicant to provide verification of identity to the Administrator. The Administrator, working in conjunction with the designated anti-money laundering reporting officer of the Fund, will notify applicants if additional proof of identity is required. By way of example, an individual may be required to produce an original certified copy of a passport or identification card together with evidence of the applicant's address, such as a utility bill or bank statement. In the case of corporate applicants, this may require production of a certified copy of the certificate of incorporation (and any change of name), by-laws, memorandum and articles of association (or equivalent), and the names and addresses of all directors and beneficial owners.

Existing Shareholders may be required to provide additional or updated identification documents from time to time pursuant to the Fund's ongoing client due diligence requirements relevant to antimoney laundering legislation.

#### Right to Reject Applications for AML purposes

In the event of delay or failure by an investor or applicant to produce any information required for verification purposes, the Administrator on behalf of the Fund and the Directors may each refuse to accept the application and subscription monies and return all subscription monies or compulsorily redeem such Shareholder's Shares and/or payment of redemption proceeds may be delayed (no redemption proceeds will be paid if the Shareholder fails to produce such information). None of the Fund, the Directors, the Investment Manager, Investment Advisers or the Administrator shall be

liable to the subscriber or Shareholder where an application for Shares is not processed or Shares are compulsorily redeemed or payment of redemption proceeds is delayed in such circumstances. If an application is rejected, the Administrator will return application monies or the balance thereof by telegraphic transfer in accordance with any applicable laws to the account from which it was paid at the cost and risk of the applicant. The Administrator will be obliged to refuse to pay or delay payment of redemption proceeds where the requisite information for verification purposes has not been produced by a Shareholder.

#### Right to Terminate Relationship for AML purposes

In the event of failure by an investor or applicant to provide documentation required to complete verification, within a reasonable period of time after subscription, the Administrator on behalf of the Fund and the Directors may each determine to terminate the relationship with such Shareholder and redeem the Shareholder's Shares. Where such failure to provide the requisite documentation is associated with a suspicion of money-laundering, the Administrator on behalf of the Fund and the Directors may not be able to return said monies to the relevant former Shareholder until such time as the money laundering concerns are addressed.

#### REDEMPTIONS

Shares will be redeemable at the option of the Shareholder on any Dealing Day. Shareholders should send a completed redemption request in the form available from the Administrator to be received by the Administrator no later than the Dealing Deadline, or such lesser period as the Directors may in any particular case determine, before the relevant Dealing Day, failing which the redemption request will be held over until the next following Dealing Day and Shares will be redeemed at the relevant Redemption Price applicable on that Dealing Day.

Redemption requests may be sent by facsimile or as an attachment to an email. No redemption payment may be made until all documentation required by the Fund (including any documentation in connection with anti-money laundering procedures) and the Application Form (in the form of a signed original or as may have been received by the Administrator by such other electronic means (including by fax or email) as the Directors and the Administrator shall have approved) and the anti-money laundering procedures have been completed. Notwithstanding the above, redeeming Shareholders will cease to be Shareholders, with respect to the redeemed Shares, and will be unsecured creditors of the Fund from the relevant redemption date. Any unpaid redemptions and distributions, including blocked redemptions or distributions, will be unsecured creditors of the Fund, there is no guarantee that the Fund will have sufficient funds to pay unsecured creditors in full. Redeeming Shareholders and Shareholders entitled to distributions should ensure that any outstanding documentation and information is provided to the Administrator promptly. Failure to do so is at the Shareholder's own risk.

A request for a partial redemption of Shares will be refused, or the holding redeemed in its entirety, if, as a result of such partial redemption, the Net Asset Value of the Shares retained by the Shareholder would be less than the minimum holding.

A redemption request, once given, is irrevocable save with the consent of the Directors (which may be withheld in their discretion).

#### Redemption Price

The Redemption Price per Share shall be ascertained by:

- (A) determining the Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Class of Share as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day and deducting therefrom such sums as the Directors may consider represents an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges;
- (B) dividing the amount calculated under (A) above by the number of Shares of the relevant Class of the Fund in issue at the relevant Valuation Point; and
- (C) deducting therefrom such amount as may be necessary to round the resulting sum to the nearest number of decimal places.

A redeeming Shareholder may also receive additional redemption proceeds if an Equalisation Credit paid at the time of subscription has not been fully applied.

#### Settlement

Payment of redemption proceeds will be made as soon as practicable after the relevant Dealing Day and save in exceptional circumstances within 3 Business Days. Payment will be made in the currency of denomination of the Shares being redeemed by direct transfer in accordance with instructions given by the redeeming Shareholder to the Administrator and at the Shareholder's risk and expense.

#### Redemption in Specie

Redemption may, at the discretion of the Directors (and subject to the approval of the Shareholder requesting redemption of Shares) be effected in specie by the appropriation of assets of the Fund of the relevant value in satisfaction of the Redemption Price provided that:

- (A) a redemption request is completed and delivered to the Administrator as required by this Prospectus;
- (B) the Investment Manager is satisfied that the terms of any exchange would not be such as would be materially prejudicial to the interests of the continuing Shareholders, and elects that instead of the Shares being redeemed for cash, the redemption shall be satisfied in specie by the transfer to the Shareholder of assets of the Fund provided that the value thereof shall not exceed the amount which otherwise would have been payable on a cash redemption and provided that the transfer of investments is approved by the Depositary. 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 transfer by the Fund of the Investments or increased by such amount as the Directors may consider represents any appropriate provision for Duties and Charges which would have been incurred by the Fund in the disposition of the assets to be transferred. The shortfall (if any) between the value of the assets transferred on a redemption in specie and the redemption proceeds which would have been payable on a cash redemption shall be satisfied in cash. Any decline in the value of the assets to be transferred in settlement of a redemption between the relevant Dealing Day and the day on which Investments are delivered to the redeeming Shareholders shall be borne by the redeeming Shareholders; and
- (C) if a redeeming Shareholder requests redemption of a number of Shares that represents 5 per cent or more of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, the Directors may in their sole discretion redeem the Shares in specie and in such circumstances

the Fund will, if requested by the redeeming Shareholder, sell the Investments on behalf of the Shareholder (the cost of the sale being charged to the Shareholder).

If the discretion conferred upon the Directors above is exercised, the Directors (or the Administrators acting on their behalf) shall notify the Depositary and shall supply to the Depositary particulars of the assets to be transferred and any amount of cash to be paid to the Shareholder.

#### Suspension

The Directors may declare a suspension of the redemption of Shares in certain circumstances as described under "Suspension of Valuation of Assets" on page 36 and 37. No Shares will be redeemed during any such period of suspension.

#### Compulsory Redemptions

The Directors have the right to require the compulsory redemption of all or part of the Shares held by or for the benefit of a Shareholder at any time, including, without limitation, if the Directors determine that the Shares are held by or for the benefit of any Shareholder who is or becomes an Ineligible Applicant as described under "Subscriptions". The Fund also reserves the right to require compulsory redemption of all Shares held by a Shareholder if the Net Asset Value of the Shares held by the Shareholder is less than the minimum holding. Where the Net Asset Value of the Shares held by a Shareholder is less than the minimum holding and the Fund decides to exercise its right to compulsorily redeem, the Fund will notify the Shareholder in writing and allow such Shareholder 30 calendar days to purchase additional Shares to meet the minimum holding requirement.

#### **Deferred Redemptions**

The Directors may defer redemptions at a particular Dealing Day to the next Dealing Day where the requested redemptions exceed 10 per cent of the Fund's Net Asset Value. The Directors will ensure the consistent treatment of all Shareholders who have sought to redeem Shares at any Dealing Day at which redemptions are deferred. The Directors will pro-rate all such redemption requests to the stated level (i.e. 10 per cent of the Fund's Net Asset Value) and will defer the remainder until the next Dealing Day.

The Directors currently expect not to exercise such power to defer redemptions except to the extent that they consider that existing Shareholders would otherwise be materially prejudiced or that such exercise is necessary to comply with applicable law or regulation.

#### Anti-Money Laundering

Investors should note that the Directors may refuse to settle a redemption request if it is not accompanied by such additional information as they, or the Administrator on their behalf, may reasonably require. This power may, without limitation to the generality of the foregoing, be exercised where proper information has not been provided for money laundering verification purposes as described under "Subscriptions".

#### EXCHANGING BETWEEN CLASSES

Except when issues and redemptions of Shares have been suspended in the circumstances described under "Suspension of Valuation of Assets", holders of Shares may request an exchange of some or all of their Shares in one Class ("the Original Class") to Shares in another Class (other than Management Shares) (the "New Class"). Such exchanges can only take place, if following the

exchange, the Shareholder's holding in the New Class will satisfy the criteria and applicable minimum holding requirements of that Class.

Shareholders should send a completed exchange request in the form available from the Administrator to be received by the Administrator prior to the earlier of the Dealing Deadline for redemptions in the Original Class and the Dealing Deadline for subscriptions in the New Class. Any applications received after such time will be dealt with on the next Dealing Day, unless the Directors in their absolute discretion otherwise determine. Exchange requests will only be accepted where cleared funds and completed documents are in place from original subscriptions.

Fractions of Shares to two decimal places may be issued by the Fund on exchange where the value of Shares exchanged from the Original Class are not sufficient to purchase an integral number of Shares in the New Class and any balances representing entitlements of less than a fraction of a Share to two decimal places will be retained by the Fund in order to discharge administration costs.

An exchange request, once given, is irrevocable save with the consent of the Directors (which may be withheld in their discretion) or in the event of a suspension of calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Fund in respect of which the exchange requests are made.

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

$$S = (R \times NAV \times ER)$$

SP

where

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

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

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

ER is the currency exchange factor (if any) as determined by the Administrator as representing the effective rate of exchange of settlement on the relevant Dealing Day applicable to the transfer of assets between the Funds where the base currencies are different or, where the base currencies are the same, ER = 1.

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

No exchange charge will be payable. Holders of Non-Voting Shares are entitled to exchange their entire holdings as described under "Rights of Non-Voting Shares" below.

## VALUATION

The Net Asset Value of the Fund and the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class of Shares is determined by the Administrator as at the close of business on each Valuation Point of each Dealing Day or at such other times as the Directors may determine. The Net Asset Value of the Fund will be expressed in the currency of the respective Class and will be equal to the value of its total assets less its total liabilities. The Net Asset Value will be rounded to two decimal places.

In respect of each Class of Shares, a separate Class account (a "Class Account") will be established in the books of the Fund. An amount equal to the proceeds of issue of each Share will be credited to the relevant Class Account. Any increase or decrease in the Net Asset Value of the portfolio of assets of the Fund attributable to the Shares (disregarding for these purposes any increases in the Net Asset Value due to new subscriptions or decreases due to redemptions or any designated Class adjustments (as defined below)) will be allocated to the relevant Class Account based on the previous relative Net Asset Value (before accrual for any Performance Fees) of each such Class Account. There will then be allocated to each Class Account the "designated Class Adjustments" being those costs, pre-paid expenses, losses, dividends, profits, gains and income which the Directors determine in their sole discretion relate to a single Class. The costs and any benefit of hedging the foreign currency exposure of the assets attributable to currencies other than the base currency from the US Dollar into currencies other than the base currency will be allocated solely to the relevant Class of Shares in the relevant denomination.

Assets will be valued in accordance with the following principles:

- (A) any security which is listed or quoted on any securities exchange and regularly traded thereon will be valued at its last traded price on the relevant Valuation Day or, if no trades occurred on such day, at the closing bid price if held long by the Fund and at the closing offer price if sold short by the Fund, as at the relevant Valuation Day, as adjusted in such manner as the Directors, in their sole discretion, think fit, having regard to the size of the holding, and where prices are available on more than one exchange or system for a particular security the price will be the last traded price or closing bid or offer price, as the case may be, on the exchange which constitutes the main market for such security or the one which the Directors in their sole discretion determine provides the fairest criteria in ascribing a value to such security. Investments listed or traded on a Recognised Exchange, but acquired or traded at a premium or at a discount outside or off the relevant exchange or market may be valued taking into account the level of premium or discount at the Valuation Point (provided that the Depositary) shall be satisfied that the adoption of such a procedure is justifiable in the context of establishing the probable realisation value of the security;
- (B) any security (including a convertible bond option) which is not listed or quoted on any securities exchange or if, being so listed or quoted, is not regularly traded thereon or in respect of which no prices as described above are available, will be valued at its probable realisation value estimated with care and in good faith by the Directors, a competent person appointed by the Directors and approved for that purpose by the Depositary or any other means provided the value is approved by the Depositary;
- (C) investments, other than securities, which are dealt in or traded through a clearing firm or an exchange or through a financial institution will be valued by reference to the most recent official settlement price quoted by that clearing house, exchange or financial institution. If the settlement price is not available, the value shall be the probable realisation value estimated with care and in good faith by (i) the Directors or the Investment Manager or (ii) a competent person firm or corporation selected by the Directors and approved for the purpose by the Depositary or (iii) any other means provided that the value is approved by a competent person (such competent person having been appointed by the Directors and approved for such purpose by the Depositary) provided that where such investments are dealt in or traded on more than one market, the Directors may determine at their discretion which market shall prevail;

- (D) investments, other than securities, which are dealt in or traded through a clearing firm or an exchange or through a financial institution will be valued by reference to the most recent official settlement price quoted by that clearing house, exchange or financial institution. If the settlement price is not available, the value shall be the probable realisation value estimated with care and in good faith by (i) the Directors or the Investment Manager or (ii) a competent person firm or corporation selected by the Directors and approved for the purpose by the Depositary or (iii) any other means provided that the value is approved by a competent person (such competent person having been appointed by the Directors and approved for such purpose by the Depositary) provided that where such investments are dealt in or traded on more than one market, the Directors may determine at their discretion which market shall prevail;
- (E) the value of any OTC FDI shall be:
  - 1 the quotation from the counterparty provided that such quotation is provided on a daily basis and verified at least weekly by a person independent of the counterparty and who is approved for the purpose by the Depositary; or
  - 2 the value of any OTC shall be a quotation from the counterparty or an alternative valuation calculated by the Fund or an independent pricing vendor (which may be a party related to but independent of the counterparty which does not rely on the same pricing models employed by the counterparty) provided that where a counterparty valuation is used, it must be provided on a daily basis and approved or verified at least on a weekly basis by a party independent of the counterparty, which may be the Investment Manager (approved for the purpose by the Depositary);

where an alternative valuation is used (i.e. a valuation that is provided by a competent person appointed by the Directors and approved for that purpose by the Depositary or a valuation by any other means provided that the value is approved by the Depositary), the valuation principles employed must follow best international practice established by bodies such as IOSCO (International Organisation for Securities Commission) and AIMA (the Alternative Investment Management Association) and any such valuation shall be reconciled to that of the counterparty on a weekly basis;

- (F) forward foreign exchange and interest rate swap contracts shall be valued in accordance with paragraph (E) above or, alternatively, by reference to freely available market quotations. If the latter option is used there is no requirement to have such prices independently verified or reconciled to the counterparty valuation;
- (G) forward foreign exchange contracts shall be valued in the same manner as FDI contracts which are not traded in a regulated market or by reference to the price at the Valuation Point at which a new forward contract of the same size and maturity could be undertaken;
- (H) cash on hand or on deposit will be valued at their cost plus accrued interest;
- (I) notwithstanding paragraph (A) above units in collective investment schemes shall be valued at the latest available net asset value per unit or bid price as published

by the relevant collective investment scheme or, if listed or traded on a Recognised Exchange, in accordance with (A) above.

- (J) the Directors may, with the approval of the Depositary, adjust the value of any investment if having regard to its currency, marketability, applicable interest rates, anticipated rates of dividend, maturity, liquidity or any other relevant considerations, they consider that such adjustment is required to reflect the fair value thereof.
- (K) any value (whether of an investment or cash) otherwise than in US Dollars will be converted into US Dollars at the rate (whether official or otherwise) which the Directors in their absolute discretion deem applicable as at the close of business on the relevant Valuation Day, having regard, among other things, to any premium or discount which they consider may be relevant and to costs of exchange.
- (L) where investments have been agreed to be purchased or sold but such purchase or sale has not been completed, such investments shall be included or excluded and the gross purchase or net sale consideration excluded or included as the case may require as if such purchase or sale had been duly completed;
- (M) there shall be added to the assets of the Fund any actual or estimated amount of any taxation of a capital nature which may be recoverable by the Fund;
- (N) there shall be added to the assets of the Fund a sum representing any interest, dividends or other income accrued but not received and a sum representing unamortised expenses;
- (O) there shall be added to the assets of the Fund the total amount (whether actual or estimated by the Directors or their delegate) of any claims for repayment of any taxation levied on income or capital gains including claims in respect of double taxation relief; and
- (P) where notice of the redemption of Shares has been received by the Fund with respect to a Dealing Day and the cancellation of such Shares has not been completed, the Shares to be redeemed shall be deemed not to be in issue at the Valuation Point and the value of the assets of the Fund shall be deemed to be reduced by the amount payable upon such redemption;
- (Q) there shall be deducted from the assets of the Fund:
  - 1 the total amount of any actual or estimated liabilities properly payable out of the assets of the Fund including any and all outstanding borrowings of the Fund interest, fees and expenses payable on such borrowings and any estimated liability for tax and such amount in respect of contingent or projected expenses as the Directors consider fair and reasonable as of the relevant Valuation Point;
  - 2 such sum in respect of tax (if any) on income or capital gains realised on the investments of the Fund as in the estimate of the Directors will become payable;
  - 3 the amount (if any) of any distribution declared but not distributed in respect thereof;

- 4 the remuneration of the Administrator, the Depositary, the Investment Manager, any Distributor and any other providers of services to the Fund accrued but remaining unpaid together with a sum equal to the value added tax chargeable thereon (if any);
- 5 the total amount (whether actual or estimated by the Directors) of any other liabilities properly payable out of the assets of the Fund (including all establishment, operational and ongoing administrative fees, costs and expenses) as of the relevant Valuation Point;
- 6 an amount as of the relevant Valuation Point representing the projected liability of the Fund in respect of costs and expenses to be incurred by the Fund in the event of a subsequent liquidation;
- 7 an amount as of the relevant Valuation Point representing the projected liability of the relevant calls on Shares in respect of any warrants issued and/or options written by the Fund or Class of Shares; and
- 8 any other liability which may properly be deducted.

The Directors may, at their discretion, permit any other method of valuation to be used if they consider that such method of valuation better reflects value generally or in particular markets or market conditions and is in accordance with the Central Bank's guidelines and good accounting practice.

The Directors have delegated to the Administrator, and have authorised the Administrator to consult with the Investment Manager in connection with, the determination of Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class of the Fund.

The Net Asset Value per Share of each Class on any Valuation Point of any Dealing Day will be calculated by dividing the Net Asset Value of the relevant Class Account by the number of Shares of the relevant Class in issue as at the close of business on that Valuation Point of that Dealing Day.

## **Publication of Prices**

The Net Asset Value per Share will be published on each Dealing Day on the Investment Manager's website www.cqs.com and on Bloomberg and updated following each calculation of Net Asset Value. In addition, the Net Asset Value per Share may be obtained from the Administrator or the Investment Manager, or the Paying Agent during normal business hours.

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

## Suspension of Valuation of Assets

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

(A) during the whole or part of any period (other than for ordinary holidays or customary weekends) when any of the Recognised Exchanges on which the Fund's

investments are quoted, listed, traded or dealt are closed or during which dealings therein are restricted or suspended or trading is suspended or restricted; or

- (B) during the whole or part of any period when circumstances outside the control of the Directors exist as a result of which any disposal or valuation of investments of the Fund is not reasonably practicable or would be detrimental to the interests of Shareholders or it is not possible to transfer monies involved in the acquisition or disposition of investments to or from the relevant account of the Fund; or
- (C) during the whole or any part of any period when any breakdown occurs in the means of communication normally employed in determining the value of any of the Fund's investments; or
- during the whole or any part of any period when for any reason the value of any substantial portion of the Fund's investments cannot be reasonably, promptly or accurately ascertained;
- (E) during the whole or any part of any period when subscription proceeds cannot be transmitted to or from the account of the Fund is unable to repatriate funds required for making redemption payments or when such payments cannot, in the opinion of the Directors, be carried out at normal rates of exchange; or
- (F) upon mutual agreement between the Fund and the Depositary for the purpose of winding up the Fund.

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

The Central Bank may also require the suspension of the redemption of Shares if it decides that it is in the best interests of the general public and the Shareholders to do so.

## FEES AND EXPENSES

Any fees or expenses payable by a Shareholder or out of the assets of the Fund are set out in this section.

# Investment Management Fees and Expenses

The Investment Manager receives from the Fund, an investment management fee equal to 1/12 of the percentage figure per month of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Class (as set out in Appendix 1) (before deduction of that month's Investment Management Fee and before deduction for any accrued Performance Fees) as at the last Valuation Point in each month accrued and payable monthly in arrears.

No investment management fee will be payable in respect of the Management Shares.

