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## **PROSPECTUS**

### LIONTRUST GLOBAL FUNDS plc

(an open-ended umbrella type investment company with variable capital incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland, registered number 459084, authorised in Ireland as an investment company pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 as amended)

#### INVESTMENT ADVISER AND PROMOTER

#### **Liontrust Investment Partners LLP**

The Directors of the Liontrust Global Funds plc whose names appear in this Prospectus under "MANAGEMENT - Directors of the Company", 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 the information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

The Funds of the Company are listed in a Supplement to the Prospectus referred to as the "List of Funds Supplement" which forms part of and must be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus. The Company issues a Supplement to this Prospectus relating to each Fund of the Company. A separate Supplement will be issued at the time of establishment of each Fund. Each Supplement forms part of, and should be read in the context of and together with, this Prospectus.

Dated 1 October, 2019



#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Company is an open-ended umbrella type investment company with variable capital incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland and authorised by the Central Bank as an investment company pursuant to the UCITS Regulations. There exists segregated liability between the Funds of the Company.

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

The Funds of the Company are referred to on the title page of the Prospectus and under the section "The Company's Funds" below which lists the existing Funds and the Shares in issue.

The Company issues a Supplement to this Prospectus relating to each Fund of the Company. A separate Supplement will be issued at the time of establishment of each Fund. Each Supplement shall form part of, and should be read in the context of and together with, this Prospectus.

Distribution of this Prospectus (including its Supplements) is not authorised in any jurisdiction unless accompanied by the latest annual and/or, if more recent, semi-annual report of the Company. Such reports and this Prospectus (including its Supplements) together form the Prospectus for the subscription of Shares. All holders of Shares are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by and are deemed to have notice of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, copies of which are available as mentioned herein.

No person has been authorised to issue any advertisement or to give any information, or to make any representations in connection with the offering, placing, subscription, sale or redemption of Shares other than those contained in this Prospectus (including its Supplements) and, if issued, given or made, such advertisement, information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Company. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus (including its Supplements) nor the offer, placement, allotment or issue of any of the Shares shall under any circumstances create any implication or constitute a representation that the information given in this Prospectus is correct as of any time subsequent to the date hereof.

This Prospectus (including its Supplements) does not constitute, and may not be used for the purposes of, an offer or solicitation to anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorised, or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation. The distribution of this Prospectus (including its Supplements) and the offering of Shares in certain jurisdictions may be restricted and, accordingly, persons into whose possession this Prospectus (including its Supplements) comes are required to inform themselves about, and to observe, such restrictions.

Whilst this Prospectus is issued outside of the United Kingdom by the Company and the Directors are responsible for its contents, wherever issued, this Prospectus (a) is being communicated in the United Kingdom by Liontrust Fund Partners LLP which is authorised and regulated by the FCA, only to persons of a kind to whom this document may, for the time being, be communicated by virtue of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Promotion of Collective Investment Schemes) (Exemptions) Order 2001 (as amended), rule 4.12.1 of the New Conduct of Business Sourcebook of the FCA or any other exemption to section 238 of the FSMA ("permitted recipients") and (b) has been approved by the Liontrust Fund Partners LLP solely for the purpose of communication in the United Kingdom to such permitted recipients. Any recipient of this document who is an authorised person may (if and to the extent it is permitted to do so by the rules of the FCA applicable to it) communicate this document or any invitation or inducement to participate in the Company or its Shares in the United Kingdom to other authorised persons or permitted recipients but not otherwise.



The Company is a recognised collective investment scheme for the purposes of Section 264 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 of the United Kingdom.

In connection with the Company's recognition under section 264 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, Liontrust Fund Partners LLP maintains in the United Kingdom the facilities required of a recognised scheme pursuant to the rules contained in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook published by the FCA" as part of the FCA's Handbook of Rules and Guidance governing recognised schemes. Further details as to these facilities are set out in the section headed "UK Facilities" of this Prospectus.