## Performance Fee

The Investment Manager is also entitled to receive an annual Performance Fee in respect of each Class in the Fund (with the exception of Management Shares in respect of which no Performance Fee shall be payable). The Performance Fee will be calculated in respect of each calendar year by

reference to the Net Asset Value per Share of the Class concerned as at the last Valuation Point prior to the commencement of that calendar year and the Net Asset Value per Share of that Class as at the last Valuation Point in that calendar year (a "Calculation Period"). The first Calculation Period shall be from the close of the relevant initial offer period to the last Valuation Point in the relevant year and the initial offer price of the relevant Class shall be the starting Net Asset Value per Share for the calculation of the Hurdle and the High Water Mark. Any Performance Fee payable will crystallise and be credited to the Investment Manager at the end of the relevant Calculation Period.

The Investment Manager shall be entitled to a Performance Fee equal to the percentage (as set out in Appendix 1) of the increase in the Adjusted GAV of the relevant Class at the end of the Calculation Period above the product of the High Water Mark and the relevant Hurdle (as set out below) during the Calculation Period.

The Performance Fee shall be calculated and accrue at each Valuation Point and, accordingly, the Net Asset Value will be adjusted to reflect such fee. The Performance Fee will be calculated by the Administrator and verified by the Fund and the Depositary.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any accrued Performance Fee referable to Shares redeemed prior to the end of the Calculation Period shall crystallise and become payable to the Investment Manager following such redemption.

This crystallising Performance Fee is calculated as a pro-rated proportion of the uncrystallised Performance Fee which forms part of the Redemption Price per Share at which the relevant Shareholder redeemed.

The Performance Fee is only payable on an increase in the Adjusted GAV per Share above the High Water Mark plus the Hurdle.

The Performance Fee (save any Performance Fee paid upon a redemption) shall be paid after the end of the Calculation Period in arrears. The Depositary shall verify the calculation of the Performance Fee prior to payment at the end of each Calculation Period.

Investors should note that where a Performance Fee is payable, it will be based on net realised and unrealised gains and losses at the end of each Calculation Period; as a result, a Performance Fee may be paid on unrealised gains that are never subsequently realised.

## <u>Hurdle</u>

For each Calculation Period, the Hurdle in respect of:

- i. Class A \$ Shares, Class C \$ Shares, Class D \$ Shares and Class E \$ Shares shall be the percentage rate achieved by compounding on a rolling daily basis to the end of the Calculation Period 100 per cent plus the US Dollar 90 Day LIBOR percentage interest rate Bloomberg ticker (US0003);
- ii. Class A GBP Shares, Class C GBP Shares and the Class E GBP Shares shall be the percentage rate achieved by compounding on a rolling daily basis to the end of the Calculation Period 100 per cent plus the GBP 90 Day LIBOR percentage interest rate Bloomberg ticker (BP0003); and
- iii. Class A Euro Shares, Class C Euro Shares, and the Class E Euro Shares shall be the percentage rate achieved by compounding on a rolling daily basis to the end of the

Calculation Period 100 per cent plus the Euro 90 Day LIBOR percentage interest rate Bloomberg ticker (EE0003).

The Hurdle shall be calculated on the first Business Day of each calendar quarter in the Calculation Period, or in the case of the first Calculation Period, on the first Business Day after the relevant initial offer period;

In respect of a Share issued otherwise than on the first Dealing Day in a Calculation Period, the Hurdle will be prorated by reference to the number of days from the date of issue of that Share to the end of the Calculation Period.

With respect to each calendar quarter, the relevant LIBOR interest rate will be determined by the Administrator on the first Business Day in each calendar quarter (the "LIBOR Determination Date") in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) the rate of interest published or reported by Bloomberg (by reference to the screen page currently designated as "BBAM" on that service) or such other service as may be nominated by the British Bankers' Association as the information vendor for the purpose of displaying British Bankers' Association Interest Settlement Rates for deposits in the relevant currency on the LIBOR Determination Date as being the rate of interest offered in the London interbank market for three-month deposits in the relevant currency; or

(2) if the rate referred to in (1) above is unavailable on the LIBOR Determination Date, the arithmetic mean (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next highest 1/32 of one per cent) of the quotations given to the Investment Manager for three-month deposits in the relevant currency in respect of such amount in the London interbank market on the LIBOR Determination Date by the principal London offices of each of Citibank, N.A., Barclays Bank PLC and National Westminster Bank PLC or, in the event that any of such banks is unable or unwilling to give such a quotation, such other leading bank in the London interbank market as may be appointed to act as such in its place by the Investment Manager (the above named banks and/or such other banks appointed for such purpose herein referred to as the "Reference Banks"); or

(3) if on any LIBOR Determination Date on which the rate referred to in (1) above is unavailable, less than all but at least two of the Reference Banks provide such offered quotations to the Investment Manager, the LIBOR interest rate for the next calendar quarter shall be determined as in (2) above on the basis of the offered quotations of those Reference Banks providing such quotations; or

(4) if on any LIBOR Determination Date on which the rate referred to in (1) above is unavailable, only one or none of the Reference Banks provides the Investment Manager with such offered quotations, the LIBOR interest rate for the next calendar quarter shall be such three-month rate of interest as the Investment Manager considers to be representative of the rates at which three- month deposits in the relevant currency, as appropriate, in such amount are offered by leading banks in the London interbank market on such LIBOR Determination Date; and

(5) if on any LIBOR Determination Date the Investment Manager is required but is unable to determine the LIBOR interest rate in the manner provided in sub-paragraph (4) above, then the LIBOR interest rate for the next calendar quarter shall be the LIBOR interest rate in effect on the most recent preceding LIBOR Determination Date.

If the relevant LIBOR Determination Date would otherwise fall on a Business Day that is not a day on which dealings in deposits in US Dollars, GBP and Euro are transacted in the London interbank market, then the relevant LIBOR Determination Date shall be the day immediately preceding that Business Day that is itself a Business Day on which dealings in deposits in US Dollars, GBP and Euro are transacted in the London interbank market.

### Equalisation of Performance Fees – Class A Shares, Class C Shares and Class D Shares

The Subscription Price at which Shares will be issued on any Dealing Day (other than the first Dealing Day in any Calculation Period) will be the Net Asset Value per Share of such Class before accrual for the Performance Fee (if any). The difference between the Subscription Price of a Share and the Net Asset Value per Share of that Class after accrual for the Performance Fee per Share is referred to as an "Equalisation Credit". An adjustment will then be made at the end of each Calculation Period to compensate for the difference between the amount of Performance Fee accrued in respect of that Class Share at the time of subscription and the Performance Fee payable in respect of that Class Share at the end of the Calculation Period. This adjustment is described in further detail below.

### Adjustments – Class A Shares, Class C Shares and Class D Shares

At the end of each Calculation Period, the Performance Fee per Share will be calculated in respect of all Shares subscribed for on each Dealing Day during that Calculation Period, as described above.

If the Performance Fee per Share calculated (at the end of the Calculation Period) in respect of any such Share subscribed for on a Dealing Day is less than the Performance Fee per Share accrued in respect of that Share on that Dealing Day, the difference per Share multiplied by the number of Shares of that Class subscribed for by the holder of that Share on that Dealing Day will be applied to subscribe for additional Shares of the relevant Class to be issued to that Shareholder.

If the Performance Fee per Share calculated (at the end of the Calculation Period) in respect of any such Shares of that Class subscribed for on a Dealing Day is greater than the Performance Fee per Share accrued in respect of that Share on that Dealing Day, such number of such Shares of that Class held by the holder of that Share as have an aggregate Net Asset Value equal to the difference per Share multiplied by the number of Shares of that Class subscribed for by the holder of that Share will be redeemed by the Fund at par value (the aggregate par value being retained by the Fund) and an amount equal to the aggregate Net Asset Value of the Shares so redeemed will be paid to the Investment Manager as a Performance Fee (a "Performance Fee Redemption").

## Performance Fee Methodology - Class E Shares

The Performance Fee calculation in respect of each Calculation Period will be equal to the aggregate of the Performance Fees determined in respect of each separate subscription of Shares, accrued daily. Since Performance Fees are aggregated and applied to the Share Class as a whole, the actual Performance Fee incurred for each separate subscription is determined by the change in NAV per Share of the Share Class. There may be occasions where an investor effectively pays for which it has gained no benefit or where some investors are subsidising other investors. If the Investment Management Agreement is terminated other than at the end of a Calculation Period, the Performance Fee will be calculated as if such Calculation Period ended on the date of such termination. The Calculation Period for Shares that are redeemed shall terminate on the effective date of redemption. In the event of a partial redemption, Shares shall be redeemed on a first in, first out basis, for the purposes of calculating the Performance Fee. Investors should note that any depreciation in the Net Asset Value per Share of the Class E Shares over a Calculation Period will not cause a reduction in, or otherwise affect, the calculation of the Performance Fee in respect of the relevant Class in any subsequent Calculation Period.

#### Examples of Performance Fee calculations

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Net Asset Value at Calculation Date where a Performance Fee was last payable		<u>100</u>		
HWM at Calculation Date where a Performance Fee was last payable	<u>100</u>			
Hurdle = Libor for the relevant Accounting Period		2%		
Performance during the period (net of management fee and expenses)		6%		
Performance Fee Test = HWM + hurdle		102		
Performance Fee = (NAV + Performance – Test) * 10%	(106 - 102) *10%	0.4		
HWM Reset = Max (NAV + Performance – Performance Fee, HWM)	Max (106 – 0.4, 102)	105.6		
A Performance Fee will be charged because the NAV is above the Hight Water Mark, and the Portfolio has outperformed the hurdle rate.				

Net Asset Value at Calculation Date where a Performance Fee was last payable		100	
HWM at Calculation Date where a Performance Fee was last payable		102	
Hurdle = Libor for the relevant Accounting Period		2%	
Performance during the period (net of management fee and expenses)		3%	
Performance Fee Test = HWM + Hurdle	102 x (1 + 2%)	104.04	
Performance Fee = Max ((NAV + Performance) – Test, 0) * 10%	Max ((103 – 104.04), 0) * 10%	0	
HWM Reset = Max (NAV + Performance – Performance Fee, HWM)	Max (103, 102)	103	
Where performance is insufficient to take the new NAV above the old HWM plus the new hurdle rate – there will be no performance fee charged. In this case the HWM would reset above the old HWM – to 103			

Performance is less than the hurdle rate.

Net Asset Value at Calculation Date where a Performance Fee was last payable		100
HWM at Calculation Date where a Performance Fee was last payable	100	
Hurdle = Libor for the relevant Accounting Period	2%	
Performance during the period (net of management fee and expenses)	1%	
Performance Fee Test = Hurdle + HWM	100 x (1 + 2%)	102
Performance Fee = Max (NAV + Performance – Test, 0) * 10%	Max ((101 - 102) *10%, 0)	0
HWM Reset = Max (NAV + Performance – Performance Fee, HWM)	Max (101, 100)	101
The conditions for the accrual of a Performance Fee have not been met at the end of this Accounting Period, and no performance fee will be charged. The HWM will either reset to NAV + performance if this was > than the old HWM; otherwise remain the old HWM.		

These tables provide a demonstration of how performance fees are calculated under example scenarios. They are simplified for ease of understanding and intended for illustrative purposes only.

#### Investment Adviser Fee

All fees and expenses of the Investment Advisers will be paid out of the Investment Manager's fee and not out of the assets of the Fund.

#### Paying Agents' Fees

Fees and expenses of any Paying Agent(s) appointed by the Fund which will be at normal commercial rates will be borne by the Fund.

#### Administrator's Fees

The Fund shall pay to the Administrator out of the assets of the Fund, accrued at each Valuation Point and payable monthly in arrears at a rate which shall not exceed 0.11 per cent per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund subject to a minimum annual fee of \$80,000 (plus VAT, if any thereon).

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

#### Depositary's Fees

The Depositary shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund an annual fee, accrued at each Valuation Point and payable monthly in arrears, which shall not exceed 0.045 per cent per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund subject to a minimum annual fee of \$30,000 (plus VAT, if any) thereon.

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

#### Directors' Fees

The Constitution provide that the remuneration of the Directors shall be determined by a resolution of the Directors. Currently, each of the Directors is entitled to €20,000 per annum. The Directors may also be paid all travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in attending and returning from meetings of the Directors or any committee of the Directors or general meetings of the Fund or in connection with the business of the Fund.

### **Operating Expenses and Fees**

The Fund also pays the costs and expenses of (i) all transactions carried out by it or on its behalf and (ii) the administration of the Fund, including (a) the charges and expenses of legal advisers, consultants and auditors, (b) brokers' commissions (if any), borrowing charges on securities sold short and any issue or transfer taxes chargeable in connection with any securities transactions, (c) all taxes and corporate fees payable to governments or agencies, (d) Directors' fees (if any) and expenses, (e) interest on borrowings, including borrowings from the Depositary, (f) fees and expenses incurred by the Investment Manager in connection with the provision of its investment management services, including without limitation, research costs and technology costs including, without limitation, the cost of relevant investment management software, IT support and computer hardware and software, (g) communication expenses with respect to investor services and all expenses of meetings of Shareholders and of preparing, printing and distributing financial and other reports, proxy forms, prospectuses and similar documents, (h) the cost of insurance (if any) for the benefit of the Directors, (i) litigation and indemnification expenses (j) the cost of obtaining and maintaining the listing of the Shares on the Irish Stock Exchange and/or any other exchange, (k) the cost of making (or appointing persons to make) any returns of calculations necessary to secure favourable treatment of the Fund under the tax and/or regulatory systems of particular jurisdictions, and extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of business, and (j) all other organisational and operating expenses.

The Investment Manager may from time to time and at its sole discretion and out of its own resources decide to rebate to intermediaries and/or Shareholders part or all of the Investment Management Fee and/or Performance Fee. Any such rebates may be applied in paying up additional Class A Shares, Class C Shares, Class D Shares and Class E Shares to be issued to the Shareholder, or may (at the discretion of the Investment Manager) be paid in cash.

## Operation of Research Payment Accounts

The Fund may incur charges relating to the purchase of third party investment research or price analytics which is used by the Investment Manager or an Investment Adviser in managing the assets of the Fund. In such circumstances, the relevant Investment Manager or Investment Adviser may operate an RPA in order to ensure that it complies with its regulatory obligations under MiFID, where applicable. The RPA(s) operated by the Investment Manager or Investment Adviser in this scenario will be funded by a specific research charge to the Fund, will be used to pay for investment research received by the Investment Manager or Investment Adviser from third parties and will be operated in accordance with the requirements of MiFID. Where the Fund may incur these charges, the Investment Manager or Investment Adviser in conjunction with the Directors will set and regularly assess a research budget and will agree the frequency with which such charges, which shall be at normal commercial rates, will be deducted from the Fund. Further details of any investment research charges which are charged to the Fund, will be disclosed in the financial statements of the Fund.

# TAXATION

## General

The sections below on Irish and United Kingdom taxation are brief summaries of the tax advice received by the Directors relating to current law and practice which may be subject to change and interpretation.

The information given below does not constitute legal or tax advice and prospective investors should consult their professional advisers on the possible tax consequences of buying, selling, exchanging, holding or redeeming Shares under the laws of the jurisdictions in which they may be subject to tax. Investors are also advised to inform themselves as to any exchange control regulations applicable in their country of residence.

Generally the tax consequences of acquiring, holding, exchanging, redeeming or disposing of Shares in the Fund will depend on the relevant laws of the jurisdiction to which the Shareholder is subject. These consequences will vary with the law and practice of the Shareholder's country of residence, domicile or incorporation and with his personal circumstances.

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

## Ireland

The following statements are by way of a general guide to potential investors and Shareholders only and do not constitute legal or taxation advice. Shareholders and potential investors are therefore advised to consult their professional advisers concerning possible taxation or other consequences of purchasing, holding, selling or otherwise disposing of the Shares under the laws of their country of incorporation, establishment, citizenship, residence or domicile.

Shareholders and potential investors should note that the following statements on taxation are based on advice received by the Directors regarding the law and practice in force in the relevant jurisdiction at the date of this Prospectus and proposed regulations and legislation in draft form and are not exhaustive. As is the case with any investment, there can be no guarantee that the tax position or proposed tax position prevailing at the time an investment is made in the Fund will endure indefinitely, as the basis for and rates of taxation can fluctuate.

Prospective Shareholders should familiarise themselves with and, where appropriate, take advice on the laws and regulations (such as those relating to taxation and exchange controls) applicable to the subscription for, switching of and the holding, and realisation of, Shares in the places of their citizenship, residence and domicile. The tax consequences for each Shareholder of acquiring, holding, redeeming or disposing of Shares will depend upon the relevant laws of any jurisdiction to which the Shareholder is subject. Investors and prospective investors should seek their own professional advice as to this, as well as to any relevant exchange control or other laws and regulations.

## (a) **Taxation of the Fund**

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

For the purposes of this Irish taxation section, the definitions outlined at the end of the section shall apply (see "Certain Irish Taxation Definitions" below).

Notwithstanding the above, a charge to tax may arise for the Fund on the happening of a "Chargeable Event" in the Fund.

A Chargeable Event includes:

- (i) any payment to a Shareholder by the Fund in respect of their Shares;
- (ii) any transfer, cancellation, redemption or repurchase of Shares; and
- (iii) any deemed disposal by a Shareholder of their Shares at the end of a "relevant period" (a "Deemed Disposal").

A "relevant period" is a period of 8 years beginning with the acquisition of Shares by a Shareholder and each subsequent period of 8 years beginning immediately after the preceding relevant period.

A Chargeable Event does not include:

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

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

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

## (b) **Taxation of Shareholders**

### Non-Irish Resident Shareholders

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

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

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

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

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

#### Exempt Irish Shareholders

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

Exempt Irish Shareholders may be liable to Irish tax on their income, profits and gains in relation to any sale, transfer, repurchase, redemption or cancellation of Shares or dividends or distributions or other payments in respect of their Shares. It is the obligation of the Exempt Irish Shareholder to account for tax to the Irish Revenue Commissioners.

Where the Exempt Irish Shareholder is not a company and tax has not been deducted by the Fund, the payment shall be treated as if it were a payment from an offshore fund and taxed in accordance with section 747D and section 747E TCA. Provided the Exempt Irish Shareholder has correctly included the income or disposal in its tax return, tax at the rate of 41% must be paid in respect of annual or more frequent distributions by the Fund and in respect of any other payment by the Fund to the Exempt Irish Shareholder in respect of its Shares or in relation to any sale, transfer, cancellation, redemption or repurchase of Shares. No further Irish tax will be payable by the Exempt Irish Shareholder in respect of disposal.

Where the Exempt Irish Shareholder is a company, the amount of the payment to the Exempt Irish Shareholder will be treated as income arising which is chargeable to Irish tax. Where the payment is in respect of the sale, transfer, cancellation, redemption or repurchase of Shares, such income shall be reduced by the amount of the consideration in money or money's worth given by the Exempt Irish Shareholder on the acquisition of the Shares. Where the payment is not taxable as trading income for the company, it will be chargeable to tax under Schedule D Case IV. Where the payment is taxable as trading income for the company, it will be chargeable to tax under Schedule D Case I.

The rate of corporation tax applicable to Schedule D Case IV income is currently 25%. The rate of corporation tax applicable to Schedule D Case I income is 12.5%.

### Irish-Resident Shareholders

Irish Resident Shareholders (who are not Exempt Irish Shareholders) will be liable to tax on the happening of a Chargeable Event. Tax at the rate of 41% will be deducted by the Fund on any distribution payments made to the Shareholder.

Tax at the rate of 41% will also be deducted by the Fund on the sale, transfer, Deemed Disposal (subject to the 10% threshold outlined above), cancellation, redemption or repurchase of Shares or the making of any other payment in respect of the Shares.

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

Where the Irish Resident Shareholder is a company which is not an Exempt Irish Shareholder, and the payment is not taxable as trading income under Schedule D Case I, the amount received will be treated as the net amount of an annual payment chargeable to tax under Schedule D Case IV from the gross amount of which income tax has been deducted at 25%.

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

 the amount received by the Shareholder is increased by any amount of tax deducted by the Fund and will be treated as income of the Shareholder for the chargeable period in which the payment is made;

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

### Personal Portfolio Investment Undertaking

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

#### Currency Gains

Where a currency gain is made by an Irish Resident Shareholder on the disposal of Shares, that Shareholder may be liable to capital gains tax, currently at the rate of 33%, in respect of any chargeable gain made on the disposal.

#### Stamp Duty

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

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

No stamp duty will arise on reconstructions or amalgamations of investment undertakings, such as the Fund, under section 739H TCA, provided the reconstructions or amalgamations are undertaken for bona fide commercial purposes and not for the avoidance of tax.

#### Capital Acquisitions Tax

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

(i) at the date of the disposition the transferor of the Shares is neither domiciled nor ordinarily resident in Ireland, and, at the date of the gift or inheritance the transferee of the Shares is neither domiciled nor ordinarily resident in Ireland; and

(ii) the Shares are comprised in the gift or inheritance at the date of the gift or inheritance and at the valuation date.