A United Kingdom investor who enters into an investment agreement to acquire Shares in a Fund in response to this Prospectus will not have the right to cancel the agreement under any cancellation rules made by the FCA. The rights of investors in the Fund may not be protected by the investors' compensation scheme established in the United Kingdom.

The Shares have not been, and will not be, registered under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), or qualified under any applicable state statutes, and the Shares may not be offered, sold or transferred in the United States of America (including its territories and possessions) or to or for the benefit of, directly or indirectly, any US Person (as that term is defined herein), except pursuant to registration or an exemption. The Company is not, and 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 benefit of such registration. The Company may make a private placement of the Shares to a limited number or category of US Persons. The Shares have not been approved or disapproved by the US Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission or other US 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.

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company the Directors have the power to redeem or require the transfer of Shares held by or for the account of any person or entity in breach of the laws or requirements of any country or government authority or by any person or persons in circumstances where the holding of such Shares may, in the opinion of the Directors, result in legal, pecuniary, tax, regulatory or material administrative disadvantage for the Company or a Fund or their respective shareholders or to maintain such minimum holding of Shares as shall be prescribed from time to time by the Directors.

Potential subscribers of Shares should inform themselves as to (a) the possible tax consequences, (b) the legal requirements and (c) any foreign exchange restrictions or exchange control requirements which they might encounter under the laws of their country of citizenship, residence or domicile and which might be relevant to the subscription, holding or disposal of Shares. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount he invests. The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of Shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term. The attention of potential subscribers is drawn to the "RISK FACTORS" below and the Supplement for each Fund.

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



## **Erosion of Capital**

Potential investors should note that in the event that the Directors decide in accordance with the Articles to permit investment advisory fees and expenses of a particular Fund to be charged to the capital of the relevant Fund that this could lead to the erosion of capital in that Fund and that income will be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth. For the avoidance of doubt, on redemptions of holdings shareholders may not receive back the full amount invested. In the event that fees and/or expenses are charged to capital in respect of any Fund, details will be provided in the relevant Supplement for the Fund. The rationale for any such policy will be set out in the relevant Supplement for the Fund.



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Company's Registered

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IFSC,

Dublin 1, Ireland.

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Edward Jonathan Frank Catton

Simon O'Sullivan

Promoter/Investment

Adviser

Liontrust Investment Partners LLP,

2 Savoy Court, London WC2R 0EZ,

United Kingdom.

**Distributor(s)** Liontrust Fund Partners LLP,

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Liontrust Investment Partners LLP (Luxembourg Branch),

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76-78 Rue de Merl L-2146 Luxembourg

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**Administrator and** 

Registrar

BNY Mellon Fund Services (Ireland) Designated Activity Company,

One Dockland Central, Guild Street,

IFSC,

Dublin 1, Ireland.

**Depositary** 

BNY Mellon Trust Company (Ireland) Limited

One Dockland Central

Guild Street IFSC,

Dublin 1, Ireland.

**Auditors** PricewaterhouseCoopers,

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors,

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**Legal Advisers** Dillon Eustace,

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Dublin 2, Ireland.

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The Exchange, George's Dock,

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Dublin 1, Ireland

Irish Tax Advisors Dillon Eustace

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Dublin 2, Ireland.



**Governance Services** 

Bridge Consulting 33 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland



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#### **DEFINITIONS**

The following is a glossary of certain terms used frequently throughout this Prospectus (and the relevant Supplement) including the **SUMMARY** below:

"Accounting Date" the date by reference to which the annual accounts of the

Company shall be prepared, being 31 December in each year or such other date as the Directors may from time to time decide;

"Accumulating Shares" a class of Shares available in certain Funds of the Company which

generally do not pay a dividend or other distribution as more particularly described under the heading "DIVIDEND AND

REINVESTMENT POLICY";

"Administrator" BNY Mellon Fund Services (Ireland) Designated Activity Company

or any successor company appointed by the Company in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank as

administrator of the Company's affairs;

"Administration Agreement" an agreement dated 18 January, 2019 between the Company and

the Administrator;

"AIFs" means an alternative investment fund within the meaning of the

AIFM Directive;

"Allocation Date" the date on which new income is allocated to a Share Class;

"Application Form" any application form to be completed by subscribers for Shares as

prescribed by the Company or its delegate from time to time;

"Articles" the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, as

amended from time to time with the prior approval of the Central

Bank;

"Base Currency" means the currency of account of a Fund as determined by the

Directors at the time of the creation of the Fund;

"Beneficial Ownership" The European Union (Anti-Money Laundering: Beneficial

Ownership of Corporate Entities) Regulations 2016;

"Business Day" any day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) on

which banks are open for business in both London and Dublin and/or such other or further places as the Directors may from time to time determine or such other day or days as may be determined

by the Directors and notified to Shareholders;

"Central Bank" means the Central Bank of Ireland or any successor body thereto;

"Central Bank

UCITS Regulations" (Section 48(1) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in

Transferable Securities)) Regulations 2015 as may be amended, constituted or substituted from time to time and any notices or guidance issued by the Central Bank pursuant thereto for the time

means the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013

being in force;

"Company" Liontrust Global Funds plc;

"Data Protection Act" means the Data Protection Act 2018 as may be amended or

replaced from time to time;



"Dealing Day"

means in relation to a Fund, such day or days as shall be specified in the relevant Supplement for that Fund provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day per fortnight;

"Dealing Deadline"

means the time by which applications must be received by the Administrator for subscriptions and redemptions as set out in the relevant Supplement for each Fund;

"Depositary"

BNY Mellon Trust Company (Ireland) Limited or any successor company appointed by the Company and approved by the Central Bank as depositary of the assets of the Company including those attributable to each Fund;

"Depositary Agreement"

the agreement dated 18 January, 2019, between the Company and the Depositary;

"Directors"

the Board of Directors of the Company, including a duly authorised committee thereof:

"Distributor"

means Liontrust Fund Partners LLP, or Liontrust Investment Partners LLP (Luxembourg Branch) as applicable;

"Distribution Agreement"

an agreement between the Company, Investment Adviser and the Distributors dated 12 December 2014;

"EEA"

means the countries for the time being comprising the European Economic Area (being at the date of this Prospectus, European Union Member States, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein);

"EMIR"

Regulation (EU) No. 648/2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories as may be amended, supplemented or consolidated from time to time;

"Exempt Irish Investor"

- a pension scheme which is an exempt approved scheme within the meaning of Section 774 of the Taxes Act or a retirement annuity contract or a trust scheme to which Section 784 or 785 of the Taxes Act applies;
- a company carrying on life business within the meaning of Section 706 of the Taxes Act;
- an investment undertaking within the meaning of Section 739B(1) of the Taxes Act;
- a special investment scheme within the meaning of Section 737 of the Taxes Act;
   a charity being a person referred to in Section 739D(6)(f)(i) of the Taxes Act;
- a unit trust to which Section 731(5)(a) of the Taxes Act applies;
- a specified company within the meaning of Section 734(1) of the Taxes Act;
- a qualifying fund manager within the meaning of Section 784A(1)(a) of the Taxes Act where the Shares held are assets of an approved retirement fund or an approved minimum retirement fund;
- a qualifying savings manager within the meaning of Section 848B of the Taxes Act in respect of Shares which are assets of a special savings incentive account within the meaning of Section 848C of the Taxes Act;
- a personal retirement savings account ("PRSA") administrator acting on behalf of a person who is entitled to exemption from



income tax and capital gains tax by virtue of Section 787I of the Taxes Act and the Shares are assets of a PRSA;