# **Certain Irish Taxation Definitions**

"**Exempt Irish Shareholder**" means a Shareholder who comes within any of the categories listed below and has provided a Relevant Declaration to this effect to the Fund in a form acceptable to the Fund:

- (a) a qualifying management company within the meaning of section 739B(1) TCA;
- (b) a specified company within the meaning of section 734(1) TCA;
- (c) an investment undertaking within the meaning of section 739B(1) TCA;
- (d) an investment limited partnership within the meaning of section 739J TCA;
- (e) a pension scheme which is an exempt approved scheme within the meaning of section 774 TCA, or a retirement annuity contract or a trust scheme to which section 784 or 785 TCA applies;
- (f) a company carrying on life business within the meaning of section 706 TCA;
- (g) a special investment scheme within the meaning of section 737 TCA;
- (h) a unit trust to which section 731(5)(a) TCA applies;
- (i) a charity being a person referred to in section 739D(6)(f)(i) TCA;
- a person who is entitled to exemption from income tax and capital gains tax by virtue of section 784A(2) TCA and the Shares held are assets of an approved retirement fund or an approved minimum retirement fund;
- (k) a qualifying fund manager within the meaning of section 784A TCA or a qualifying savings manager within the meaning of section 848B TCA, in respect of Shares which are assets of a special savings incentive account within the meaning of section 848C TCA;
- a person who is entitled to exemption from income tax and capital gains tax by virtue of section 787I TCA and the Shares held are assets of a personal retirement savings account as defined in section 787A TCA;
- (m) the National Pensions Reserve Fund Commission;
- (n) the National Asset Management Agency;
- (o) the Courts Service;
- (p) a credit union within the meaning of section 2 of the Credit Union Act 1997;
- (q) an Irish resident company, within the charge to corporation tax under Section 739G(2) TCA, but only where the fund is a money market fund;

- (r) a company which is within the charge to corporation tax in accordance with section 110(2) TCA in respect of payments made to it by the Fund; and
- (s) any other person as may be approved by the Directors from time to time provided the holding of Shares by such person does not result in a potential liability to tax arising to the Fund in respect of that Shareholder under Part 27, Chapter 1A TCA.

#### "FATCA" means:

- (a) sections 1471 to 1474 of the IRC or any associated regulations or other official guidance;
- (b) any treaty, law, regulation or other official guidance enacted in any other jurisdiction, or relating to an intergovernmental agreement between the U.S. and any other jurisdiction, which (in either case) facilitates the implementation of paragraph (a) above; or
- (c) any agreement pursuant to the implementation of paragraphs (a) or (b) above with the IRS, the U.S. government or any government authority or taxation authority in any other jurisdiction.

"Intermediary" means a person who:

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

"**Irish Resident**" means any person resident in Ireland or ordinarily resident in Ireland other than an Exempt Irish Shareholder;

#### Residence – Fund

A company which has its central management and control in Ireland is resident in Ireland irrespective of where it is incorporated. In general, a company which does not have its central management and control in Ireland but which is incorporated in Ireland is resident in Ireland except where:

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

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

Residence – Individual

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

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

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

#### Ordinary Residence – Individual

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

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

An individual who has been ordinarily resident in Ireland ceases to be ordinarily resident at the end of the third consecutive tax year in which that individual is not resident in Ireland. Thus, an individual who is resident and ordinarily resident in Ireland in 2014 will remain ordinarily resident in Ireland until the end of the tax year 2017.

"**Relevant Declaration**" means the declaration relevant to the Shareholder as set out in Schedule 2B TCA;

"TCA" means the Irish Taxes Consolidation Act 1997, as amended.

## **U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations**

## Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA)

Pursuant to FATCA, the Fund will be subject to U.S. federal withholding taxes (at a 30% rate) on payments of certain amounts made to it ("withholdable payments"), unless it complies (or is deemed compliant) with extensive reporting and withholding requirements. Withholdable payments generally include interest (including original issue discount), dividends, rents, annuities, and other fixed or determinable annual or periodical gains, profits or income, if such payments are derived from U.S. sources, as well as (effective 1 January 2019) gross proceeds from dispositions of securities that could produce U.S. source interest or dividends. Income which is effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business is not, however, included in this definition. To avoid the withholding tax, unless deemed compliant, the Fund will be required to enter into an agreement with the United States to identify and disclose identifying and financial information about each U.S. Taxpayer (or foreign entity with substantial U.S. ownership) which invests in the Fund, and to withhold tax (at a 30% rate) on withholdable payments and related payments made to any investor which fails to furnish information requested by the Fund to satisfy its obligations under the agreement. Pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and Ireland, the Fund may be deemed compliant, and therefore not subject to the withholding tax, if it identifies and reports U.S. investor information directly to the Irish Revenue Commissioners. Certain categories of U.S. investors, generally including, but not limited to, tax-exempt investors, publicly traded corporations, banks, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, common

trust funds, brokers, dealers and middlemen, and state and federal governmental entities, are exempt from such reporting. Detailed guidance as to the mechanics and scope of this new reporting and withholding regime is continuing to develop. There can be no assurance as to the timing or impact of any such guidance on future Fund operations.

Shareholders will be required to provide certifications as to their U.S. or non-U.S. tax status, together with such additional tax information as the Fund or its agents may from time to time request. Failure to furnish requested information or (if applicable) satisfy its own FATCA obligations may subject a Shareholder to liability for any resulting withholding taxes, U.S. tax information reporting and mandatory redemption of such shareholder's Shares.

## Taxation of U.S. Taxpayer Shareholders

For a general summary of the U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to U.S. Taxpayers of an investment in Shares, please refer to the Application Form for U.S. Persons. All prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences to them of an investment in the Fund under applicable US federal, state, local and non-US income tax laws as well as with respect to any specific gift, estate and inheritance tax issues in light of their particular circumstances.

### United Kingdom

The following paragraphs, which are intended as a general guide only, summarise advice received by the Directors as to the position of Shareholders who are resident for tax purposes in the United Kingdom and who hold absolute beneficial title to Shares in the Fund as an investment. They do not apply to special classes of shareholder, such as financial traders, pension funds or insurance companies, to whom separate rules may apply. The summary is based on current United Kingdom law and published practice as at the date of this document, which law or practice is, in principle, subject to any subsequent changes. If you are in any doubt as to your tax position, you should consult your own professional advisers. In particular, if you are resident in, or a citizen of, a country other than the United Kingdom you may be subject to the tax laws and requirements of those jurisdictions and you should seek your own professional advice in respect of your taxation position in those jurisdictions.

#### Residence and Taxation of the Fund

The Directors intend to conduct the affairs of the Fund so that it should not be regarded as resident in the United Kingdom for the purposes of United Kingdom taxation. Accordingly and provided that the Fund does not carry on a trade in the United Kingdom through a "permanent establishment" situated therein, then for United Kingdom taxation purposes, the Fund should not be subject to United Kingdom corporation tax on its income and capital gains.

Should the Fund be regarded as carrying on a trade for United Kingdom tax purposes through the agency of the Investment Manager, it is expected that neither the Investment Manager as permanent establishment or agent of the Fund, nor the Fund itself should be subject to United Kingdom taxation on profits or gains of the Fund by reason of the application of the United Kingdom's "investment manager exemption" (the "IME"). In particular, the Directors and the Investment Manager intend to manage the Fund and its investments in such manner, so as to ensure that the Investment Manager should benefit from the IME but it cannot be guaranteed that the conditions necessary for the exemption will at all times be satisfied.

If any income and gains arising in the United Kingdom are received by the Fund subject to a deduction of tax at source, the Fund will not normally be entitled to claim from Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs repayment of the tax deducted.

#### Taxation of Shareholders

United Kingdom taxation of shareholders

The Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations 2009 (the "Regulations") provide that if a Shareholder resident in the United Kingdom for the purposes of United Kingdom taxation holds an interest in an "offshore fund" and that offshore fund has not been a "reporting fund" continuously throughout the period during which the Shareholder holds the interest, any gain accruing to the Shareholder upon the sale, redemption or other disposal of that interest will be taxed on such sale, redemption or disposal as an "offshore income gain" subject to United Kingdom taxation as income, rather than as a capital gain.

The Shares will constitute interests in an offshore fund for the purposes of the Regulations, and accordingly if the Shares were not to gain certification as a reporting fund throughout the Shareholder's period of investment, any gain realised by a Shareholder on the sale, disposal or redemption of Shares would be treated for United Kingdom taxation purposes as an income receipt rather than a capital gain.

Conversely, if the Shares were to be certified throughout a Shareholder's period of investment, any gain realised by the Shareholder on the sale, disposal or redemption of the Shares would be subject to tax as a capital gain.

Any gain on disposal of Shares in the Fund (other than such share classes for which reporting fund status has been obtained) will be taxed to United Kingdom income tax or United Kingdom corporation tax on income. This may also apply to certain types of Shareholders, such as unit trusts and openended investment companies that would expect to be exempt on their chargeable gains.

As set out below, it is currently the intention of the Directors to comply with such requirements as may be necessary in order that the Fund should be so certified only in respect of certain share classes.

United Kingdom shareholders and the taxation of distributions

The Fund is expected to have substantial investments (more than 60%) in interest bearing assets and therefore should be considered a Bond Fund for United Kingdom tax purposes. Accordingly, any distribution paid by the Fund or treated as being paid by the Fund will be treated for United Kingdom taxation purposes as interest, rather than as a dividend. Such interest will be taxed on an individual Shareholder resident in the United Kingdom for United Kingdom taxation purposes at the United Kingdom savings income tax rates, currently set at 0%, 20%, 40% and 45%. The tax rate applicable to the distributions from the Fund received by individual Shareholders resident in the United Kingdom will depend on the level of other taxable income of such individual Shareholders.

In addition, Shareholders that are subject to United Kingdom corporation tax will be taxable according to the rules of Part 5 of the Corporation Tax Act 2009. Therefore, any income distributions of the Fund will be taxed as interest and such Shareholders will also be taxed on any increase (or obtain relief for any loss) on the market value of their interest at the end of each accounting period and at the date of disposal of their Shares as a loan relationship credit or debit. Accordingly, a corporate Shareholder may, depending on its own circumstances, be taxed in relation to returns on the Shares in accordance with fair value accounting, including incurring a charge to United Kingdom

corporation tax on an unrealised increase in the value of its holding of Shares (and, likewise, obtain relief against United Kingdom corporation tax for an unrealised reduction in the value of its holding of Shares).

Individual Shareholders resident in the United Kingdom for United Kingdom taxation purposes will be liable to income tax in respect of distributions paid or treated as paid by the Fund, whether or not such distributions are reinvested in further Shares of the Fund, in accordance with their personal circumstances. Where the Shares are certified as a reporting fund, this may result in tax being payable on amounts which are treated as distributed for United Kingdom taxation purposes but are not in fact distributed by the Fund. The tax treatment set out below is given on the basis that the Shares are held as an investment and not as trading stock. If a Shareholder holds Shares as trading stock they may not be taxed according to these principles.

### Reporting fund status

Whether or not to seek the "reporting fund" status will be decided by the Directors on a Class by Class basis. The Directors intend to comply with the requirements of the reporting fund regime, for all the Classes where such status has been obtained in the United Kingdom. There can, however, be no guarantee that the status will continue to be available for future periods of account of the Fund.

Should the Directors decide to withdraw from the reporting fund regime they will be required to notify all Shareholders in the relevant share classes prior to that withdrawal coming into effect. In such an event, it may be possible for Shareholders resident in the United Kingdom for United Kingdom taxation purposes to make an election for a deemed disposal and reacquisition of their Shares, in order to benefit from the capital gains treatment afforded by reporting fund status up to the date that the Fund leaves the regime.

#### Reporting fund status and the taxation of gains on disposal

Provided that the Fund has been certified as a reporting fund throughout the Shareholder's period of investment, and provided the Shares are not held as trading stock, the gain on disposal (by sale, transfer or redemption) of Shares by Shareholders resident in the United Kingdom for United Kingdom taxation purposes should be subject to capital gains tax in the case of an individual Shareholder, or United Kingdom corporation tax on chargeable gains in the case of a corporate Shareholder. Individuals may have their gains reduced by annual exemptions, whereas companies subject to United Kingdom corporation tax may have their gains reduced by indexation allowance. Where the Fund is at any time more than 60% invested in interest earning assets, Shareholders that are subject to United Kingdom corporation tax will be taxed in relation to returns on the Shares in accordance with fair value accounting without regard to the reporting fund status of the Fund.

#### Reporting fund status and the taxation of income

For such time as the Fund remains certified as a reporting fund, it will be required to calculate on an annual basis its income (excluding capital gains) as set out in the Regulations and to the extent that the income has not been distributed to Shareholders, "report" that income to Shareholders on the register on the last day of the period who are resident in the United Kingdom for United Kingdom taxation purposes. Income reported to Shareholders in this way will be treated for United Kingdom taxation purposes as though it were in fact distributed and will be subject to income tax as income arising on the "fund distribution date". For this purpose, the fund distribution date will be 6 months from the period end.

Relief will be available for these reported but undistributed amounts when the Shareholder ultimately calculates their capital gain on disposal of Shares.

#### Non-domiciled individual Shareholders

Shareholders who are resident, but not domiciled in the United Kingdom for United Kingdom taxation purposes, may claim the remittance basis of taxation. If no claim for the remittance basis to apply is made by the individual Shareholder, this will result in such individuals becoming subject to United Kingdom tax on their worldwide income and gains.

Individuals who are resident but not domiciled in the United Kingdom should note that the appointment of a United Kingdom person as a nominee Shareholder may result in income or gains from the redemption of Shares being remitted to the United Kingdom.

Legislation is to be introduced for April 2017 onwards whereby subject to certain conditions being met, certain persons, who would otherwise not be considered domiciled in the United Kingdom, would be domiciled in the United Kingdom for the purposes of income and capital gains taxation. The deemed domicile provisions will only be applicable either to an individual born in the UK with a UK domicile of origin and whilst they are UK resident or to an individual who has been resident in the UK for at least 15 out of the previous 20 tax years.

The Directors make no guarantee that investing in the Fund or the future actions of the Fund will not lead to a remittance.

Shareholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom for taxation purposes should not generally be subject to United Kingdom taxation on any gain realised on any sale, redemption or other disposal of their Shares unless their holding of Shares is connected with a branch, agency or permanent establishment through which the relevant shareholder carries on a trade, profession or vocation in the United Kingdom.

However, a Shareholder who is an individual who has ceased to be resident in the United Kingdom for tax purposes for a period of less than five years of assessment and who disposes of Shares during that period may also be liable, on his return to the United Kingdom, to United Kingdom taxation on any chargeable gains (subject to any available exemption or relief that may be available).

#### Other tax issues

The attention of non-corporate Shareholders resident in the United Kingdom is drawn to the provisions of Sections 714 to 751 of the Income Taxes Act 2007. These provisions are aimed at preventing the avoidance of income tax by individuals through transactions resulting in the transfer of assets or income to persons (including companies) resident or domiciled abroad and may render them liable to taxation in respect of undistributed income and profits of the Fund.

The attention of United Kingdom resident corporate Shareholders is drawn to the provisions concerning 'Controlled Foreign Companies' in Part 9A of the UK Taxation (International and Other Provisions) Act 2010 ("TIOPA 2010") which may have the effect in certain circumstances of subjecting a company resident in the United Kingdom to United Kingdom corporation tax on the profits of a company resident outside the United Kingdom. If the Fund, resident outside the United Kingdom, is under the "control" of persons resident in the United Kingdom, the Fund may be a "controlled foreign company" for the purposes of Part 9A TIOPA 2010. It may also be a controlled foreign company where the Fund is at least 40% controlled by a United Kingdom resident person and at least 40% (but not more than 55%) controlled by a non-United Kingdom resident person.

If the Fund becomes a controlled foreign company then any United Kingdom resident company which, either alone or together with connected or associated persons, has an interest of 25% or more in the Fund may be assessed to corporation tax in respect of the "chargeable" profits of the Fund

which are attributable to such Shareholder's interest in the Fund. The "chargeable profits" of the Fund do not include any of its capital gains. United Kingdom resident companies holding 25% or more of the Shares of the Fund (directly or indirectly) should take their own specific professional advice.

Shareholders who are resident in the United Kingdom for taxation purposes (and who, if individuals, are also domiciled in the United Kingdom for those purposes) should be aware of the provisions of Section 13 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992. Under these provisions, where a chargeable gain (or offshore income gain) accrues to a company that is not resident in the United Kingdom, but which would be a close company if it were resident in the United Kingdom, a person may be treated as though a proportional part of that chargeable gain (or offshore income gain), calculated by reference to their interest in the company, has accrued to them. No liability under Section 13 can be incurred by such a person (inclusive of their connected persons), however, where such proportion does not exceed 25% of the gain.

Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Reserve Tax

No United Kingdom stamp duty, or stamp duty reserve tax, will be payable on the issue of the Shares. United Kingdom stamp duty at the rate of 0.5% of the value of the consideration for the transfer of any Shares (rounded up where necessary to the nearest  $\pounds$ 5) is payable on any instrument of transfer of the Shares within, or in certain cases brought into, the United Kingdom. Provided, as is the intention, that the Shares are not registered in any register of the Fund kept in the United Kingdom, any agreement to transfer the Shares will not be subject to stamp duty reserve tax.

Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI)

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) is a financial account information sharing regime introduced by the US to ensure that US persons with financial assets outside the US are paying the correct amount of US tax. The effective date for introduction of FATCA was 1 July 2014.

The regime is to be administered by US financial institutions and foreign (non-US) financial institutions ("FFIs") who will need to carry out a comprehensive review of their investors ("account holders") to identify US investors and provide certain information on those investors annually to the IRS or the local country tax authorities. It is generally expected that fund entities, feeder funds and certain entities within the fund management company structures will be FFIs under the Investment Entity category.

The nature and scope of compliance relies upon inter-government agreements (IGAs) reached between US and non-US governments. Ireland (where the fund is resident) has such agreement which came into effect as of 21 December 2012.

The Common Reporting Standard (CRS) is an OECD led initiative to widen the scope of the international financial account information exchange and reporting regime.

The Fund and its manager retain responsibility for compliance across these two financial accounting information regimes and must ensure appropriate agreements and processes are in place to maintain compliance.

## **RISK FACTORS**

The nature of the Fund's investments involves certain risks and the Fund utilises investment techniques (such as leverage, short selling and the use of FDI in each case in accordance with the UCITS Regulations) which may carry additional risks. An investment in Shares therefore carries

substantial risk and is suitable only for persons which can assume the risk of losing their entire investment. Prospective investors should consider, among others, the following factors before subscribing for Shares:

#### **Business Risk**

There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. The investment results of the Fund are reliant upon the success of the Investment Manager. Past performance may not necessarily be repeated and is no guarantee or projection of future results.

### Brexit - Changes to the European Union and the Functioning and Applicability of the Treaty on

The Fund and the Investment Manager may face potential risks associated with the referendum on the United Kingdom's continued membership of the European Union, which took place on June 23, 2016 and which resulted in the United Kingdom leaving the European Union. That departure could materially and adversely affect the regulatory regime to which an Investment Manager is currently subject in the United Kingdom, particularly in respect of financial services regulation and taxation. Investors should note that the Fund may be required to introduce changes to the way it is structured and introduce, replace or appoint additional service providers or agents and/or amend the terms of appointment of persons or entities engaged currently to provide services to the Fund including but not limited to the Investment Manager.

Although the Fund shall seek to minimise the costs and other implications of any such changes, investors should be aware that the costs of such changes may be borne by the Fund. Furthermore, the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union may result in substantial volatility in foreign exchange markets and may lead to a sustained weakness in the British pound's exchange rate against the United States dollar, the euro and other currencies which may have a material adverse effect on the Fund and the Investment Manager's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. The United Kingdom's departure from the European Union may set in train a sustained period of uncertainty. It may also destabilise some or all of the other members of the European Union (some of which are countries in which we conduct business) and/or the euro zone. The volatility and uncertainty caused adversely affect the value of the Fund's investments and the ability of the Investment Manager to achieve the investment objective of the Fund.

Additionally, political parties in several other member states of the EU have proposed that a similar referendum be held on their country's membership in the EU. It is unclear whether any other member states of the EU will hold such referendums. Areas where the uncertainty created by the United Kingdom's vote to withdraw from the EU is relevant includes, but is not limited to, trade within Europe, foreign direct investment in Europe, the scope and functioning of European regulatory frameworks (including with respect to the regulation of fund managers and the distribution and marketing of investment funds), industrial policy pursued within European countries, immigration policy pursued within Europe and trade policy within European countries and internationally.

## Concentration of Investments

Although it is the policy of the Fund to diversify its investment portfolio, the Fund may at certain times hold relatively few investments. The Fund therefore could be subject to significant losses if it holds a large position in a particular investment that declines in value. Additionally, historical correlations may undergo dramatic change, thereby reducing expected diversification protection.

#### Counterparty Risk

The Fund is subject to the risk of the inability of any counterparty, including counterparties to efficient portfolio transactions, to perform with respect to transactions, whether due to insolvency, bankruptcy or other causes.

### Convertible Bond Transactions

Should the credit status of an issuer weaken, losses may result from decreases in the market conversion premium or a loss of liquidity with respect to the security. These losses may be limited by a short hedge on the underlying security, but may be substantial in relation the Net Asset Value of the Fund. The Fund may also suffer losses if an issuer is acquired for cash or debt securities at a price that does not generate profits on the unhedged portion of a position sufficient to recover the premium paid to acquire the convertible security and any unpaid accrued interest that would be lost should conversion become necessary. Losses may result when securities are called for redemption at prices below the current market prices. Frequently, these losses will include interest accrued but not paid upon conversion of the called securities. In addition, losses may occur if the terms of the convertible bond do not allow for an adjustment in the conversion terms, or the Fund is forced to convert a security earlier than anticipated.