- a credit union within the meaning of Section 2 of the Credit Union Act, 1997;
- the National Pensions Reserve Fund Commission;
- a company which is within the charge to corporation tax in accordance with Section 110(2) of the Taxes Act in respect of payments made to it by the Company; or
- any other Irish Resident or persons who are Ordinarily Resident in Ireland who may be permitted to own Shares under taxation legislation or by written practice or concession of the Revenue Commissioners without giving rise to a charge to tax in the Company or jeopardising tax exemptions associated with the Company giving rise to a charge to tax in the Company;

provided that they have correctly completed the Relevant Declaration;

"FATCA"

means (a) sections 1471 to 1474 of the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986 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 US 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 US Internal Revenue Service, the US government or any government authority or taxation authority in any other jurisdiction;

"FCA"

the Financial Conduct Authority of the United Kingdom;

"Fund"

a separate portfolio of the Company established by the Directors from time to time with the prior approval of the Central Bank represented by one or more classes of Shares;

"GDPR"

means Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council;

"Initial Offer Period"

the initial offer period, if any, for Shares of each Fund as set out in the Supplement to this document for the relevant Fund;

(i) "Intermediary"

means a person who:-

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

or

 holds shares in an investment undertaking on behalf of other persons;

"Ireland"

means the Republic of Ireland;

"Irish Stock Exchange"

The Irish Stock Exchange Limited;

"Initial Issue Date"

the Business Day following the last day of the Initial Offer Period, if any, in respect of particular Shares of a Fund class and thereafter each Dealing Day or such other day or days in relation as the Directors of the Company may determine;



"Investment Adviser"

"Investment Advisory Agreement"

"Irish Resident"

means Liontrust Investment Partners LLP;

an investment advisory and marketing agreement between the Company and Occam Investment Management (Malta) Limited dated 7 August 2008 as amended, which was novated on 30 September 2011 by Occam Investment Management (Malta) Limited to the Investment Adviser:

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

An individual will be regarded as being resident in Ireland for a twelve month tax year if he/she is present in Ireland: (1) for a period of at least 183 days in that twelve month tax year; or (2) for a period of at least 280 days in any two consecutive tax years, provided that the individual is resident in Ireland for at least 31 days in each twelve month period. In determining days present in Ireland, an individual is deemed to be present if he/she is in Ireland at the end of the day (midnight). This new test took effect from 1 January 2009 (previously in determining days present in Ireland an individual was deemed to be present if he/she was in Ireland at the end of the day (midnight).

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

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

 the company or a related company carried on a trade in Ireland, and either the company is ultimately controlled by persons resident in EU Member States or in countries with which Ireland has a double taxation treaty, or the company or a related company are quoted companies on a recognised Stock Exchange in the EU or in a treaty country under a double taxation treaty between Ireland and that country;

or

 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 potential investors are referred to the specific legislative provisions that are contained in Section 23A of the Taxes Act;

"Management Share"

a management share in the capital of the Company;

"Member State"

a member state of the European Union;



"Money Market Instruments"

Instruments normally dealt in on the money market which are liquid and which have a value which can be accurately determined at any time;

"MiFID II"

means The Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2014/65/EU as may be amended from time to time;

"Net Asset Value of a Fund"

the net asset value of a Fund calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Articles, as described under "CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE AND SUBSCRIPTION AND REDEMPTION PROCEEDS - Calculation of Net Asset Value" below;

"Net Asset Value per Share"

the net asset value per Share in respect of Shares of each Fund class calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Articles, as described under "CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE AND SUBSCRIPTION AND REDEMPTION PROCEEDS – Calculation of Net Asset Value per Share" below;

"OECD"

the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, which includes each of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Republic of Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Slovak Republic, Luxembourg, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and any other country which may from time to time become a member;

"Ordinarily Resident in Ireland"

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

An individual will be regarded as ordinarily resident for a particular tax year if he/she has been Irish Resident for the three previous consecutive tax years (i.e. he/she becomes ordinarily resident with effect from the commencement of the fourth tax year). An individual will remain ordinarily resident in Ireland until he/she has been non-Irish Resident for three consecutive tax years. Thus, an individual who is resident and ordinarily resident in Ireland in the tax year 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011 and departs from Ireland in that tax year will remain ordinarily resident up to the end of the tax year 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.

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

"Promoter"

Liontrust Investment Partners LLP:

"Paying Agent"

means one or more paying agents appointed by the Company in certain jurisdictions in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;

"Recognised Clearing System"

means Bank One NA, Depositary and Clearing Centre, Clearstream Banking AG, Clearstream Banking SA, CREST, Depositary Trust Company of New York, Euroclear, National Securities Clearing System, Sicovam SA, SIS Sega Intersettle AG or any other system for clearing units which is designated for the



purposes of Chapter 1A in Part 27 of the Taxes Act, by the Irish Revenue Commissioners as a recognised clearing system.

"Recognised Exchange" any regulated stock exchange or market on which a Fund may

invest. A list of these stock exchanges and markets is set out under "RECOGNISED EXCHANGES" below and is included in

Article 18 of the Articles;

"Regulations" means the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS

Regulations;

"Relevant Declaration" means the declaration relevant to the Shareholder as set out in

Schedule 2B of the Taxes Act:

"Relevant Period" means a period of 8 years beginning with the acquisition of a

Share by a Shareholder and each subsequent period of 8 years

beginning immediately after the preceding relevant period.

"Reporting Shares" means a class of Shares for which the Directors intend to seek

certification as a reporting fund for United Kingdom tax purposes as more particularly described under the heading "DIVIDEND

AND REINVESTMENT POLICY".

"Shares" participating shares of no par value in the capital of the Company,

which may be designated in different classes with reference to one or more Funds. Shares of a Fund class may be denominated in

currencies other than the Base Currency of the Fund;

"Shareholders" holders of Shares;

"Supplement" a document supplemental to this Prospectus which contains

specific information in relation to a Fund;

"TT" means telegraphic transfer;

"Taxes Act" the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 (of Ireland), as amended;

"UCITS" means an undertaking for collective investment in transferable

securities, the sole object of which is the collective investment in transferable securities and/or other liquid financial assets referred to in Regulation 68 of the UCITS Regulations, of capital raised from the public, which operates on the principle of risk spreading, and the shares or units of which are, at the request of holders, repurchased or redeemed, directly or indirectly, out of the

undertaking's assets;

"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, consolidated or substituted from time to time and any regulations or notices issued by the

Central Bank pursuant thereto for the time being in force;

"United Kingdom"; "UK" the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

"United States" the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any

State of United States and the District of Columbia;

"US Person" is defined under "GENERAL INFORMATION – Definition of US



Person" below; and

"Valuation Point"

the point in time by reference to which the Net Asset Value of a Fund and the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant class is calculated. The Valuation Point in respect of Shares of each Fund is set out in the Supplement to this document for each Fund.

In this Prospectus, unless otherwise specified, all references to "billion" are to one thousand million, to "US Dollars", "US\$" or "cents" are to United States Dollars or cents, "£", "Pounds Sterling" or "Sterling" are to pounds sterling of the United Kingdom and "Euro" or "Euros" are to the European Euro .



#### **SUMMARY**

The following is a summary of the key information concerning the Company, each of its Funds and the offering of Shares of each Fund. It is derived from, and should be read in conjunction with, the full text of this Prospectus, the Supplement for the relevant Fund and with the documents available for inspection referred to under "GENERAL INFORMATION - Documents For Inspection" below.

**The Company** 

Liontrust Global Funds plc is an open-ended umbrella type investment company with variable capital and limited liability incorporated in Ireland and authorised as a UCITS by the Central Bank. There exists segregated liability between the Funds of the Company.

Liontrust Umbrella Fund plc changed its name to Liontrust Global Funds plc on 15 January 2013.