### Currency Exposure

The Shares are denominated in GBP, US Dollar and Euro and will be issued and redeemed in those currencies. Certain of the assets of the Fund may, however, be invested in securities and other investments which are denominated in other currencies. Accordingly, the value of such assets may be affected favourably or unfavourably by fluctuations in currency rates. In addition, the Investment Manager and/or Investment Advisers will seek to hedge the foreign exchange exposure of the assets of the Fund attributable to currencies other than the base currency. Prospective investors whose assets and liabilities are predominantly in other currencies should take into account the potential risk of loss arising from fluctuations in value between GBP, Euro or the US Dollar, as the case may be, and such other currencies.

#### **Debt Securities**

The Fund may invest in both investment grade and below investment grade debt securities in the expectation that positive returns can be made. For investment grade securities this will normally be with an assumption that the issuer will be able to make payment of interest and/or principal which will be part of the returns together with any appreciation of the debt security. For sub- investment grade securities or debt securities that are distressed, payments of interest or of principal may or may not be assumed but there could be other opportunities to generate a positive return from an investment. Sub-investment grade debt securities are subject to a greater risk of loss of principal and interest than higher-rated debt securities. The Fund may invest in distressed debt securities which are subject to a significant risk of the issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payments on the obligations and may also be subject to price volatility due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity risk. The Fund may invest in debt securities which rank junior to other outstanding securities and obligations of the issuer, all or a significant portion of which may be secured on substantially all of that issuer's assets. The Fund may also invest in debt securities that are not protected by financial covenants or limitations on additional indebtedness and may invest in debt securities or obtain exposure to those debt securities by selling the securities short.

The issuers of debt securities may default on their obligations, whether due to insolvency, bankruptcy, fraud or other causes and their failure to make the scheduled payments could cause the Fund to suffer significant losses. The Fund will therefore be subject to credit, liquidity and interest rate risks. In addition, evaluating credit risk for debt securities involves uncertainty because credit

rating agencies throughout the world have different standards, making comparison across countries difficult. Also, the market for debt securities may be inefficient and illiquid, making it difficult to accurately value financial instruments.

### EU Data Protection Legislation

The GDPR was published in the Official Journal of the EU on 4 May 2016 and applied from 25 May 2018. The GDPR increased the territorial scope of the existing EU data protection framework and impose stronger sanctions on those who breach it, amongst other things. It also changed the ways in which personal data is collected and used, requiring data subjects to give unambiguous or explicit consent in some cases and introduce increased enforcement powers, empowering national data protection authorities to impose fines of up to 4% of annual turnover, or EUR 20 million, whichever is greater.

The Fund and where relevant, its delegates, will continue to review and develop existing processes to ensure that customer personal data is processed in compliance with the GDPR's requirements, to the extent that they are applicable, and it may be required to expend significant capital or other resources and/or modify its operations to meet such requirements, any or a combination of which could have a material adverse effect on the Fund's (and where relevant, its delegates') business, financial condition and financial results.

## High Yield Debt Instruments

Investment in corporate debt securities is subject to the risk of an issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payments on the obligation (credit risk) and may also be subject to price volatility due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity (market risk). Lower rated or unrated securities are more likely to react to developments affecting market and credit risk than are more highly rated securities, which react primarily to movements in the general level of interest rates. In purchasing such securities, the Fund will rely on the Investment Manager's and/or the Investment Advisers' analysis, judgment and experience in evaluating the creditworthiness of an issuer of such securities. The Investment Manager and/or Investment Adviser will consider, among other factors, the issuer's financial resources, its operating history, its sensitivity to economic conditions and trends, the quality of the issuer's management and regulatory matters.

The Fund may invest in below investment-grade fixed income instruments. These may be rated in the lowest rating categories by S&P or by Moody's or be unrated. Fixed income instruments rated in medium to low rating categories of internationally recognised rating services or unrated securities of comparable quality, commonly called junk bonds, are considered speculative and payments of principal and interest thereon may be questionable. In some cases, such securities may be highly speculative, may have poor prospects for reaching investment grade standing and may be in default. As a result, investment in such securities will entail greater speculative risks than those associated with investment in investment-grade bonds (i.e., bonds rated at least A1 or A2 by S&P, Prime 1 or Prime 2 by Moody's, or a similar rating by another internationally recognised rating service). The Fund may purchase corporate debt obligations of issuers not currently paying interest as well as issuers in default.

In the past, economic downturns or increases in interest rates have under certain circumstances caused a higher incidence of default by the issuers of the lower quality debt securities. To the extent that the issuer of any lower-quality debt security held by the Fund defaults, the Fund may incur additional expenses in order to enforce its rights under such security or to participate in a restructuring of the obligation. In addition, the prices of lower-quality debt securities generally tend to be more volatile and the market less liquid than is the case with investment grade securities.

Adverse economic events can further exacerbate these tendencies. Consequently, the Fund may at times experience difficulty in liquidating its investments in such securities at the prices it desires. There also can be significant disparities in the prices quoted for lower-quality debt securities by various dealers which may make valuing such securities by the Funds more subjective.

### Depositary Risk

If the Fund invests in assets that are financial instrument that can be held in custody ("Custody Assets"), the Depositary is required to perform full safekeeping functions and will be liable for any loss of such assets held in custody unless it can prove that the loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond its reasonable control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary. In the event of such a loss (and the absence of proof of the loss being caused by such an external event), the Depositary is required to return identical assets to those lost or a corresponding amount to the Fund without undue delay.

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

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

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

## FDIs Generally

The Fund may utilise both exchange-traded and OTC FDI, including, but not limited to, futures, forwards, swaps, options and contracts for differences for efficient portfolio management and investment purposes, as part of its investment policy. These instruments can be highly volatile and expose investors to a high risk of loss. The low initial margin deposits normally required to establish a position in such instruments permit a high degree of leverage. As a result, depending on the type of instrument, a relatively small movement in the price of a contract may result in a profit or a loss which is high in proportion to the amount of funds actually placed as initial margin and may result in unquantifiable further loss exceeding any margin deposited. In addition, daily limits on price fluctuations and speculative position limits on exchanges may prevent prompt liquidation of positions resulting in potentially greater losses. Transactions in contracts may involve additional risk as there is no exchange market on which to close out an open position. It may be impossible to liquidate an existing position, to assess the value of a position or to assess the exposure to risk. Contractual asymmetries and inefficiencies can also increase risk, such as break clauses, whereby a counterparty can terminate a transaction on the basis of a certain reduction in Net Asset Value,

incorrect collateral calls or delays in collateral recovery. The Fund may also sell covered and uncovered options on securities. To the extent that such options are uncovered, the Fund could incur an unlimited loss.

The Fund will employ a risk management process to enable it to monitor, manage and measure, on a continuous basis, the risk of all open FDI positions and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the Fund's portfolio. The Fund will, on request, provide supplemental information to Shareholders relating to the risk management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of the investment.

### **Risks Associated with FDIs**

While the prudent use of FDIs can be beneficial, FDIs also involve risks different from, and in certain cases greater than, the risks presented by more traditional investments including: (1) dependence on the ability to predict movements in the prices of securities being hedged and movements in interest rates; (2) imperfect correlation between the price movements of the derivatives and price movements of related investment; (3) the fact that skills needed to use these instruments are different from those needed to select the Fund's securities; (4) the possible absence of a liquid market for any particular instrument at any particular time; (5) possible impediments to effective portfolio management or the ability to meet redemptions; and (6) possible losses arising from an unexpected application of law or regulation or arising as a result of the unenforceability of a contract. The Fund will not be leveraged in excess of 100 per cent of its Net Asset Value. The use of leverage creates special risk and may significantly increase the Fund's investment risk.

The following provisions apply whenever the Fund proposes to engage in transactions in FDIs where the transactions are for the purposes of the efficient portfolio management of the Fund and, where the intention is disclosed in the Fund's investment policy, for investment purposes of the Fund.

The Fund may enter into transactions in OTC markets that expose it to the credit of its counterparty and its ability to satisfy the terms of such contracts. Where the Fund enters into FDI, it will be exposed to the risk that the counterparty may default on its obligations to perform under the relevant contract. In the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency of a counterparty, the Fund could experience delays in liquidating the position and may incur a significant loss. There is also a possibility that ongoing FDI transactions will be terminated unexpectedly as a result of events outside the control of the Fund, for instance, bankruptcy, supervening illegality, a substantial decline in the Net Asset Value or a change in the tax or accounting laws relative to those transactions at the time the agreement was originated. In accordance with standard industry practice, it is the Fund's policy to net exposures against its counterparties.

The Fund may be invested in certain FDI instruments, which may involve the assumption of obligations as well as rights and assets. Assets deposited as margin with brokers may not be held in segregated accounts by the brokers and may therefore become available to the creditors of such brokers in the event of their insolvency or bankruptcy.

The Fund will enter into contracts for differences or "swap" transactions with a view to effecting synthetic short positions in certain securities, sectors or indices. The swap market has grown substantially in recent years with a large number of banks and investment banking firms acting both as principals and as agents utilising standardised swap documentation. As a result, the swap market has become liquid but there can be no assurance that a liquid secondary market will exist at any specified time for any particular swap. FDIs do not always perfectly or even highly correlate or track the value of the securities, rates or indices they are designed to track. Consequently, the Fund's use of FDI techniques may not always be an effective means of, and sometimes could be counter-

productive to, achieving the Fund's investment objective. An adverse price movement in a FDI position may require cash payments of variation margin by the Fund that might in turn require, if there is insufficient cash available in the portfolio, the sale of the Fund's investments under disadvantageous conditions.

### Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts

The Fund may enter into forward foreign exchange contracts. Forward foreign exchange contracts are not traded on exchanges. Rather, they are individually negotiated transactions which are effected through a trading system known as the interbank market which comprises a network of participants electronically linked. Transactions in forward foreign exchange contracts are not regulated by any regulatory authority nor are they guaranteed by an exchange or clearing house. The Fund is subject to the risk of the inability or refusal of its counterparties to perform with respect to such contracts.

## Credit Default Swaps

The Fund may take positions in credit default swaps. A credit default swap is a type of credit FDI which allows one party (the "protection buyer") to transfer credit risk of a reference entity (the "reference entity") to one or more other parties (the "protection seller"). The protection buyer pays a periodic fee to the protection seller in return for protection against the occurrence of a number of events (each, a "credit event") experienced by the reference entity. Credit default swaps carry specific risks including high levels of gearing, the possibility that premiums are paid for credit default swaps which expire worthless, wide bid/offer spreads and documentation risks. In addition, there can be no assurance that the counterparty to a credit default swap will be able to fulfil its obligations to the Fund if a credit event occurs in respect of the reference entity. Further, the counterparty to a credit default swap may seek to avoid payment following an alleged credit event by claiming that there is a lack of clarity in, or an alternative meaning of, language used in the contract, most notably the language specifying what would amount to a credit event.

#### **Collateral Management Risk**

In seeking to reduce credit risk through the posting or receiving of collateral in OTC transactions, securities lending agreements and repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements, the management of the collateral posted/received will be subject to liquidity and counterparty risks associated with the relevant collateral instruments. Collateral is also subject to other types of risks as set out below:

Operational risks: including that the valuation of an underlying instrument which is posted is inaccurate due to inadequate or failed internal processes, people or systems which may cause the Fund to have an incorrect level of margin posted or received.

Legal risks: including risks associated with contracts and changes of regulations in a relevant jurisdiction, etc. as well as the risk that collateral provided in cross-border transactions could be subject to conflicts of law preventing the Fund from recovering collateral posted or from enforcing its rights in relation to collateral to be received.

Custody risk: collateral received by the Funds on a title transfer basis will be safekept by the Depositary or by a third party depositary subject to prudential regulation and will be subject to custody risks associated with those entities. Collateral pledged by the Fund will continue to be safekept by the Depositary.

Reinvestment of Cash Collateral: cash collateral received that is reinvested may realize a loss, which would reduce the value of the collateral and result in the Fund being less protected if there is a counterparty default.

While commercially reasonable efforts are utilised to ensure that collateral management is effective, such risks cannot be eliminated.

#### Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase Agreement Risk

Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements are subject to counterparty risk. In the case of a repurchase agreement, the counterparty may fail to repurchase its securities which may cause the Fund to suffer delays and incur costs in exercising its rights under the agreement. In addition, if the securities held by the Fund as collateral for the repurchase agreement go down in market value, this may cause a loss to the Fund.

In the case of a reverse repurchase agreement, the counterparty may fail to return the securities sold to the counterparty by the Fund which may cause the Fund to lose money if it is unable to recover the securities and the value of the collateral held (including if the value of the investments made with cash collateral is less than the value of the securities).

### Fund Cash Account Risk

Subscriptions monies received by the Fund in advance of the issue of Shares will be held in the Fund Cash Account in the name of the Fund and will be treated as an asset of the Fund. Investors will be unsecured creditors of the Fund with respect to the amount subscribed and held by the Fund until such Shares are issued, and will not benefit from any appreciation in the NAV of the Fund or any other shareholder rights (including dividend entitlement) until such time as Shares are issued. In the event of an insolvency of the Fund, there is no guarantee that the Fund will have sufficient funds to pay unsecured creditors in full.

Payment by the Fund of redemption proceeds and dividends is subject to receipt by the Administrator of original subscription documents and compliance with all anti-money laundering procedures. Notwithstanding this, redeeming Shareholders will cease to be Shareholders, with regard to the redeemed Shares, and will be unsecured creditors of the Fund, from the relevant redemption date. Pending redemptions and distributions, including blocked redemptions or distributions, will, pending payment to the relevant Shareholder, be held in the Fund Cash Account in the name of the Fund. Redeeming Shareholders and Shareholders entitled to such distributions will be unsecured creditors of the Fund, and will not benefit from any appreciation in the NAV of the Fund or any other shareholder rights (including further dividend entitlement), with respect to the redemption or distribution amount held by the Fund. In the event of an insolvency of the Fund, there is no guarantee that the Fund will have sufficient funds to pay unsecured creditors in full. Redeeming Shareholders and Shareholders should ensure that any outstanding documentation and information is provided to the Administrator promptly. Failure to do so is at such Shareholder's own risk.

#### **Emerging Markets**

Where the Fund invests in or otherwise has exposure to companies incorporated in or whose principal operations are in emerging markets, additional risks may be encountered. These include:

Accounting Risk: there may be little financial or accounting information available with respect to issuers located in certain of such countries, and it may be difficult as a result to assess the value or prospects of an investment in such issuers.

Currency Risk: the currencies in which investments are denominated may be unstable, may be subject to significant depreciation and may not be freely convertible.

Country Risk: the value of the Fund's assets may be affected by political, legal, economic and fiscal uncertainties. Existing laws and regulations may not be consistently applied.

Market Characteristics: emerging markets are still in the early stages of their development, have less volume, are less liquid and experience greater volatility than more established markets and are not highly regulated. Settlement of transactions may be subject to delay and administrative uncertainties.

Custody Risk: depositaries are not able to offer the level of service and safe-keeping, settlement and administration of securities that is customary in more developed markets and there is a risk that the Fund will not be recognised as the owner of securities held on its behalf by a sub-custodian.

Disclosure: less complete and reliable fiscal and other information may be available to investors.

### Emerging Markets Risks – Russian Registration Risks

The Fund may invest a portion of its assets in securities of issuers located in Russia. In addition to the risks disclosed above, investments in securities of Russian issuers may involve a particularly high degree of risk and special considerations not typically associated with investing in more developed markets, many of which stem from Russia's continuing political and economic instability and the slow-paced development of its market economy. Investments in Russian securities should be considered highly speculative. Such risks and special considerations include: (a) delays in settling portfolio transactions and the risk of loss arising out of Russia's system of share registration and custody; (b) pervasiveness of corruption, insider trading, and crime in the Russian economic system; (c) difficulties associated with obtaining accurate market valuations of many Russian securities. based partly on the limited amount of publicly available information; (d) the general financial condition of Russian companies, which may involve particularly large amounts of inter- company debt; (e) the risk that the Russian tax system will not be reformed to prevent inconsistent, retroactive and/or exorbitant taxation or, in the alternative, the risk that a reformed tax system may result in the inconsistent and unpredictable enforcement of the new tax laws, and (f) the risk that the government of Russia or other executive or legislative bodies may decide not to continue to support the economic reform programmes implemented since the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

A risk of particular note with respect to direct investment in Russian securities is the way in which ownership of shares of companies is normally recorded. Ownership of shares (except where shares are held through depositories) is defined according to entries in the company's share register and normally evidenced by "share extracts" from the register or, in certain limited circumstances, by formal share certificates. However, there is no central registration system for shareholders and these services are carried out by the companies themselves or by registrars located throughout Russia. The share registrars are controlled by the issuer of the securities, and investors are provided with few legal rights against such registrars. The law and practice relating to registration of shareholdings are not well developed in Russia and registration delays and failures to register shares can occur, which could expose the Fund to potential loss.

## Common Reporting Standards Risk

Drawing extensively on the intergovernmental approach to implementing FATCA, the OECD developed the Common Reporting Standard ("CRS") to address the issue of offshore tax evasion on a global basis. Aimed at maximising efficiency and reducing cost for financial institutions, the CRS provides a common standard for due diligence, reporting and exchange of financial account information. Pursuant to the CRS, participating jurisdictions will obtain from reporting financial institutions, and automatically exchange with exchange partners on an annual basis, financial information with respect to all reportable accounts identified by financial institutions on the basis of common due diligence and reporting procedures. The first information exchanges are expected to

begin in 2017. Ireland has committed to implement the CRS. As a result, the Fund will be required to comply with the CRS due diligence and reporting requirements, as adopted by Ireland. Investors may be required to provide additional information to the Fund to enable the Fund to satisfy its obligations under the CRS. Failure to provide requested information may subject an investor to liability for any resulting penalties or other charges and/or mandatory termination of its interest in the Fund.

## Cyber Crime and Security Breaches Risk

With the increasing use of the Internet and technology in connection with the operations of the Fund. the Fund is susceptible to greater operational and information security risks through breaches in cyber security. Cyber security breaches include, without limitation, infection by computer viruses and gaining unauthorised access to the systems of the Fund through "hacking" or other means for the purpose of misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting data, or causing operations to be disrupted. Cyber security breaches may also occur in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorised access, such as denial-of-service attacks or situations where authorised individuals intentionally or unintentionally release confidential information stored on the systems of the Fund. A cyber security breach may cause disruptions and impact the business operations of the Fund, which could potentially result in financial losses, inability to determine the Fund's net asset value, violation of applicable law, regulatory penalties and/or fines, compliance and other costs. The Fund and its Shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result. In addition, because the Fund works closely with third-party service providers (e.g., depositaries, transfer agent, administrator and distributor), indirect cyber security breaches at such third-party service providers may subject the Fund and its Shareholders to the same risks associated with direct cyber security breaches. Further, indirect cyber security breaches at an issuer of securities in which the Fund invests may similarly negatively impact the Fund and its Shareholders. While the Fund has established risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security breaches, there can be no assurances that such measures will be successful. In addition to risks to the Fund and Funds, investors are advised to ensure communication methods with the Administrator and any financial advisors, including the Investment Manager and Distributor are secure so as to prevent fraudulent change of details or fraudulent redemption requests from being submitted through, for example, their email accounts.

## Identification and Exploitation of Investment Strategies

The success of the Fund's investment activities depends on the Investment Manager's and/or Investment Advisers' ability to identify undervalued convertible bonds and to exploit price discrepancies in the financial markets, as well as to assess the impact of news and events that may affect the financial markets. Identification and exploitation of the investment strategies to be pursued by the Fund involves a high degree of uncertainty.

The Fund may be adversely affected by unforeseen events involving such matters as changes in interest rates or the credit status of an issuer or counterparty, forced redemptions of securities or acquisition proposals, break-ups of planned mergers, unexpected changes in relative values, volatility levels or liquidity conditions or changes in tax treatment.

#### **Illiquidity**

It is not anticipated that there will be an active secondary market for the Shares and it is not expected that such a market will develop. In some circumstances, investments may be illiquid making it difficult to acquire or dispose of them at the prices quoted on the various exchanges or available from other sources. In addition, there may be times when it is not possible to obtain quotes at all. Accordingly, the Fund's ability to respond to market movements may be impaired and the Fund may experience

adverse price movements upon liquidation of its investments. Settlement of transactions may be subject to delay and administrative uncertainties. The Fund may be adversely affected by a decrease in market liquidity for the instruments in which it invests which may impair the Fund's ability to adjust its positions. The size of the Fund's positions may magnify the effect of a decrease in market liquidity for such instruments. Changes in overall market leverage, de-leveraging as a consequence of a decision by the other counterparties with which the Fund enters into derivative transactions, to reduce the level of leverage available, or the liquidation by other market participants of the same or similar positions, may also adversely affect the Fund's portfolio.

#### Investment Management Risk

Investment decisions will be made for the Fund by the Investment Manager and/or Investment Advisers. The success of the Fund will depend on the ability of the Investment Manager and/or Investment Advisers to identify suitable investments and to dispose of such investments at a profit. The strategies used and investments selected by the Investment Manager and/or Investment Advisers may fail to produce the intended result and the Fund may not achieve its investment objective. The investments selected for the Fund also may not perform as well as other investments that were not selected for the Fund. As a result, the Fund may suffer losses or underperform other funds with the same investment objective or strategies, even in a rising market.