The Company's Funds

As the Company is an umbrella fund, the Directors are empowered to issue and redeem Shares divided into different classes representing one or more Funds. Each Fund represents a separate portfolio of the Company with its own distinct investment objective and policy and is not a separate legal entity.

**Share classes** 

The rights of Shareholders in the Company's Funds will be represented by separate classes of Share. Each Fund will have a single currency of account (the Base Currency of the Fund). However, one or more classes of Share may be created representing different currencies and/or representing different charging structures, distribution policies or other terms and conditions of issue.

The existing Funds of the Company, their respective Base Currencies, Share classes and any current and pending listing on the Irish Stock Exchange and other exchanges if relevant, are summarised under "The Company's Funds" in this Prospectus. Detailed information relating to each Fund is contained in the relevant Supplement.

**Investment Objectives and Policies** 

The investment objective and policy and investment powers and restrictions in respect of each Fund appear in the Supplement for the relevant Fund.

**Dividend and Reinvestment Policy** 

The amount available for distribution (if any) will vary between the classes of the Funds of the Company. Accumulating Shares and Reporting Fund Shares are available for subscription in certain Funds of the Company.

The Supplement for each Fund sets out further information on the Directors intention with regards to any dividends or other distributions that will be paid to the holders of classes of Reporting Shares out of the earnings and profits of the Funds attributable to such classes of Reporting Shares. While dividends are not normally paid out, the relevant, dividends may however be paid at the Directors' discretion in respect of Reporting Shares if considered necessary or desirable as outlined under "DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY" below.

The Directors do not anticipate that any dividends or other



distributions will be paid to the holders of classes of Accumulating Shares of the Funds of the Company out of the earnings and profits of the Funds attributable to such classes of Accumulating Shares. The amount of income attributable to a class of Shares at an Allocation Date which is not distributed shall become part of the capital property of that class and, if Shares of any other class of a particular Fund were in issue at the relevant Allocation Date, the interests of the holders of Shares of one in that amount will be satisfied by an adjustment, as at the relevant Allocation Date, in the proportion of the value of the property of the relevant Fund to which the price of a Share of the relevant class is related. This adjustment will ensure that the price of a Share remains unchanged despite the transfer of income to the capital property.

Pursuant to the Distribution Agreement the Company and the Investment Adviser have appointed Liontrust Fund Partners LLP and Liontrust Investment Partners LLP (Luxembourg Branch) to carry out distribution and marketing services for each Fund.

Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement the Company has appointed Liontrust Investment Partners LLP to act as discretionary investment manager of each Fund. The Investment Adviser is a limited liability partnership incorporated in England and authorised and regulated by the FCA.

The Company has appointed BNY Mellon Trust Company (Ireland) Limited to act as depositary to the Company and in respect of the assets of each Fund.

The Company has appointed BNY Mellon Fund Services (Ireland) Designated Activity Company to act as administrator of the Company's affairs.

The attention of prospective Shareholders is drawn to "COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS" in this Prospectus.

The portfolio attributable to each Fund will be valued for the purpose of calculating subscription and redemption prices of Shares of each Fund as of the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day. The Valuation Point for Shares of each Fund is set out in the Supplement to this document for each Fund.

The method of calculation of the Net Asset Value of each Fund and the Net Asset Value per Share of each Fund is explained under "CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE AND SUBSCRIPTION AND REDEMPTION PROCEEDS" below.

Initial subscriptions for Shares of each Fund will be effected on the Initial Issue Date following the termination of the Initial Offer Period, if any, in respect of Shares of the relevant Fund. The Initial Offer Period for Shares of each Fund is set out in the Supplement for each Fund.

**Distributor** 

**Investment Adviser** 

**Depositary** 

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### **Subscriptions**

Thereafter investors may apply on each subscription Dealing Day to purchase Shares of the relevant Fund at subscription prices calculated with reference to the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Fund as of the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day. The Directors may limit or close subscriptions for Shares of a Fund at their discretion.

Details of the subscription Dealing Days and Valuation Points in respect of Shares of each Fund are set out in the Supplement for each Fund.

**Minimum Investment** 

The minimum initial investment and minimum additional investment in Shares of each Fund is set out in the Supplement for the relevant Fund. The Directors may at their discretion specify different minimum subscriptions amounts for Shares of each Fund and in respect of different classes of Shares issued in respect of a Fund.

These minimums may be lowered, increased or waived at the discretion of the Directors either generally or in specific cases.

Redemptions

Redemptions of Shares of each Fund may be effected on each redemption Dealing Day at prices calculated with reference to the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Fund as of the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day.

Details of the redemption Dealing Days and Valuation Points in respect of Shares of each Fund and any limitations on redemption are set out in the Supplement for each Fund.

**Minimum Redemptions and Holdings** 

The minimum redemption amount and the minimum residual holding of Shares of each Fund is set out in the Supplement for each Fund.

**Publication of Prices** 

The most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of each Fund is published following calculation in the Financial Times and on the internet at www.liontrust.co.uk and will be kept up to date. In addition, the most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of each Fund may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours and may also be published in such other newspaper or journal as the Directors in their sole discretion may determine.

Switching

Shareholders are entitled to switch their investment in Shares of a class of a particular Fund into Shares of another class of the same Fund or of another Fund, subject to the switching terms outlined under "SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING" below and in the Supplement for the relevant Fund.

**Eligible Investors** 

Shares of each Fund may currently be purchased only by investors who are not "US Persons" or any other "Restricted Persons" as defined below under "SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING - Subscriptions: *Eligible Investors*" below.



## **Subscription and Redemption Charges**

An initial charge of up to five per cent. of the Net Asset Value per Share is payable on subscription of Shares of each Fund class. This charge, which is payable to the Investment Adviser, may be waived at the discretion of the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser is entitled to authorise the payment of the whole or part of such charge to the Distributors, sub-distributors, intermediaries and introducing agents.

Generally no redemption charge is imposed.

#### **Investment Advisory Charges**

The Investment Adviser is entitled to receive in respect of each class of a Fund a monthly investment advisory fee (the "Investment Advisory Fee") and, if so determined by the Directors in respect of a Fund, a performance fee as more particularly described under " CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Investment Advisory Charges" below.

The level of Investment Advisory Fee and/or performance fees payable in respect of Shares of each Fund class is set out in the Supplement to this Prospectus for the relevant Fund.

The Investment Adviser will be responsible for the fees of the Distributors.

## Other Charges and Expenses

Are detailed under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" below.

# Annual and half yearly Accounting Period

The Annual Accounting Period of the Company is 31 December in each year.

The half yearly accounting period of the Company is 30 June in each year.

The Company's annual report incorporating audited financial statements will be published and sent to Shareholders within 4 months of the end of the Annual Accounting Period and at least 3 weeks before the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. The Company's semi-annual report will be published and sent to Shareholders within two months of the end of the half-year period to which it relates.

#### **Reporting Currencies**

For the purposes of the completion of the semi-annual report and annual report and accounts of the Company, the reporting currency of each Fund will be its Base Currency of account.



## THE COMPANY

#### Establishment and Structure

The Company was incorporated on 20 June 2008 under the laws of Ireland as an open-ended umbrella type investment company with variable capital and limited liability in which different Funds may be created from time to time. There exists segregated liability between the Funds of the Company. The Company is empowered to issue and redeem Shares divided into different classes representing one or more Funds. Each Fund represents a separate portfolio of the Company and is not a separate legal entity. Overall responsibility for the management of the Company is vested in the Directors.

The Company is authorised in Ireland by the Central Bank as an investment company pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

## The Company's Funds

Supplements for each of the Funds of the Company that have been established by the Directors with the approval of the Central Bank are attached to this Prospectus. The full list of the Funds is set out in the "List of Funds" Supplement to this Prospectus.