There can also be no assurance that all of the personnel of the Investment Manager and/or Investment Advisers will continue to be associated with the Investment Manager and/or Investment Advisers for any length of time. The loss of the services of one or more employees of the Investment Manager and/or Investment Advisers could have an adverse impact on the Fund's ability to realise its investment objectives.

### Legal Risks

The Fund may make investments based on, or enter into contracts described by, significant legal documents. Such documents may include (but not limited to) prospectuses and other offering documents as well as OTC FDI contracts, including contracts for differences and credit default swaps. Whilst the Fund generally seeks advice on material matters, there can be no guarantee that any advice given will be accurate, that a contract will be validly executed by the relevant counterparty or that a contract will ultimately prove to be enforceable against the relevant counterparty. Furthermore, the expected outcome of these contracts or investments may not be realised in practice. If these contracts or investments do not produce the expected result, the Fund could suffer significant losses.

#### Net Asset Value Considerations

The Net Asset Value per Share is expected to fluctuate over time with the performance of the Fund's investments. A Shareholder may not fully recover his initial investment when he chooses to redeem his Shares or upon compulsory redemption if the Net Asset Value per Share at the time of such redemption is less than the Subscription Price paid by such Shareholder (plus any Equalisation Credit).

#### Price Fluctuations

It should be remembered that the value of Shares and the income (if any) derived from them can go down as well as up.

## Profit Sharing

In addition to receiving an Investment Management Fee, the Investment Manager may also receive a Performance Fee by reference to the appreciation in the Net Asset Value per Share of the Class A Shares, Class C Shares, Class D Shares and Class E Shares and accordingly the Performance Fee will increase with regard to unrealised appreciation, as well as realised gains. Accordingly, a Performance Fee may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised. The Performance Fee may create an incentive for the Investment Manager to make investments for the Fund which are riskier than would be the case in the absence of a fee based on the performance of the Fund.

## Short Selling

The Fund may enter into certain FDI transactions, the economic effect of which is the same as a short sale. Accordingly, as well as holding assets that may rise or fall with market values, the Fund may also hold assets or positions that will rise as the market value falls and fall as the market value rises. Since there is theoretically no limit to the market price of the short selling security positions, there is a risk of unlimited loss.

### Tax Considerations

Where the Fund invests in securities that are not subject to withholding tax at the time of acquisition, there can be no assurance that tax may not be withheld in the future as a result of any change in applicable laws, treaties, rules or regulations or the interpretation thereof. The Fund will not be able to recover such withheld tax and so any such change would have an adverse effect on the Net Asset Value of the Shares.

### **Undervalued Securities**

One of the key objectives of the Fund is to identify and invest in undervalued securities ("misvalued securities"). The identification of investment opportunities in misvalued securities is a difficult task, and there can be no assurance that such opportunities will be successfully recognised. While purchases of undervalued securities offer opportunities for above-average capital appreciation, these investments involve a high degree of financial risk and can result in substantial losses. Returns generated from the Fund's investments may not adequately compensate for the business and financial risks assumed.

The Fund may make certain speculative investments in securities which the Investment Manager and/or an Investment Adviser believes to be misvalued; however, there can be no assurance that the securities purchased will in fact be misvalued. In addition, the Fund may be required to maintain positions in such securities for a substantial period of time before realising their anticipated value. During this period, a portion of the Fund's capital may be committed to the securities, thus possibly preventing the Fund from investing in other opportunities. In addition, the Fund may finance any such purchases with borrowed funds and thus will have to pay interest on such funds during such waiting period.

## Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

With the passage of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank") in the United States, there will be extensive rulemaking and regulatory changes that will affect private fund managers, the funds that they manage and the financial industry as a whole. Under the Dodd-Frank, the US Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") has mandated new reporting requirements and is expected to mandate new recordkeeping requirements for investment advisers, which are expected to add costs to the legal, operations and compliance obligations of the Investment Manager, the Investment Advisers and the Fund and increase the amount of time that

the Investment Manager and the Investment Advisers spend on non-investment related activities. Until the SEC implements all of the new requirements of the Dodd-Frank, it is unknown how burdensome such requirements will be. The Dodd-Frank will affect a broad range of market participants with whom the Fund interacts or may interact, including commercial banks, investment banks, other non-bank financial institutions, rating agencies, mortgage brokers, credit unions, insurance companies and broker- dealers. Regulatory changes that will affect other market participants are likely to change the way in which the Investment Manager and the Investment Advisers conduct business with their counterparties. It may take several years to understand the impact of the Dodd-Frank on the financial industry as a whole, and therefore, such continued uncertainty may make markets more volatile, and it may be more difficult for the Investment Manager and/or the Investment Advisers to execute the investment strategy of the Fund.

# <u>FATCA</u>

The Fund will be required to comply with extensive reporting and withholding requirements designed to inform the U.S. Department of the Treasury of U.S.-owned foreign investment accounts. Failure to comply (or be deemed compliant) with these requirements will subject the Fund to U.S. withholding taxes on certain U.S.-sourced income (effective 1 January 2019). Pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and Ireland, the Fund may be deemed compliant, and therefore not subject to the withholding tax, if it identifies and reports U.S. Taxpayer information directly to the Irish government. Shareholders may be requested to provide additional information to the Fund to enable the Fund to satisfy these obligations. Failure to provide requested information or (if applicable) satisfy its own FATCA obligations may subject a Shareholder to liability for any resulting U.S. withholding taxes, U.S. tax information reporting and/or mandatory redemption, transfer or other termination of the Shareholder's interest in its Shares. Detailed guidance as to the mechanics and scope of this new reporting and withholding regime is continuing to develop. There can be no assurance as to the timing or impact of any such guidance on future operations of the Fund. The administrative cost of compliance with FATCA may cause the operating expenses of the Fund to increase, thereby reducing returns to investors. See also "U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations".

## <u>Volatility</u>

There are a large number of risks inherent in trading of the nature contemplated by the Fund. Price movements are volatile and are affected by a wide variety of factors, including changing supply and demand relationships, credit spread fluctuations, interest rate and exchange rate fluctuations, international events and government policies and actions with respect to economic, exchange control, trade, monetary, military and other issues. Since the Fund holds primarily long convertibles positions, any fall in volatility may negatively affect the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

## Commodity Pool Operator - "De Minimis Exemption"

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

The potential consequence of this exemption, the so-called "de minimis exemption", includes a limitation on the Fund's exposure to the commodity markets. CFTC Rule 4.13(a)(3) requires that a pool for which such exemption is filed must meet one or the other of the following tests with respect to its commodity interest positions, including positions in security futures products, whether entered

into for bona fide hedging purposes or otherwise: (a) the aggregate initial margin, premiums, and required minimum security deposit for retail forex transactions, will not exceed 5 per cent of the liquidation value of the pool's portfolio, after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such positions it has entered into; or (b) the aggregate net notional value of such positions does not exceed 100 per cent of the liquidation value of the pool's portfolio, after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such positions and unrealized losses on any such positions it has entered into; or (b) the pool's portfolio, after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such positions it has entered into.

## OECD BEPS Risk

In 2013 the OECD published its report on Addressing Base Erosion and Profit Shifting ("BEPS") and it's Action Plan on BEPS. The aim of the report and Action Plan was to address and reduce aggressive international tax planning. BEPS remains an ongoing project. On 5 October 2015, the OECD published its final reports, analyses and sets of recommendations (deliverables) with a view to implementing internationally agreed and binding rules which could result in material changes to relevant tax legislation of participating OECD countries. The final package of deliverables was subsequently approved by the G20 Finance Ministers on 8 October 2015. On 24 November 2016, more than 100 jurisdictions concluded negotiations on a multilateral instrument that will amend their respective tax treaties (more than 2,000 tax treaties worldwide) in order to implement the tax treatyrelated BEPS recommendations. The multilateral instrument was signed on 7 June 2017 and entered into force on 1 July 2018. The multilateral instrument will then enter into effect for a specific tax treaty at certain times after all parties to that treaty have ratified the multilateral instrument. The final actions to be implemented in the tax legislation of the countries in which the Company will have investments, in the countries where the Company is domiciled or resident, or changes in tax treaties negotiated by these countries, could adversely affect the returns from the Company. On 29 January 2019, Ireland deposited with the OECD its Instrument of Ratification for the multilateral instrument and it will come into force in Ireland on 1 May 2019.

## MiFID II Regulatory Risk

The MiFID Regulations transpose into Irish law the MiFID II Directive along with its accompanying regulation, the MiFIR (collectively, "**MiFID II**"). The MiFID Regulations and MiFID II took effect on 3 January 2018. MiFID II is a wide ranging piece of legislation that affects financial market structure, trading and clearing obligations, product governance and investor protection. While MiFIR and a majority of the so-called "Level 2" measures are directly applicable across the European Union (EU) as EU regulations, the MiFID II Directive had to be "transposed" into national law by Member States. In the course of the transposition process, individual Member States and their national competent authorities may have introduced requirements over and above those in the European text and applied MiFID II provisions to participants that would not otherwise be caught by MiFID II. Aspects of MiFID II and its implementation may be unclear in scope and subject to differences in regulatory interpretation. Market participants who are not directly subject to MiFID II may be indirectly impacted by its requirements and related regulatory interpretations. It is not possible to predict how these factors may impact the operations of the Fund and the ability of the Investment Manager to implement the Fund's investment objective.

## Epidemics and Pandemics

Many countries have been susceptible to epidemics and/or pandemics, such as severe acute respiratory syndrome, avian flu, H1N1/09 flu and COVID-19 (commonly known as the "Coronavirus"). The epidemic or pandemic outbreak of an infectious disease in a country or region of the world or globally, together with any resulting restrictions on travel, transportation or production of goods or quarantines imposed, could have a negative impact on the national, regional or global economy and business activity in any of the countries in which the Fund may invest and thereby adversely affect the performance of the Fund. While the economic impact of the global outbreak of the Coronavirus

is presently uncertain, such outbreak and any future outbreak of an infectious disease or any other serious public health concern in a country, region or globally could materially harm the Fund's investments and/or restrict the ability of the Fund to acquire, sell, or liquidate investments at favourable times and/or prices, restrict the Fund's investment and trading activities, and generally impede the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective.

In addition, a serious outbreak of infectious disease may also be a force majeure event under contracts that the Fund has entered into with counterparties thereby relieving a counterparty of the timely performance of the services such counterparties have contracted to provide to the Fund (the nature of the services will vary depending on the agreement in question). In a worst case scenario, this may result in the Fund being delayed in calculating the Fund's Net Asset Value, processing dealing in Shares, undertaking independent valuations of the Fund or processing trades in respect of the Fund.

#### Sustainability Risks

Sustainability risks may arise in respect of an issuer itself, its affiliates or in its supply chain and/or apply to a particular economic sector, geographical or political region. Environmental sustainability risks, and in particular physical risks arising from climate change, are associated with events or conditions affecting the natural environment including increasing erratic and potentially catastrophic weather events such as droughts, wildfires, flooding and heavy precipitations, heat/coldwaves, landslides, storms, flooding, erosion and water stress. Environmental risks can also include carbon emissions risks with many economic sectors, regions and/or jurisdictions currently or in the future subject to transition risks relating to a greener, lower carbon and less polluting economic model. Sectors, regions, businesses and technologies which are carbon-intensive, higher polluting or are otherwise not environmentally sustainable may suffer from a significant fall in demand and/or obsolescence, resulting in stranded assets the value of which is significantly reduced or entirely lost. Social risks may be internal or external to an issuer and are associated with employees, local communities, customers or populations of companies or countries and regions. Governance risks are associated with the quality, effectiveness and process for the oversight of day to day management of companies and issuers.

Loss of investment value following a sustainability risk may occur in numerous ways. For investments in a corporate issuer, losses may result from damage to its reputation with a consequential fall in demand for its products or services, loss of key personnel, exclusion from potential business opportunities, increased costs of doing business and/or increased cost of capital. Laws, regulations and industry norms play a significant role in controlling the impact of sustainability factors on many industries, particularly in respect of environmental and social factors. Any changes in such measures, such as increasingly stringent environmental or health and safety laws, can have a material impact on the operations, costs and profitability of businesses. A corporate may also suffer the impact of fines and other regulatory sanctions. The time and resources of the corporate's management team may be diverted from furthering its business and be absorbed seeking to deal with the sustainability risk, including changes to business practices and dealing with investigations and litigation. Sustainability risks may also give rise to loss of assets and/or physical loss including damage to real estate and infrastructure. The utility and value of assets held by businesses to which the Fund is exposed may also be adversely impacted by a sustainability risk. Further, certain industries face considerable scrutiny from regulatory authorities, non-governmental organisations and special interest groups in respect of their impact on sustainability, which may cause affected industries to make material changes to their business practices which can increase costs and result in a material negative impact on the profitability of businesses. Such scrutiny may also materially impact the consumer demand for a business's products and services which may result in a material loss in value of an investment linked to such businesses.

Sustainability risks are relevant as both standalone risks and as cross-cutting risks which manifest through many other risk types which are relevant to the assets of the Fund. For example, the occurrence of a sustainability risk can give rise to financial and business risk, including through a negative impact on the creditworthiness of other businesses.

## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The Directors, the Investment Manager, the Investment Advisers, the Depositary and the Administrator and/or their respective affiliates, members or any person connected with them may from time to time act as investment manager, manager, depositary, registrar, broker, administrator, investment advisor, distributor or dealer in relation to, or be otherwise involved in, other investment funds which have similar or different objectives to those of the Fund. It is, therefore, possible that any of them may, in the course of business, have potential conflicts of interest with the Fund. Each will, at all times, have regard in such event to its obligations to the Fund, as the case may be, and will endeavour to ensure that such conflicts are resolved fairly. In addition, subject to applicable law, any of the foregoing may deal, as principal or agent, with the Fund, provided that such dealings are carried out as if effected on normal commercial terms negotiated on an arm's length basis and are in the best interests of shareholders. Any of the Directors, the Investment Manager, the Investment Advisers, the Depositary and the Administrator and/or their respective members, directors or employees may deal with the Fund as principal or as agent, provided that:

(A) there is obtained a certified valuation of the transaction by a person approved by the Depositary (or the Directors in the case of a transaction with the Depositary) as independent and competent; or

(B) the transaction is executed on best terms on an organised investment exchange in accordance with the rules of such exchange; or

(C) where (A) and (B) are not practical, execution is on terms which the Depositary (or the Directors in the case of a transaction with the Depositary) is satisfied conforms with the principle that the transaction is in the best interest of the Shareholders and is carried out as if effected on normal commercial terms negotiated at arm's length.

The Investment Manager or any of its affiliates or any person connected with them may invest in, directly or indirectly, or manage or advise other investment funds or accounts which invest in assets which may also be purchased or sold by the Fund. Neither the Investment Manager nor any of its affiliates nor any person connected with them is under any obligation to offer investment opportunities of which any of them becomes aware to the Fund or to account to the Fund in respect of (or share with the Fund or inform the Fund of) any such transaction or any benefit received by any of them from any such transaction, but will allocate such opportunities on an equitable basis between the Fund and other clients.

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

The foregoing does not purport to be a complete list of all potential conflicts of interest involved in an investment in the Fund.

The Directors will seek to ensure that any conflict of interest of which they are aware is resolved fairly.

## USE OF DEALING COMMISSIONS

The Investment Manager is required to comply with the requirements of MiFID II in relation to the use of dealing commissions.

The Investment Manager may use full service execution brokers who may, in addition to routine order execution, facilitate the provision of research to the Investment Manager either from the broker itself or a third party research provider ("third party research").

However, where the Investment Manager wishes to purchase third party research other than with its own funds, it may do so by establishing a research payment account. A research payment account will be funded with a specific research charge to the Fund which will be deducted from the resources of the Fund over the year. The research charge will be based on a written policy and an annual budget set by the Investment Manager based on a reasonable assessment of the need for third party research.

The Investment Manager may delegate the administration of the research payment account to a third party and arrange for payment of the research charge into the research payment account in such manner as it considers appropriate. This may include collecting the charge alongside transaction commission payments made by the Investment Manager to execution brokers. The subsequent allocation of the research budget in the purchase of third party research will be subject to appropriate controls and oversight by the Investment Manager designed to ensure that the budget is managed and used in the best interests of the Fund and the Shareholders and will include regularly assessing the quality of the research purchased.

In the event the Investment Manager wishes to purchase third party research other than with its own funds, the Investment Manager will provide the Fund with information on the amount budgeted for research, the estimated research charge to be allocated to the Fund, the frequency with which it will be deducted and any subsequent increases in the budget. On an annual basis it will also provide information on the actual costs incurred for such third party research. The Investment Manager will also provide the Fund and Shareholders with disclosure in relation to such arrangement upon request.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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

- (A) The Fund was incorporated in Ireland on 27 November 2007 as an investment company with variable capital with limited liability under registration number 449784.
- (B) The registered office of the Fund is as stated in the "Directory" section of the Prospectus.
- (C) Clause 3 of the Constitution provides that the Fund's sole object is the collective investment in either or both transferable securities and other liquid financial assets referred to in the UCITS Regulations of capital raised from the public and the Fund operates on the principle of risk spreading.

(D) The authorised share capital of the Fund is 500,000,000,000 Shares of no par value and €300,002 divided into 300,002 redeemable non-participating shares of €1.00 each. Non-participating shares do not entitle the holders thereof to any dividend and on a winding up entitle the holders thereof to receive the amount paid up thereon but do not otherwise entitle them to participate in the assets of the Fund. The Directors have the power to allot Shares in the capital of the Fund on such terms and in such manner as they may think fit. There are two non-participating shares currently in issue which were taken by the subscribers to the Fund and are held by the Investment Manager or nominees of the Investment Manager.

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

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

# 3. Voting Rights

The following rules relating to voting rights apply:

- (A) Fractions of Voting Shares do not carry voting rights.
- (B) Every holder of Voting Shares or holder of non-participating Voting Shares present in person or by proxy who votes on a show of hands shall be entitled to one vote.
- (C) The chairman of a general meeting of a Class of Voting Shares or any holder of Voting Shares of a Class present in person or by proxy at a meeting of a Voting Class may demand a poll. The chairman of a general meeting of the Fund or at least two members present in person or by proxy or any holder of Voting Shares or holders of Voting Shares present in person or by proxy representing at least one tenth of the Voting Shares in issue having the right to vote at such meeting may demand a poll.
- (D) On a poll every holder of Voting Shares present in person or by proxy shall be entitled to one vote in respect of each Voting Share held by him and every holder of non-participating Voting Shares shall be entitled to one vote in respect of all nonparticipating Voting Shares held by him. A holder of Voting Shares entitled to more

than one vote need not cast all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.

- (E) In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is demanded shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- (F) Any person (whether a holder of Voting Shares or not) may be appointed to act as a proxy; a holder of Voting Shares may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion.
- (G) Any instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the registered office, not less than 48 hours before the meeting or at such other place and by such time as is specified in the notice convening the meeting. The Directors may at the expense of the Fund send by post or otherwise to the holders of Voting Shares instruments of proxy (with or without prepaid postage for their return) and may either leave blank the appointment of the proxy or nominate one or more of the Directors or any other person to act as proxy.
- (H) To be passed, ordinary resolutions of the Fund or of the holders of Voting Shares of a particular Class will require a simple majority of the votes cast by the holders of Voting Shares voting in person or by proxy at the meeting at which the resolution is proposed. Special resolutions of the Fund or of the holders of Voting Shares of a particular Class will require a majority of not less than 75 per cent of the holders of Voting Shares present in person or by proxy and voting in general meeting in order to pass a special resolution including a resolution to amend the Constitution.
- (I) the Directors may establish a class or classes of participating shares of the Fund the holders of which Shares shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend, speak at but not vote on any resolution proposed thereat. In applying for participating shares in such a class, an applicant shall acknowledge that he is investing in a Class which does not carry rights to vote at general meetings of the Fund.

# 4. Rights of Management Shares

Management Shares rank pari passu with all the other Classes in issue in all respects save that no Investment Management Fees or Performance Fees will be payable by the Fund to the Investment Manager in respect of the assets attributable to the Management Shares. Management Shares may only be issued by the Fund to (i) the Investment Manager or any of its members or employees, (ii) (i) an Investment Adviser or any of its members or employees, (iii) any person connected with any such person (including, without limitation, a trustee of a trust established by or for such a person), (iv) any company, partnership or other person or entity controlled by or which is the controller of any such persons, (v) any nominee of any of the foregoing, (vi) any Shareholder who enters into an agreement with the Investment Manager whereby the Shareholder has appointed the Investment Manager to carry out investment management or advisory services on its behalf or, (vii) any other person as the Directors may from time to time determine. The Directors shall determine, in their sole discretion, a person's eligibility to subscribe for Management Shares.

# 5. Rights of Non-Voting Shares

The holders of Shares which are designated as Non-Voting Shares shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and speak at all general meetings of the Fund but not to vote on any resolution proposed

thereat. In applying for Non-Voting Shares, prospective investors shall acknowledge that they are investing in a Class which does not carry rights to vote at general meetings of the Fund.

The holders of Non-Voting Shares may exchange their entire holding for the equivalent Class of Voting Shares without incurring any preliminary, redemption or exchanging fee in accordance with the requirements relating to exchanging between classes.

## 6. Meetings

The Directors may convene extraordinary general meetings of the Fund at any time.

Not less than 21 calendar days' notice of every annual general meeting and any meeting convened for the passing of a special resolution must be given to holders of Voting Shares and 14 calendar days' notice must be given in the case of any other general meeting.

Two Members present either in person or by proxy shall be a quorum for a general meeting provided that the quorum for a general meeting convened to consider any alteration to the Class rights of Voting Shares shall be two holders of Voting Shares holding or representing by proxy at least one third of the issued Voting Shares of the relevant Class. If within half an hour after the time appointed for a meeting a quorum is not present the meeting, if convened on the requisition of or by holders of Voting Shares, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same time, day and place in the next week or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Directors may determine and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the Members present shall be a quorum and in the case of a meeting of a Class convened to consider the variation of rights of Shareholders in such Class the quorum shall be one holder of Voting Shares holding Voting Shares of the Class in question or his proxy. All general meetings will be held in Ireland.

The foregoing provisions with respect to the convening and conduct of meetings shall save as otherwise specified with respect to meetings of Classes and, subject to the Companies Acts 1963-2013, have effect with respect to separate meetings of each Class at which a resolution varying the rights of Shareholders in such Class is tabled.

## 7. Reports and Accounts

The financial year of each of the Fund will end on 31 December in each year.

An annual report and audited financial statements for the Fund in respect of each financial year prepared in accordance with IFRS will be sent to Shareholders as soon as practicable and in any event within four months of the end of the Fund's financial year.

The Fund will prepare and circulate to Shareholders within two months of the end of the relevant period a half-yearly report which will include unaudited accounts for the Fund.

Audited annual financial statements and half yearly reports of the Fund incorporating unaudited accounts may be obtained, together with the Constitution of the Fund, at the offices of the Administrator and at the registered office of the Fund.

## 8. Remuneration Policy

The Fund has approved a remuneration policy (the "Remuneration Policy"), which applies to remuneration of any type paid by the Fund including in certain circumstances and to certain persons prescribed by the Regulations. Through the implementation of the Remuneration Policy, the Fund

will ensure good corporate governance and promote sound and effective risk management. Specifically, it will ensure that risk taking which would be considered inconsistent with the risk profile of the Fund, the Constitution and this Prospectus is not encouraged.

The Fund will ensure that related decisions are consistent with the overall business strategy, objectives, values and interests of the Fund and to try to avoid any conflicts of interest which may arise. While the total annual remuneration of each member of identified staff as set out in the Remuneration Policy, may contain both a fixed remuneration (i.e. in the form of a directorships fee or salary) and a performance related component, the Fund does not currently pay any performance-related remuneration.

The Remuneration Policy will comply with the ESMA Remuneration Guidelines.

The Fund will be held ultimately responsible for the implementation of the Remuneration Policy and will ensure that the remuneration policy is reviewed annually. The Remuneration Policy is available at www.cqs.com and a paper copy will be provided free of charge upon request.

#### 9. Directors

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

- (A) Unless otherwise determined by an ordinary resolution of the Fund in a general meeting, the number of Directors shall not be less than two nor more than nine.
- (B) A Director need not be a Shareholder.
- (C) The Constitution contain no provisions requiring Directors to retire on attaining a particular age or to retire on rotation.
- (D) A Director may vote and be counted in the quorum at a meeting to consider the appointment or the fixing or variation of the terms of appointment of any Director to any office or employment with the Fund or any Fund in which the Fund is interested, but a Director may not vote or be counted in the quorum on a resolution concerning his own appointment.
- (E) The Directors of the Fund for the time being are entitled to such remuneration as may be determined by the Directors and disclosed in the Prospectus under "Directors' Fees" under "Fees and Expenses" and may be reimbursed all reasonable travel, hotel and other expenses incurred in connection with the business of the Fund or the discharge of their duties and may be entitled to additional remuneration if called upon to perform any special or extra services to or at the request of the Fund.
- (F) A Director may hold any other office or place of profit under the Fund, other than the office of Auditor, in conjunction with his office of Director on such terms as to tenure of office or otherwise as the Directors may determine.
- (G) No Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Fund as vendor, purchaser or otherwise, nor shall any contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the Fund in which any Director is in any way interested be liable to be avoided, nor shall any Director who is so interested be liable to account to the Fund for any profit realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of such Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established,

but the nature of his interest must be declared by him at the meeting of the Directors at which the proposal to enter into the contract or agreement is first considered or, if the Director in question was not at the date of that meeting interested in the proposed contract or arrangement, at the next Directors' meeting held after he becomes so interested. A general notice in writing given to the Directors by any Director to the effect that he is a member of any specified Fund or firm and is to be regarded as interested in any contract or arrangement which may thereafter be made with that Fund or firm is deemed to be a sufficient declaration of interest in relation to any contract or arrangement so made.

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

## 10. Directors' Interests

The interests of the Directors and their interests in companies associated with the management, administration, promotion and marketing of the Fund and the Shares are set out below:

- (A) There are no existing or proposed service agreements between the Fund and any of the Directors.
- (B) The Directors or companies of which they are officers or employees, including the Investment Manager, may subscribe for Shares in the Fund. Their applications for Shares will rank pari passu with all other applications. As at the date of this Prospectus, save as described herein, none of the Directors, nor any connected person has or intends to have an interest (direct or indirect) in the Shares of the Fund.
- (C) Save as disclosed herein, no Director has any interest, direct or indirect, in the promotion of or in any assets which are proposed to be acquired, disposed of by or leased to the Fund and no Director has a material interest in any contract or arrangement entered into by the Fund which is unusual in nature or conditions or significant in relation to the business of the Fund.
- (D) No Director has: (i) any unspent convictions in relation to indictable offences; or (ii) been bankrupt or the subject of an involuntary arrangement, or has had a receiver appointed to any asset of such Director; or (iii) been a director of any Fund which, while he was a director with an executive function or within twelve months after he ceased to be a director with an executive function, had a receiver appointed or went into compulsory liquidation, creditors voluntary liquidation, administration or Fund voluntary arrangements, or made any composition or arrangements with its creditors generally or with any class of its creditors; or (iv) been a partner of any partnership, which while he was a partner or within twelve months after he ceased to be a partner, went into compulsory liquidation, administration or partnership voluntary arrangement, or had a receiver appointed to any partnership asset; (v) had any public criticism by statutory or regulatory authorities (including recognised professional bodies); or (vi) been disqualified by a court from acting as a director or from acting in the management or conduct of affairs of any Fund.

# 11. Winding Up

- (A) The Fund may be wound up if:
  - 1. At any time after the first anniversary of the incorporation of the Fund, the Net Asset Value of the Fund falls below €10 million on each Dealing Day for a period of six consecutive weeks and the Shareholders resolve by ordinary resolution to wind up the Fund;
  - 2. Within a period of three months from the date on which (a) the Depositary notifies the Fund of its desire to retire in accordance with the terms of the Depositary Agreement and has not withdrawn notice of its intention to so retire, (b) the appointment of the Depositary is terminated by the Fund in accordance with the terms of the Depositary Agreement, or (c) the Depositary ceases to be approved by the Central Bank to act as a Depositary; no new Depositary has been appointed, the Directors shall instruct the Secretary to forthwith convene an extraordinary general

meeting of the Fund at which there shall be proposed an ordinary resolution to wind up the Fund;

- 3. The Shareholders resolve by ordinary resolution that the Fund by reason of its liabilities cannot continue its business and that it be wound up;
- 4. The Shareholders resolve by special resolution to wind up the Fund.
- (B) In the event of a winding up, the liquidator shall apply the assets of the Fund in such manner and order as he thinks fit in satisfaction of creditors' claims.
- (C) The liquidator shall in relation to the assets available for distribution among Shareholders make such transfers thereof to and from the Classes as may be necessary in order that the effective burden of creditors' claims may be shared between the Shareholders of different Classes in such proportions as the liquidator in his discretion deems equitable.
- (D) The assets available for distribution among the Shareholders shall be applied in the following priority:
  - 1. firstly, in the payment to the Shareholders of each Class of a sum in the base currency (or in any other currency selected and at such rate of exchange as determined by the liquidator) as nearly as possible equal to the Net Asset Value of the Shares of the relevant Class held by such Shareholders respectively as at the date of commencement of winding up;
  - 2. secondly, in the payment to the Shareholders of each Class of any balance then remaining in the Fund, in proportion to the number of Shares held in the relevant Class; and
  - 3. thirdly, any balance then remaining and not attributable to any Class shall be apportioned between the Classes pro-rata to the Net Asset Value of the Fund or attributable to each Class immediately prior to any distribution to Shareholders and the amounts so apportioned shall be paid to Shareholders pro-rata to the number of Shares in the Class held by them.
- (E) The liquidator may, with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Fund, divide among the Shareholders (pro rata to the value of their respective shareholdings in the Fund) in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Fund and whether or not the assets shall consist of property of a single kind provided that any Shareholder shall be entitled to request the sale of any asset or assets proposed to be so distributed and the distribution to such Shareholder of the cash proceeds of such sale. The costs of any such sale shall be borne by the relevant Shareholder. The liquidator may, with like authority, vest any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of Shareholders as the liquidator shall think fit and the liquidation of the Fund may be closed and the Fund dissolved, provided that no Shareholder shall be compelled to accept any asset in respect of which there is any liability. Further the liquidator may with like authority transfer the whole or part of the assets of the Fund to a fund or collective investment scheme (the "Transferee Fund") on terms that Shareholders in the Fund shall receive from the Transferee Fund shares or units in the Transferee Fund of equivalent value to their shareholdings in the Fund.

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

## 12. Indemnities and Insurance

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

The Investment Manager shall be indemnified with Professional Indemnity insurance. This is also known as Error and Omissions insurance. Provides cover on a civil liability basis for the Investment Manager and their directors, partners and employees for claims arising from professional services provided to or on behalf of the Fund.

#### 13. Material Contracts

The following contracts, not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, have been entered into by the Fund and are, or may be, material:

- The Investment Management Agreement, whereby the Investment Manager has (A) been appointed the responsibility for managing the investments of the Fund. The Investment Management Agreement will continue in force until terminated by either party on 90 calendar days' notice in writing to the other party. It may be terminated forthwith by either party on immediate written notice if the other party commits any material breach of its obligations and fails to remedy the breach within 30 calendar days of receipt of written notice requiring the same, or if the other party is dissolved or otherwise enters into insolvency proceedings. The Investment Manager will not be liable for any loss suffered by the Fund in connection with the performance or non-performance of its obligations and duties under the Investment Management Agreement in the absence of fraud, wilful default or negligence on the part of the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager has agreed to indemnify the Fund against all liabilities incurred by it arising out of fraud, wilful default or negligence on the part of the Investment Manager in the performance or non-performance of its obligations and duties.
- (B) The Distribution Agreement whereby the Fund appointed the Investment Manager as a non-exclusive distribution agent to solicit subscriptions for Shares and with the power to appoint sales agents. The Distribution Agreement contains provisions indemnifying and exempting the Investment Manager from liability not due to its own fraud, wilful default or negligence. It may be terminated by 60 calendar days' notice in writing given by the Fund to the Investment Manager or vice versa, forthwith by either party on written notice if the other party commits any material breach of its obligations and duties and fails to remedy the breach within 30

calendar days of receipt of notice requiring the same, and automatically if either party goes into liquidation or otherwise enters into insolvency proceedings.

- (C) An Administration Agreement dated 31 August 2016 between (1) the Fund and (2) the Administrator whereby the Administrator was appointed to act as administrator, registrar and transfer agent of the Fund and to perform certain administrative services (including Fund secretarial services) for the Fund. The Administration Agreement, will continue in force until terminated by any party on not less than 90 calendar days' notice in writing to the other parties (or earlier if the parties agree) and may be terminated forthwith by any party by notice in writing to the other parties if any party shall (i) commit any material breach of the Administration Agreement, or commit persistent breaches of the Administration Agreement, which is or are either incapable of remedy or have not been remedied within 30 calendar days of the service of a notice requiring it or them to be to remedied; (ii) be unable to pay its debts as they fall due or otherwise become insolvent or enter into any composition or arrangement with or for the benefit of its creditors or any class thereof; (iii) be the subject of any petition for the appointment of an examiner, administrator, trustee, official assignee or similar officer to it or in respect of its affairs or assets; (iv) have a receiver appointed over all or any substantial part of its undertaking, assets or revenues; (v) be the subject of an effective resolution for its winding up except in relation to a voluntary winding up for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation upon terms previously approved in writing by the other parties; or (vi) be the subject of a court order for its winding up or liquidation. The Administration Agreement, provides that the Administrator shall not be liable to the Fund for any acts or omissions in the course of or in connection its services in the absence of fraud, negligence or wilful default. In addition, the Fund have agreed to indemnify the Administrator from and against any loss in the performance of its services in the absence of fraud, negligence or wilful default.
- (D) A Depositary Agreement dated 31 August 2016 between (1) the Fund and (2) the Depositary whereby the Fund appointed the Depositary as depositary to the Fund.
  - (i) The Depositary Agreement may be terminated by either party on not less than 90 days' written notice. In addition, the Depositary Agreement may be terminated immediately: (i) if either party commits any breach of the provisions of the Depositary Agreement and fails to remedy that breach (provided the breach is capable of being remedied) within 30 days of receipt of notice service by the other party requiring it to do so; or (ii) in the event of a winding up (except for voluntary liquidation for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation upon terms previously approved in writing by the non-defaulting parties) of or the appointment of an examiner or receiver to the other or upon the happening of a like event whether at the discretion of an appropriate regulatory agency or court of competent jurisdiction or otherwise; or (iii) if the Depositary ceases to be permitted to act as a Depositary under Irish law or (iv) if a resolution or order is passed to wind up the other party, an examiner is appointed or a receiver is appointed over all or any of the assets of the other party, or the Depositary is otherwise no longer permitted to perform its obligations under the Depositary Agreement.
  - (ii) The Depositary may not retire or be removed from office until a new depositary approved by the Central Bank is appointed as a replacement.
     If no depositary has been appointed within a period of three months from

the date on which the Depositary notifies the Fund of its intention to retire or from the date on which the Fund notifies the Depositary of its desire to terminate its appointment, then (a) a general meeting will be convened at which an ordinary resolution, or such a resolution passed by such majority as specified in the Instrument, to wind up or otherwise dissolve the Fund is proposed; and (b) the appointment of the Depositary may be terminated only upon the revocation of the Fund's authorisation by the Central Bank.

- (iii) The Depositary is liable for any loss suffered by the Fund in respect or the Shareholders as a result of the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations under the Regulations. In the event of the loss of a financial instrument held in custody, the Depositary must return a financial instrument of identical type or the corresponding amount to the Fund. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of such a loss, the Depositary will not be liable if it can prove that such loss has arisen as result of an external event beyond the reasonable control of the Depositary, the consequences of which are unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary.
- (iv) The Depositary Agreement contains an indemnity in favour of the Depositary, or its agents or affiliates, against any and all losses of any kind or nature arising directly or indirectly out of the matters more particularly described in the Depositary Agreement (e.g. any custody risk or segregation risk identified by the Depositary, the execution or failure to execute authorised instructions, actions, proceedings and claims which may be brought against the Depositary and any delay or misdelivery or error in transmitting authorised instructions where the Depositary has acted in good faith) save for the Depositary's unjustifiable failure to perform its obligations or its improper performance of them.

#### 14. General

- (A) No share or loan capital of the Fund is subject to an option or is agreed, conditionally or unconditionally, to be made the subject of an option.
- (B) The Fund does not intend to purchase or acquire nor agree to purchase or acquire any real property.
- (C) The rights conferred on Shareholders by virtue of their shareholdings are governed by the Constitution, the general law of Ireland, the UCITS Regulations, the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and the Companies Act 2014.
- (D) The Fund is not engaged in any litigation or arbitration and no litigation or claim is known by the Directors to be pending or threatened against the Fund.
- (E) The Fund has no subsidiaries and no employees.
- (F) Dividends which remain unclaimed for six years from the date on which they become payable will be forfeited. On forfeiture such dividends will become part of the assets of the Fund. No dividend or other amount payable to any Shareholder shall bear interest against the Fund.

(G) No person has any preferential right to subscribe for any authorised but unissued capital of the Fund.

#### 15. Beneficial Ownership Regulations

The Fund may also request such information (including by means of statutory notices) as may be required for the establishment and maintenance of the Fund's beneficial ownership register in accordance with the Beneficial Ownership Regulations. It should be noted that a beneficial owner, as defined in the Beneficial Ownership Regulations (a "Beneficial Owner") has, in certain circumstances, obligations to notify the Fund in writing of relevant information as to his/her status as a Beneficial Owner and any changes thereto (including where a Beneficial Owner has ceased to be a Beneficial Owner).

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

## 16. Supply and Inspection of Documents

The following documents may be provided in a durable medium (which shall include in writing and/or by electronic mail) or in an electronic format on a website designated by the Fund for this purpose (www.cqs.com) or such other website as may be notified to Shareholders in advance from time to time). A hard copy of such documents shall be provided to Shareholders on request, free of charge.

- (a) this Prospectus;
- (b) once published, the latest annual and semi-annual reports of the Fund; and
- (c) the Key Investor Information Document(s).

In addition, copies of the following documents may be obtained free of charge from the registered office of the Fund in Ireland during normal business hours, on any Business Day:

- (a) the Constitution; and
- (b) once published, the latest annual and semi-annual reports of the Fund.

An up-to-date version of the KIID shall be made available for access in an electronic format on a website designated by the Fund for this purpose. In the event the Fund proposes to register the Fund for public offering in other Member States, it shall make the following additional documentation available on such website:

- (a) this Prospectus;
- (b) once published, the latest annual and semi-annual reports of the Fund; and

# (c) the Constitution.

The Fund may provide certain additional reports (including in relation to certain performance measures, risk measures or general portfolio information) and/or accounting materials to any current or prospective Shareholders upon request, and, if deemed necessary by the Fund, upon the execution of a confidentiality agreement and/or non-use agreement.

# 17. Data Protection

Prospective Shareholders should note that by completing the application form they are providing personal information, which may constitute "*personal data*" within the meaning of the Data Protection Legislation.

The following indicates the purposes for which Shareholders' personal data may be used by the Fund (and its delegates) and the legal bases for such uses:

- (a) to manage and administer the Shareholder's holding in the Fund and any related accounts on an ongoing basis as required for the performance of the contract between the Fund and the Shareholder and to comply with legal and regulatory requirements;
- (b) where it is necessary for the Fund's legitimate interests (or those of a third party) and the Shareholder's interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests;
- (c) to comply with legal and regulatory obligations.

Shareholders' personal data may be transferred to countries which may not have the same or equivalent data protection laws as Ireland.

If such transfer occurs, the Fund will ensure that such processing of such personal data complies with Data Protection Legislation and, in particular, that appropriate measures are in place, such as entering into model contractual clauses (as published by the European Commission) or ensuring that the recipient is privacy shield certified, if appropriate. If investors require more information on the means of transfer of their data or a copy of the relevant safeguards, please contact the Administrator using the contact details set out in the Application Form.

Pursuant to the Data Protection Legislation, investors have several rights which they may exercise in respect of their personal data, namely:

- (a) the right of access to personal data held by the Fund;
- (b) the right to amend and rectify any inaccuracies in the personal data held by the Fund;
- (c) the right to erase the personal data held by the Fund;
- (d) the right to data portability of the personal data held by the Fund; and
- (e) the right to request restriction on the processing of the personal data held by the Fund.

In addition, Shareholders have the right to object to processing of personal data by the Fund.

The above rights will be exercisable by investors subject to limitations as provided for in the Data Protection Legislation. Shareholders may make a request to the Fund to exercise these rights by contacting the Administrator, using the contact details set out in the Application Form.

Please note that Shareholders' personal data will be retained by the Fund for the duration of their investment and otherwise in accordance with the Fund's legal obligations including, but not limited to, applicable record retention requirements. The Fund is a data controller within the meaning of the Data Protection Legislation and undertakes to hold any personal information provided by investors in confidence and in accordance with the Data Protection Legislation. Note that Shareholders have the right to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner if they believe that the processing of their data has been unlawful.

The Fund as a Data Controller, the Administrator as a Data Processor, the Investment Manager as a Data Processor, the Investment Advisers as Data Processors and the Depositary as a Data Controller within the meaning of Data Protection Legislation, undertake to hold any personal information provided by Shareholders in confidence and in accordance with Data Protection Legislation.

By signing the application form, prospective Shareholders consent to the recording of telephone calls made to and received from Shareholders by the Fund, its delegates, its duly appointed agents and any of their respective related, associated or affiliated companies for record keeping, security and/or training purposes.

#### **APPENDIX 1**

## SUBSCRIPTION AND FEE INFORMATION

Class	Class Currency	Investment Manageme nt Fee (as a percentage of the NAV per Share)	Performan ce Fee	Initial Offer Period Open and Initial Offer Price	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Holding	Hurdle (90 Day LIBOR)
Class A1 Euro Shares (Acc)	Euro	1%	10%	No	€250,000	€1,000	Euro Libor
Class A1 \$ Shares (Acc)	US Dollar	1%	10%	No	\$250,000	\$1,000	US Dollar Libor
Class A1 GBP Shares (Acc)	GBP	1%	10%	No	£250,000	£1,000	GBP Libor
Class A2 Euro Shares (Acc)	Euro	1.5%	10%	No	€250,000	€1,000	Euro Libor
Class A2 \$ Shares (Acc)	US Dollar	1.5%	10%	No	\$250,000	\$1,000	US Dollar Libor
Class A2 GBP Shares (Acc)	GBP	1.5%	10%	No	£250,000	£1,000	GBP Libor
Class C1 Euro Shares (Dis - non income)	Euro	1%	10%	No	€250,000	€1,000	Euro Libor
Class C1 \$ Shares (Dis - non income)	\$	1%	10%	No	\$250,000	\$1,000	US Dollar Libor
Class C1 GBP Shares (Dis - non income)	GBP	1%	10%	No	£250,000	£1,000	GBP Libor
Class C1 Euro Shares (Dis - income)	Euro	1%	10%	No	€250,000	€1,000	Euro Libor
Class C1 \$ Shares (Dis- income)	\$	1%	10%	No	\$250,000	\$1,000	US Dollar Libor
Class C1 GBP Shares (Dis - income)	GBP	1%	10%	No	£250,000	£1,000	GBP Libor
Class C2 Euro Shares (Dis - non income)	Euro	1.5%	<mark>10%</mark>	<mark>€100</mark>	€250,000	<mark>€1,000</mark>	Euro Libor
Class C2 \$ Shares (Dis - non income)	<b>\$</b>	<mark>1.5%</mark>	<mark>10%</mark>	<mark>\$100</mark>	\$250,000	<mark>\$1,000</mark>	US Dollar Libor
Class C2 GBP Shares (Dis - non income)	GBP	1.5%	10%	No	£250,000	£1,000	GBP Libor
Class C2 Euro Shares (Dis - income)	Euro	1.5%	10%	No	€250,000	€1,000	Euro Libor
Class C2 \$ Shares (Dis - income)	\$	1.5%	10%	No	\$250,000	\$1,000	US Dollar Libor

Class	Class Currency	Investment Manageme nt Fee (as a percentage of the NAV per Share)	Performan ce Fee	Initial Offer Period Open and Initial Offer Price	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Holding	Hurdle (90 Day LIBOR)
Class C2 GBP Shares (Dis - income)	GBP	1.5%	10%	No	£250,000	£1,000	GBP Libor
Class D \$ Shares (Acc)	\$	0.9%	10%	No	\$200,000,0 00	\$200,000,0 00	US Dollar Libor
Class E1 Euro Shares (Acc)*	Euro	1%	10%	No	None	None	Euro Libor
Class E1 \$ Shares (Acc)*	\$	1%	10%	No	None	None	US Dollar Libor
Class E1 GBP Shares (Acc)*	GBP	1%	10%	No	None	None	GBP Libor
Class E1 Euro Shares (Dis - income)*	Euro	1%	10%	No	None	None	Euro Libor
Class E1 \$ Shares (Dis - income)*	\$	1%	10%	No	None	None	US Dollar Libor
Class E1 GBP Shares (Dis - income)*	GBP	1%	10%	No	None	None	GBP Libor
Class E2 Euro Shares (Acc)	Euro	1.5%	10%	No	None	None	Euro Libor
Class E2 \$ Shares (Acc)	\$	1.5%	10%	No	None	None	US Dollar Libor
Class E2 GBP Shares (Acc)	GBP	1.5%	10%	No	None	None	GBP Libor
Class E2 Euro Shares (Dis - income)	Euro	<mark>1.5%</mark>	10%	<mark>€100</mark>	None	None	Euro Libor
Class E2 \$ Shares (Dis - income)	S	<mark>1.5%</mark>	10%	<mark>\$100</mark>	None	None	US Dollar Libor
Class E2 GBP Shares (Dis - income)	GBP	1.5%	10%	£100	None	None	GBP Libor
Class E3 Euro Shares (Acc)	Euro	2%	10%	No	None	None	Euro Libor

Class	Class Currency	Investment Manageme nt Fee (as a percentage of the NAV per Share)	Performan ce Fee	Initial Offer Period Open and Initial Offer Price	Minimum Initial Investment	Minimum Holding	Hurdle (90 Day LIBOR)
Class E3 \$ Shares (Acc)	\$	2%	10%	No	None	None	US Dollar Libor
Class E3 GBP Shares (Acc)	GBP	2%	10%	No	None	None	GBP Libor
Class E3 Euro Shares (Dis - income)	Euro	2%	<mark>10%</mark>	<mark>€100</mark>	None	None	Euro Libor
Class E3 \$ Shares (Dis- income)	S	2 <u>%</u>	10%	<mark>\$100</mark>	None	None	US Dollar Libor
Class E3 GBP Shares (Dis - income)	GBP	<mark>2%</mark>	10%	£100	None	None	GBP Libor
Euro Management Shares (Acc)	Euro	N/A	N/A	No	Such amount as the Directors may determine.	€1,000	Euro Libor
\$ Management Shares (Acc)	\$	N/A	N/A	No	Such amount as the Directors may determine.	\$1,000	US Dollar Libor GBP
Management Shares (Acc)	GBP	N/A	N/A	No	Such amount as the Directors may determine.	£1,000	GBP Libor

\*Initial investment in Class E1 Shares is only available to Eligible Investors.

Detailed information in respect of the Investment Management Fee and Performance Fee methodology operating in respect of the relevant Class is set out in the section entitled "Performance Fee".

## **APPENDIX 2**

## DEFINITION OF U.S. PERSON AND U.S. REPORTABLE PERSON

#### U.S. PERSON

A "U.S. Person" for the purposes of this Prospectus is a person who is in either of the following two categories: (a) a person included in the definition of "U.S. person" under Rule 902 Regulation S under the 1933 Act or (b) a person excluded from the definition of a "2Non-United States person" as used in CFTC Rule 4.7. For the avoidance of doubt, a person is excluded from this definition of U.S. Person only if he or it does not satisfy any of the definition of "U.S. person" in Rule 902 and qualifies as a "Non-United States person" under CFTC Rule 4.7.

Regulation S currently provides that:

"U.S. Person" means:

- (a) any natural person resident in the U.S.;
- (b) any partnership or corporation organised or incorporated under the laws of the U.S.;
- (c) any estate of which any executor or administrator is a U.S. Person;
- (d) any trust of which any trustee is a U.S. Person;
- (e) any agency or branch of a non-U.S. entity located in the U.S.;
- (f) any non-discretionary or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary for the benefit or account of a U.S. Person;
- (g) any discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary organised, incorporated or (if an individual) resident in the U.S.; and
- (h) any partnership or corporation if
  - (i) organised or incorporated under the laws of any non-U.S. jurisdiction; and
  - (ii) formed by a U.S. Person principally for the purpose of investing in securities not registered under the 1933 Act, unless it is organised or incorporated, and owned, by accredited investors (as defined under Rule 501(a) under the 1933 Act) who are not natural persons, estates or trusts.
- (i) "U.S. Person" does not include:
  - any discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held for the benefit or account of a non-U.S. Person by a dealer or other professional fiduciary organised, incorporated, or, if an individual, resident in the U.S.;
  - (ii) any estate of which any professional fiduciary acting as executor or administrator is a U.S. Person if (i) an executor or administrator of the

estate who is not a U.S Person has sole or shared investment discretion with respect to the assets of the estate and (ii) the estate is governed by non-U.S. law;

- (iii) any trust of which any professional fiduciary acting as trustee is a U.S. Person if a trustee who is not a U.S. Person has sole or shared investment discretion with respect to the trust assets, and no beneficiary of the trust (and no settlor if the trust is revocable) is a U.S. Person;
- (iv) an employee benefit plan established and administered in accordance with the law of a country other than the U.S. and customary practices and documentation of such country;
- (v) any agency or branch of a U.S. Person located outside the U.S. if (i) the agency or branch operates for valid business reasons and (ii) the agency or branch is engaged in the business of insurance or banking and is subject to substantive insurance or banking regulation, respectively, in the jurisdiction where located;
- (vi) the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the United Nations and their agencies, affiliates and pension plans and any other similar international organisations, their agencies, affiliates and pension plans; and
- (vii) any entity excluded or exempted from the definition of "U.S. Person" in reliance on or with reference to interpretations or positions of the SEC or its staff.

CFTC Rule 4.7 currently provides in relevant part that the following persons are considered "Non-United States persons":

- (a) a natural person who is not a resident of the United States or an enclave of the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities;
- (b) a partnership, corporation or other entity, other than an entity organised principally for passive investment, organised under the laws of a non-U.S. jurisdiction and which has its principal place of business in a non-U.S. jurisdiction;
- (c) an estate or trust, the income of which is not subject to U.S. income tax regardless of source;
- (d) an entity organised principally for passive investment such as a pool, investment company or other similar entity, provided, that units of participation in the entity held by persons who do not qualify as Non-United States persons or otherwise as qualified eligible persons (as defined in CFTC Rule 4.7(a)(2) or (3)) represent in the aggregate less than ten per cent of the beneficial interest in the entity, and that such entity was not formed principally for the purpose of facilitating investment by persons who do not qualify as Non-United States persons in a pool with respect to which the operator is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the CFTC's regulations by virtue of its participants being Non-United States persons; and

(e) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of an entity organised and with its principal place of business outside the United States.

## Definition of the Term "Resident" For Purposes of Regulation S

For purposes of the definition of "U.S. Person" in (1) above with respect to natural persons, a natural person shall be resident in the U.S. if such person (i) holds an Alien Registration Card (a "green card") issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service or (ii) meets a "substantial presence test." The "substantial presence" test is generally met with respect to any current calendar year if (i) the individual was present in the U.S. on at least 31 days during such year and (ii) the sum of the number of days on which such individual was present in the U.S. during the current year, 1/3 of the number of such days during the first preceding year, and 1/6 of the number of such days during the second preceding year, equals or exceeds 180 days.

# U.S. TAXPAYER

"U.S. Taxpayer" means:

- (a) a U.S. citizen or resident alien of the United States (as defined for U.S. federal income tax purposes);
- (b) any entity treated as a partnership or corporation for U.S. federal tax purposes that is created or organized in, or under the laws of, the United States or any state thereof (including the District of Columbia);
- (c) any other partnership that is treated as a U.S. Person under U.S. Treasury Department regulations;
- (d) any estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. income taxation regardless of source; and
- (e) any trust over whose administration a court within the United States has primary supervision and all substantial decisions of which are under the control of one or more U.S. fiduciaries. Persons who have lost their U.S. citizenship and who live outside the U.S. may nonetheless, in some circumstances, be treated as U.S. Taxpayers.

An investor may be a U.S. Taxpayer for Federal income tax purposes but not a "U.S. Person" for purposes of investor qualification for the Fund. For example, an individual who is a U.S. citizen residing outside of the U.S. is not a "U.S. Person" but is a U.S. Taxpayer for Federal income tax purposes.

# **APPENDIX 3**

#### INVESTMENT AND BORROWING POWERS

#### 1. **PERMITTED INVESTMENTS**

Investments of the Fund are confined to:

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

#### 2. INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

- 2.1. The Fund may invest no more than 10 per cent of net assets in transferable securities and Money Market Instruments other than those referred to in paragraph 1.
- 2.2. The Fund may invest no more than 10 per cent of net assets in recently issued transferable securities which will be admitted to official listing on a stock exchange or other market (as described in paragraph 1.1) within a year. This restriction will not apply in relation to investment by the UCITS in certain US securities known as Rule 144A securities provided that:
  - (a) the securities are issued with an undertaking to register with the US Securities and Exchanges Commission within one year of issue; and
  - (b) the securities are not illiquid securities i.e. they may be realised by the Fund under normal market conditions within 7 calendar days at the price, or approximately at the price, at which they are valued by the Fund.
- 2.3. The Fund may invest no more than 10 per cent of net assets in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same body provided that the total value of transferable securities and money market instruments held in the issuing bodies in each of which it invests more than 5 per cent is less than 40 per cent.
- 2.4. Subject to the prior approval of the Central Bank the limit of 10 per cent (in 2.3) is raised to 25 per cent in the case of bonds that are issued by a credit institution which has its registered office in a Member State and is subject by law to special public supervision designed to protect bond-holders. If the Fund invests more than 5 per cent of its net assets in these

bonds issued by one issuer, the total value of these investments may not exceed 80 per cent of the net asset value of the Fund.

- 2.5. The limit of 10 per cent (in 2.3) is raised to 35 per cent if the transferable securities or money market instruments are issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities or by a non-Member State or public international body of which one or more Member States are members.
- 2.6. The transferable securities and money market instruments referred to in 2.4 and 2.5 shall not be taken into account for the purpose of applying the limit of 40 per cent referred to in 2.3.
- 2.7. The Fund may not invest more than 20 per cent of net assets in deposits made with the same body.
- 2.8. The risk exposure of the Fund to a counterparty to an OTC FDI may not exceed 5 per cent of net assets.

This limit is raised to 10 per cent in the case of credit institutions authorised in the EEA or credit institutions authorised within a signatory state (other than an EEA State) to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1988; or a credit institution authorised in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Australia or New Zealand.

- 2.9. Notwithstanding paragraphs 2.3, 2.7 and 2.8 above, a combination of two or more of the following issued by, or made or undertaken with, the same body may not exceed 20 per cent of net assets:
  - (a) investments in transferable securities or money market instruments;
  - (b) deposits, and/or
  - (c) counterparty risk exposures arising from OTC FDI transactions.
- 2.10. The limits referred to in 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 above may not be combined, so that exposure to a single body shall not exceed 35 per cent of net assets.
- 2.11. Group companies are regarded as a single issuer for the purposes of 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9. However, a limit of 20 per cent of net assets may be applied to investment in transferable securities and money market instruments within the same group.
- 2.12. The Fund may invest up to 100 per cent of net assets in different transferable securities and Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed by any Member State, its local authorities, non-Member States or public international body of which one or more Member States are members. (See Appendix 6).

The individual issuers must be listed in the Prospectus and may be drawn from the following list: OECD Governments (provided the relevant issues are investment grade), Government of Brazil (provided the issuers are of investment grade), Government of India (provided the issuers 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.

The Fund must hold securities from at least 6 different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30 per cent of net assets

## 3. INVESTMENT IN COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES ("CIS")

- 3.1. The Fund may not invest more than 10 per cent in aggregate in CIS.
- 3.2. Investment in non-UCITS may not, in aggregate, exceed 30 per cent of net assets.
- 3.3. The CIS in which the Fund invests must be prohibited from investing more than 10 per cent of net assets in other open-ended CIS.
- 3.4. When the Fund invests in the units of other CIS (a) that are managed directly or indirectly by the Investment Manager or the Fund or (b) managed by an affiliate, i.e. an entity (i) under common management, (ii) under common control or (iii) in which the Investment Manager or the Fund holds directly or indirectly more that 10 per cent of the capital or voting rights, that management company or other company may not charge subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of the Fund's investment in the units of such other CIS and will charge a reduced management fee of 0.25 per cent at most.
- 3.5. When the Fund invests in the units of other CIS that are managed, directly or by delegation, by the UCITS or by any other company with which the UCITS is linked by common management or control, or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, that management company or other company may not charge subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of the Fund's investment in the units of such other CIS.
- 3.6. Where by virtue of investment in the units of another investment fund, a responsible person, an investment manager or an investment advisor receives a commission on behalf of the Fund (including a rebated commission), the responsible person shall ensure that the relevant commission is paid into the property of the Fund.

## 4. INDEX TRACKING UCITS

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

## 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 5.1. An investment Company, or management Company acting in connection with all of the CIS it manages, may not acquire any shares carrying voting rights which would enable it to exercise significant influence over the management of an issuing body.
- 5.2. The Fund may acquire no more than:

- (a) 10 per cent of the non-voting shares of any single issuing body;
- (b) 10 per cent of the debt securities of any single issuing body;
- (c) 25 per cent of the units of any single CIS;
- (d) 10 per cent of the Money Market Instruments of any single issuing body.

NOTE: The limits laid down in (B), (C) and (D) above may be disregarded at the time of acquisition if at that time the gross amount of the debt securities or of the money market instruments, or the net amount of the securities in issue cannot be calculated.

- 5.3. 5.1 and 5.2 shall not be applicable to:
  - (a) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities;
  - (b) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a non-Member State;
  - (c) transferable securities and money market instruments issued by public international bodies of which one or more Member States are members;
  - (d) shares held by the Fund in the capital of a company incorporated in a non-Member State which invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuing bodies having their registered offices in that Member State, where under the legislation of that Member State such a holding represents the only way in which the Fund can invest in the securities of issuing bodies of that State. This waiver is applicable only if in its investment policies the Fund from the non-Member State complies with the limits laid down in 2.3 to 2.11, 3.1, 3.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5 and 5.6, and provided that where these limits are exceeded, paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6 below are observed.
  - (e) Shares held by an investment company or investment companies in the capital of subsidiary companies carrying on only the business of management, advice or marketing in the country where the subsidiary is located, in regard to the repurchase of units at unit-holders' request exclusively on their behalf.
- 5.4. The Fund need not comply with the investment restrictions herein when exercising subscription rights attaching to transferable securities or money market instruments which form part of its assets.
- 5.5. The Central Bank may allow recently authorised UCITS to derogate from the provisions of 2.3 to 2.12, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1 and 4.2 for six months following the date of their authorisation, provided they observe the principle of risk spreading.
- 5.6. If the limits laid down herein are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of the Fund, or as a result of the exercise of subscription rights, the Fund must adopt as a priority objective for its sales transactions the remedying of that situation, taking due account of the interests of its Shareholders.
- 5.7. The Fund may carry out uncovered sales of:
  - transferable securities;

- money market instruments\*;
- units of CIS; or
- financial derivative instruments.
- 5.8. The Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets.

## 6. FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS ('FDIS')

- 6.1. The global exposure (as prescribed in the UCITS Regulations) of the Fund relating to FDI must not exceed its total Net Asset Value.
- 6.2. Position exposure to the underlying assets of FDI, including embedded FDI in transferable securities or money market instruments, when combined where relevant with positions resulting from direct investments, may not exceed the investment limits set out in the UCITS Rules. (This provision does not apply in the case of index based FDI provided the underlying index is one which meets with the criteria set out in the UCITS Rules.)
- 6.3. The Fund may invest in FDIs dealt in OTC provided that the counterparties to OTC transactions are institutions subject to prudential supervision and belonging to categories approved by the Central Bank.
- 6.4. Investment in FDIs is subject to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank.

## 7. RESTRICTIONS ON BORROWING AND LENDING

- 7.1. The Fund may borrow in respect of any Fund up to 10 per cent of its Net Asset Value provided such borrowing is on a temporary basis. The Fund may charge its assets as security for such borrowings.
- 7.2. The Fund may acquire foreign currency by means of a "back to back" loan agreement. Foreign currency obtained in this manner is not classified as borrowing for the purposes of the borrowing restrictions set out at (a) above provided that the offsetting deposit:
  - (a) is denominated in the base currency of the Fund; and
  - (b) equals or exceeds the value of the foreign currency loan outstanding.
- 7.3. The Fund will adhere to any investment or borrowing restrictions and any criteria necessary to obtain and/or maintain any credit rating in respect of any Shares or Class in the Fund, subject to the UCITS Regulations.
- 7.4. It is intended that the Fund shall have the power (subject to the prior approval of the Central Bank) to avail itself of any change in the investment and borrowing restrictions laid down in the UCITS Regulations which would permit investment by the Fund in securities, derivative instruments or in any other forms of investment in which investment is at the date of this Prospectus restricted or prohibited under the UCITS Regulations including the provisions of the Eligible Assets Directive prior to their implementation into Irish law.

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

## **APPENDIX 4**

#### STOCK EXCHANGES AND REGULATED MARKETS

The following is a list of regulated stock exchanges and markets in which the assets of each Fund may be invested from time to time and is set out in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements. With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities and open-ended collective investment schemes investment by each Fund is restricted to these stock exchanges and markets. The Central Bank does not issue a list of approved stock exchanges or markets.

- (a) without restriction in any stock exchange which is:
- located in any Member State of the European Union (except Malta); or
- located in a Member State of the EEA
- located in any of the following countries:- Australia

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

(b) without restriction in any of the following:-

Abu Dhabi Securities Market Abu Dhabi Argentina Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires Argentina Mercado Abierto Electronico S.A. Bahrain **Bahrain Bourse** Bangladesh **Dhaka Stock Exchange** Chittagong Stock Exchange Ltd. Bangladesh Botswana Stock Exchange Botswana Rio de Janeiro Stock Exchange Brazil Brazil BM&F BOVESPA S.A. Bolsa de Comercio de Santiago Chile Chile Bolsa Electronica de Chile China, Peoples' Republic of Shanghai Stock Exchange China, Peoples' Republic of Shenzhen Stock Exchange Bolsa de Valores de Colombia Colombia Zagreb Stock Exchange Croatia Dubai **Dubai International Financial Exchange** Egyptian Exchange Eavpt Ghana Stock Exchange Ghana India Bombay Stock Exchange, Ltd. India National Stock Exchange Indonesia Indonesia Stock Exchange Israel Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange Amman Stock Exchange Jordan Kazakhstan (Rep. Of) Kazakhstan Stock Exchange Nairobi Securities Exchange Kenva

Korea Kuwait Malaysia Mauritius Mexico Morocco Namibia Nigeria Oman Pakistan Pakistan Pakistan Peru Philippines Qatar Russian Federation Saudi Arabia Saudi Arabia Serbia Singapore Singapore South Africa South Africa Sri Lanka Taiwan (Republic of China) Taiwan (Republic of China) Taiwan (Republic of China) Thailand Thailand Thailand Tunisia Turkey Turkev Ukraine Ukraine **United Arab Emirates** UAE United Kingdom Uruguay Uruguay Venezuela Vietnam

Korea Exchange Kuwait Stock Exchange **Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad** Stock Exchange of Mauritius Bolsa Mexicana de Valores Bourse de Casablanca Namibian Stock Exchange Nigeria Stock Exchange **Muscat Securities Market** Islamabad Stock Exchange Karachi Stock Exchange Lahore Stock Exchange Bolsa de Valores de Lima Philippine Stock Exchange Qatar Exchange Open Joint Stock Company Moscow Exchange MICEX-RTS (MICEX-RTS) Tadawul Stock Exchange Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency Belgrade Stock Exchange Singapore Exchange Limited CATALIST JSE Limited South African Futures Exchange Colombo Stock Exchange Taiwan Stock Exchange Gre Tai Securities Market Taiwan Futures Exchange Thailand Stock Exchange of Thailand Market for Alternative Investments Bond Electronic Exchange Thailand Futures Exchange Bourse des Valeurs Mobilieres de Tunis Istanbul Stock Exchange **Turkish Derivatives Exchange** Persha Fondova Torgovelna Systema Ukranian Interbank Currency Exchange Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange **Dubai Financial Market** London Stock Exchange Bolsa de Valores de Montevideo Bolsa Electrónica de Valores del Uruguay SA Caracas Stock Exchange Vietnam Ho Chi Minh City Stock Exchange Hanoi Stock Exchange Unlisted Public Companies Market (UPCOM) Lusaka Securities Exchange plc

(c) for the purposes of investment in Russia and the States of the Russian Federation the Fund may invest in the Moscow Exchange (the former MICEX-RTS Exchange);

(d) without restriction in any of the following:

Vietnam

Zambia

the market organised by the International Capital Market Association;

the market conducted by the "listed money market institutions", as described in the Bank of England publication "The Regulation of the Wholesale Cash and OTC Derivatives Markets in GBP, Non-U.S. Exchange and Bullion" dated April, 1988 (as amended from time to time);

AIM - the Alternative Investment Market in the United Kingdom, regulated and operated by the London Stock Exchange;

the French Markets for Titres de Créances Négotiables (the Over-the-Counter markets in negotiable debt instruments);

the Over-the-Counter market in the United States of America regulated by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority;

NASDAQ in the United States of America;

the Over-the-Counter market in Japan regulated by the Securities Dealers Association of Japan;

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

the over-the-counter market in Canadian Government Bonds, regulated by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada.

(e) In addition to those markets listed above on which financial derivative instruments are traded, the following regulated derivatives markets:

All derivatives exchanges on which permitted financial derivative instruments may be listed or traded:

- in a Member State;
- in a Member State in the European Economic Area (the European Union, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein);

in Asia, on the

- Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Berhad
- Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing;
- Jakarta Futures Exchange;
- Korea Futures Exchange;
- Korea Stock Exchange;
- Kuala Lumpur Options and Financial Futures Exchange;
- National Stock Exchange of India;
- Osaka Mercantile Exchange;
- Osaka Securities Exchange;
- Shanghai Futures Exchange (SHFE);
- Singapore Commodity Exchange;
- Singapore Exchange;
- Stock Exchange of Thailand;
- Taiwan Futures Exchange;
- Taiwan Stock Exchange;
- The Stock Exchange, Mumbai;

- Tokyo International Financial Futures Exchange;
- Tokyo Stock Exchange;

in Australia, on the

- Australian Stock Exchange;
- Sydney Futures Exchange;

in Brazil on the Bolsa de Mercadorias & Futuros (BM&F); in Israel on the Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange;

in Mexico on the Mexican Derivatives Exchange (MEXDER)

in South Africa on the South African Futures Exchange (Safex); in Switzerland on Eurex (Zurich)

in Turkey on Turkish Derivatives Exchange in the United States of America, on the

- American Stock Exchange;
- Chicago Board of Trade;
- Chicago Board Options Exchange;
- Chicago Mercantile Exchange;
- Eurex US;
- International Securities Exchange;
- New York Futures Exchange;
- New York Board of Trade;
- New York Mercantile Exchange;
- Pacific Stock Exchange;
- Philadelphia Stock Exchange;

in Canada on the

- Bourse de Montreal;
- Winnipeg Commodity Exchange (WCE).
- (f) for the purposes only of determining the value of the assets of the Fund, the term "Recognised Exchange" 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 is regularly traded.

# **APPENDIX 5**

#### FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND EFFICIENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

#### **Financial Derivative Instruments**

The FDIs which the Investment Manager and/or the Investment Advisers may use on behalf of the Fund and the expected effect of investment in such FDIs on the risk profile of the Fund are set out below. In addition, the attention of investors is drawn to the risks described under the headings "FDIs Generally", "Risks Associated with Financial Derivative Instruments" "Credit Default Swaps", "Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts" and "Currencies" in the "Risk Factors" section of the Prospectus.

Where considered appropriate, the Fund may invest in FDI and/or utilise techniques and instruments for investment purposes, for efficient portfolio management and/or to protect against foreign exchange risks, subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank.

In general, these FDIs and techniques and instruments include, but are not limited to: currency forward exchange contracts, non-deliverable forward contracts and forward rate agreements, bond futures, interest rate futures, equity futures, equity index futures and bond index futures, OTC credit default swaps, total return swaps and interest rate swaps; and contracts for difference equity options, index options, bond options and currency options (listed and OTC), Swaptions and warranties. More specifically, the Fund may purchase warrants, options and swaps to gain exposure to listed securities, sectors or indices. The Fund may also make synthetic short positions through FDI for investment purposes. The Fund may use index futures to manage exposure to indices. The Fund may invest in foreign currency-denominated securities, it may also invest in currency exchange rate swap agreements. The Fund will typically use these instruments and/or techniques as set out under the heading "The Fund" in this Prospectus. The Fund will not be leveraged in excess of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

#### **Efficient Portfolio Management**

The following techniques and instruments may be used in relation to the Fund for the purposes of hedging or risk reduction or management and/or performance enhancement such as reduction of cost and/or generation of additional capital or income. The Fund's ability to use these techniques and instruments may be limited by market conditions, regulatory limits and tax considerations and these techniques and instruments may be used only in accordance with the investment objectives of the Fund. The attention of investors is drawn to the risks described under the headings "Risks Associated with Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Currencies" in the "Risk Factors" section of the Prospectus and the section "Conflicts of Interest".

Direct and indirect operational costs and fees arising from the efficient portfolio management techniques of stock lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase arrangements may be deducted from the revenue delivered to the Fund (for example, as a result of revenue sharing arrangements). These costs and fees should not include hidden revenue. All the revenues arising from such efficient portfolio management techniques, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the Fund. The entities to which direct and indirect costs and fees may be paid include banks, investment firms, broker-dealers, securities lending agents or other financial institutions or intermediaries and may be related parties to the Fund or the Depositary. The revenues arising from such efficient portfolio management techniques for the relevant reporting period, together with the direct and indirect operational costs and fees incurred and the identity of the counterparty(ies) to these efficient portfolio management techniques, will be disclosed in the annual and half-yearly reports of the Fund.

## When Issued/Delayed Delivery Securities

The Fund may purchase or sell securities on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis for the purposes of efficient portfolio management. In this instance payment for and delivery of securities takes place in the future at a stated price in order to secure what is considered to be an advantageous price and yield to the Fund at the time of entering into the transaction. Securities are considered "delayed delivery" securities when traded in the secondary market, or "when-issued" securities if they are an initial issuance of securities. Delayed delivery securities (which will not being to accrue interest until the settlement date) and when-issued securities will be recorded as assets of the Fund and will be subject to risks of market value fluctuations. The purchase price of delayed delivery and when-issued securities will be taken into account when calculating the limits set out in Appendix 3 under the heading Investment Restrictions.

## **Total Return Swaps**

If the Fund invests in total return swaps or other FDI with the same characteristics, the underlying asset or index will be comprised of equity or debt securities, money market instruments or other eligible investments which are consistent with the investment objective and policies of the Fund. The counterparties to such transactions are typically banks, investment firms, broker-dealers or other financial institutions or intermediaries that meet the requirements of the UCITS Rules. Details of any counterparties utilised for such transactions within an accounting period will be included in the annual report for the Fund.

The risk of the counterparty defaulting on its obligations under the total return swap and its effect on investor returns are described in the sections of this Prospectus entitled "Risk Factors" under the heading "Counterparty Risk".

Counterparties to total return swaps entered into by the Fund will not assume any discretion over the composition or management of the Fund's investment portfolio or over the underlying of the FDI. Furthermore, approval of the counterparty is not required in relation to any portfolio transactions by the Fund.

The Fund may utilise total return swaps in accordance with its investment policy. The Fund may invest in total return swaps up to 100% of its Net Asset Value with an expected range of usage in line with the percentage of long and short exposure of the Fund. The risk exposure of the Fund to a counterparty to an OTC FDI may not exceed 5 per cent of net assets.

#### **Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase and Stocklending Agreements**

Subject to the conditions and limits set out in the UCITS Regulations, the Fund may use repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and/or stock lending agreements for efficient portfolio management, to generate additional income for the Fund. Repurchase agreements are transactions in which one party sells a security to the other party with a simultaneous agreement to repurchase the security at a fixed future date at a stipulated price reflecting a market rate of interest unrelated to the coupon rate of the securities. A reverse repurchase agreement is a transaction whereby the Fund purchases securities from a counterparty and simultaneously commits to resell the securities to the counterparty at an agreed upon date and price. A stocklending agreement is an agreement under which title to the "loaned" securities is transferred by a "lender" to a "borrower" with the borrower contracting to deliver "equivalent securities" to the lender at a later date.

The Fund may lend, for securities lending or sell, for repurchase agreement, any securities within a portfolio. In securities lending, the Fund will lend securities to broker-dealers and banks in order to

generate additional income for the Fund. Any such loan must be continuously secured by collateral in cash or cash equivalents maintained on a current basis in an amount at least equal to the market value of the securities loaned by the Fund.

The expected and maximum proportion of the Net Asset Value of the Fund which may be subject to repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements and/or securities lending, where applicable, will be 10% and 100% respectively.

## Collateral

Risk exposure to an OTC derivative counterparty may be reduced where the counterparty will provide the Fund with collateral. The Fund may disregard the counterparty risk on condition that the value of the collateral, valued at market price and taking into account appropriate discounts, exceeds the value of the amount exposed to risk at any given time.

The categories of collateral which may be received by the Fund include cash and non-cash assets such as equities, debt securities and money market instruments.

Collateral received must at all times meet with the following criteria:

- (a) Liquidity: Collateral must be sufficiently liquid in order that it can be sold quickly at a robust price that is close to its pre-sale valuation;
- (b) Valuation: Collateral received should be valued on at least a daily basis and assets that exhibit high price volatility will not be accepted as collateral unless suitably conservative haircuts are in place;
- (c) Issuer credit quality: Collateral received should be of high quality and will be evaluated in accordance with the issuer credit assessment process requirements as set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations;
- (d) Correlation: Collateral received should be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is not expected on reasonable grounds to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty;
- (e) Diversification (asset concentration): Collateral should be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. When the Fund is exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral should be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer. The Fund may be fully collateralised using transferable securities and Money Market Instruments issued or guaranteed by any Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a third country or a public international body or which one or more Member States belongs provided the Fund should receive securities from at least 6 different issues and securities from any single issue shall not account for more than 30% of the Fund's net asset value.
- (f) Immediately available: Collateral received should be capable of being fully enforced by the Fund at any time without reference to or approval from the counterparty.

(g) Safekeeping: Collateral received on a title transfer basis should be held in custody by the Depositary. For other types of collateral arrangement, the collateral can be held by a third party depositary which is subject to prudential supervision, and which is unrelated to the provider of the collateral. Assets pledged in such transactions by the Fund continue to be safekept by the Depositary.

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

Cash collateral may not be invested other than in the following:

- (a) deposits with relevant institutions;
- (b) high-quality government bonds;
- (c) reverse repurchase agreements provided the transactions are with credit institutions subject to prudential supervision and the Fund is able to recall at any time the full amount of cash on an accrued basis;
- (d) short-term money market funds as defined in the ESMA Guidelines on a Common Definition of European Money Market Funds.

In accordance with the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, invested cash collateral should be diversified in accordance with the diversification requirement applicable to non-cash collateral. Invested cash collateral may not be placed on deposit with the counterparty or a related entity. Exposure created through the re-investment of collateral must be taken into account in determining risk exposures to a counterparty. Re-investment of cash collateral in accordance with the provisions above may still present additional risk for the Fund.

Where the Fund receives collateral for at least 30% of its assets, it will put in place an appropriate stress testing policy, to ensure regular stress tests are carried out under normal and exceptional liquidity conditions to enable the Fund to assess the liquidity risk attached to the collateral. The liquidity stress testing policy should at least prescribe the following:

- design of stress test scenario analysis including calibration, certification and sensitivity analysis;
- empirical approach to impact assessment, including back-testing of liquidity risk estimates;
- reporting frequency and limit/loss tolerance threshold/s; and
- mitigation actions to reduce loss including haircut policy and gap risk protection.

The Fund will have in place a clear haircut policy adapted for each class of assets received as collateral. When devising the haircut policy, the Fund should take into account the characteristics of the assets such as the credit standing or the price volatility, as well as the outcome of the stress tests performed in accordance with the above paragraph. This policy will be documented and will justify each decision to apply a specific haircut, or to refrain from applying any haircut, to a certain class of assets.

All counterparties to OTC FDI transactions, repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements or securities lending agreements will meet the requirements under the UCITS Rules as to legal status and origin.

Where a counterparty to a repurchase or a securities lending agreement, which has been entered into on behalf of the Fund:

- (a) was subject to a credit rating by an agency registered and supervised by ESMA, that rating shall be taken into account in the credit assessment process; and
- (b) where a counterparty is downgraded to A-2 or below (or comparable rating) by the credit rating agency referred to in subparagraph (a), this shall result in a new credit assessment being conducted by the Fund.

The Fund will ensure that it is able at any time to recall any security that has been lent out or terminate any securities lending agreement into which it has entered.

If the Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will ensure that it is able at any time to recall the full amount of cash or to terminate the reverse repurchase agreement on either an accrued basis or a mark-to-market basis. When the cash is recallable at any time on a mark-to-market basis, the mark-to-market value of the reverse repurchase agreement will be used for the calculation of the net asset value of the Fund.

If the Fund enters into a repurchase agreement, it will ensure that it is able at any time to recall any securities subject to the repurchase agreement or to terminate the repurchase agreement into which it has entered.

Repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements or securities lending do not constitute borrowing or lending for the purposes of the UCITS Regulations.

#### **Reference to Ratings**

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

# **APPENDIX 6**

#### **GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SECURITIES**

List of issuers of Government and public securities in which the Fund may invest up to 100 per cent of the net assets of the Fund. These are the only public bodies in which the Fund may invest more than 35 per cent of the assets of the Fund:

# 1. THE GOVERNMENT OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES OR TERRITORIES OUTSIDE IRELAND:

- 1.1. Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom; or
- 1.2. Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland and the United States of America.

# **APPENDIX 7**

# LIST OF SUB-CUSTODIANS

List of delegates and sub-delegates of BNP Paribas Securities Services appointed depositary of Ucits funds.

Country	Agent Name	Location	Link to the sub- delegate network / Sub- delegate Name
Argentina	Citibank NA, Buenos Aires	Buenos Aires	
Bahrain	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd	Bahrain	
Bangladesh	Hong Kong And Shanghai Banking Corp Ltd	Dhaka	
Benin	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA	Abidjan	
Bermuda	Bank Of Bermuda Ltd (HSBC Group)	Bermuda	
Botswana	Standard Chartered Bank Botswana Ltd	Gaborone	
Brazil	Banco BNP Paribas Brasil SA	Sao Paulo	
Bulgaria	Unicredit Bulbank A.D.	Sofia	
Burkina Faso	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA	Abidjan	
Canada	RBC Investor Services Trust	Toronto	
	CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company	Toronto	
Chile	Banco De Chile (Citibank N.A)	Santiago De Chile	
China	HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited	Shanghai, Shenzhen	

Country	Agent Name	Location	Link to the sub- delegate network / Sub- delegate Name
Colombia	Bnp Paribas Securities Services Sociedad Fiduciaria SA	Bogota	
Costa Rica	Banco Nacional De Costa Rica	San José	
Croatia	Unicredit Bank Austria AG Vienna	Vienna	Zagrebacka Banka d.d., Zagreb
Czech Republic	Raiffeisen Bank International AG	Vienna	
Denmark	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (Publ) 'S In Denmark	Copenhagen	
Egypt	Citibank N.A. Egypt	Cairo	
Estonia	AS SEB Pank	Tallinn	
Finland	Nordea Bank AB (Publ), Finnish Branch	Helsinki	
Ghana	Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Ltd	Accra	
Guinea - Bissau	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA	Abidjan	
Iceland	Islandsbanki Hf.	Reijkavik	
India	BNP Paribas, India Branch	Mumbai	
Indonesia	Hong Kong And Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Jakarta	Jakarta	

Country	Agent Name	Location	Link to the sub- delegate network / Sub- delegate Name
International CSD	Clearstream Banking SA	Luxembourg	http://www.clears tream.com/blob/ 11702/0e3964fc 072c334923f72f 9fdd85365b/dep ository-banks-by- market-pdf- data.pdf
International CSD	Euroclear Bank SA	Brussels	<ol> <li>Go to: <u>my.euroclear.co</u> <u>m/ebdepositories</u></li> <li>At the bottom of the login screen, click on 'access as a guest'</li> <li>You are directed to the webpage, where</li> </ol>
Israel	Citibank N.A. Israel	Tel Aviv	
Ivory Coast	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA	Abidjan	
Japan	Hong Kong And Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Tokyo	Tokyo	
Kazakhstan	JSC Citibank Kazakhstan	Almaty	
Kenya	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited	Nairobi	
Korea, Republic Of	Hong Kong And Shanghai Banking Corp Limited	Seoul	
Kuwait	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd	Kuwait City	
Latvia	AS SEB Banka	Riga	

Country	Agent Name	Location	Link to the sub- delegate network / Sub- delegate Name
Lithuania	AB SEB Bankas	Vilnius	
Malaysia	HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad	Kuala Lumpur	
Mali	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA	Abidjan	
Malta	Clearstream Banking Sa	Luxembourg	
Mauritius	Hong Kong And Shanghai Banking Corp Limited	Port-Louis	
Mexico	Banco Nacional De Mexico S.A (Citibanamex)	Mexico City	
Morocco	Banque Marocaine Pour Le Commerce Et L'industrie	Casablanca	
Namibia	Standard Bank Namibia Limited	Windhoek	
Niger	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA	Abidjan	
Nigeria	Stanbic IBTC Bank Plc	Lagos	
Norway	Nordea Bank Ab (Publ), Filial I Norge	Oslo	
Oman	HSBC Bank Oman SAOG	Muscat	
Pakistan	Citibank N.A.	Karachi	
Peru	Bnp Paribas Securities Services Sociedad Fiduciaria SA	Bogota (Remote)	
Philippines	Hong Kong And Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Manila	Manila	

Country	Agent Name	Location	Link to the sub- delegate network / Sub- delegate Name
	Standard Chartered Bank, Philippines Branch	Makati City	
Qatar	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd	Doha	
Romania	Citibank Europe Plc Dublin, Romania Branch	Bucharest	
Russia	PJSC Rosbank	Moscow	
Saudi Arabia	HSBC Saudi Arabia	Riyadh	
Senegal	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA	Abidjan	
Serbia	Unicredit Bank Austria AG Vienna	Vienna	Unicredit Bank Srbija d.d., Belgrad
Singapore	Bnp Paribas Securities Services S.C.A (All Instruments Except	Singapore	
	Standard Chartered Bank, (Singapore) Limited (for government bonds only)		
Slovak Republic	Raiffeisen Bank International AG Vienna	Vienna	
Slovenia	Unicredit Banka Slovenija D.D. Ljubljana	Ljubljana	
South Africa	The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	Johannesburg	
Sri Lanka	Hong Kong And Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Colombo	Colombo	
Sweden	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (Publ)	Stockholm	
Taiwan, China	HSBC Bank (Taiwan) Limited	Taipei	

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Thailand	Hong Kong And Shanghai Banking Corp Limited, Bangkok	Bangkok	
Тодо	Standard Chartered Bank Côte D'Ivoire SA	Abidjan	
Tunisia	Union Internationale Des Banques (SGSS)	Tunis	
Turkey	Turk Ekonomi Bankasi A.S	Istanbul	
Uganda	Standard Chartered Bank Uganda Limited	Kampala	
UAE (Dubai)	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd	Dubai	
UAE (Abu Dhabi)	HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd	Dubai	
Uruguay	Banco ITAU Uruguay S.A.	Montevideo	
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