The rights of Shareholders in each Fund are represented by separate classes of Share. Each Fund will have a single currency of account (the Base Currency of the Fund) and a separate portfolio of the Company will be established by the Directors in respect of the Fund. However, the Directors may at their discretion, create one or more classes of Shares of a Fund representing different currencies, charging structures, distribution policies or other terms and conditions of issue. The creation of further Share classes must be notified to and cleared in advance by the Central Bank. Such Share classes will not be represented by separate portfolios of assets but will represent different interests in the separate portfolio of assets represented by a Fund.

Additional Funds may, with the prior approval of the Central Bank, be added by the Directors.

# Supplements

This Prospectus may only be issued with the relevant Supplement containing specific information relating to a particular Fund. This Prospectus and the relevant Supplement should be read and construed as one document. Supplements may be added to or removed from this Prospectus from time to time as Funds are added to the Company or closed, as the case may be.

The Directors may register some or all Funds in overseas jurisdictions. The cost of such registration will be borne by the appropriate Fund or Funds. Such registration may necessitate the production of documentation for a particular Fund in foreign languages and may necessitate further changes to the Prospectus and/or Supplement(s). The Directors will not consult with Shareholders prior to registering in any country or jurisdiction.

## Investment Objectives and Policies

The assets of each Fund will be invested separately in accordance with the investment objectives and policies of the Fund which are set out in the Supplement to this Prospectus for the relevant Fund. The investment strategy will be set by the Investment Adviser, in compliance with the investment objectives and policies of the Fund.

The investment return to Shareholders in a particular Fund is related to the Net Asset Value of that Fund which in turn is primarily determined by the performance of the portfolio of investments held by that Fund.

The Investment Adviser is also generally permitted to use financial derivative instruments to more effectively manage the level of investment risk and to facilitate efficient investment and management of cash and liquidity in each Fund, as set out in more detail under "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" below. The Investment Adviser may also use financial derivative instruments



for investment purposes as will be indicated in the relevant Fund Supplement. Using derivatives in this way may increase the degree of leverage in a Fund relative to the market, or by taking short positions, reduce a Fund's overall exposure to particular markets, individual securities or specific market factors, such as currency and interest rates. Where permitted by the investment objective and policy for a particular Fund, and by the investment strategy as set out in the relevant Supplements, the Investment Adviser may also use short positions in derivatives to create negative exposures to certain securities or market factors, so as to benefit from falling prices, without the Fund having any corresponding or related long position.

In using derivatives, the Investment Adviser's intention will be to improve the level of return generated from the level of investment risk incurred, while maintaining consistency with each Fund's investment objective. The Investment Adviser's use of derivatives will however be restricted by the need to provide cover for each derivatives position taken, and by the limits on leverage and exposure set out in the relevant Supplement for a Fund.

Pending full investment of the assets attributable to a Fund after its Initial Offering Period or a substantial new subscription, a greater proportion of the assets attributable to the relevant Fund than may be anticipated by its investment objective and/or policy may for a time be held in liquid assets pending full investment of its portfolio.

Where reference to a specific index or indices is made in the investment policy of a Fund against which the performance of that Fund is measured, the Company may, without assuming a change in that investment policy, change the reference index or indices to any other index or indices. The reference index or indices should represent a similar or generally consistent exposure where, for reasons outside the Company's control, the original reference index or indices are no longer the index or indices for that exposure. Details of any change to a reference index or indices will be provided for in the accounts of the Company.

A Fund may be established as a feeder fund pursuant to the provisions of the UCITS Regulations ("Feeder Fund"). A Feeder Fund is a Fund which has been approved by the Central Bank to invest at least 85% of its assets in the units of another UCITS fund, by way of derogation from the provisions of the UCITS Regulations. A Fund may also convert to a Feeder Fund in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. Details of any such Feeder Fund established shall be disclosed in the relevant Supplement.

Amendments to Investment Objectives and Policies

The Directors are responsible for the formulation of each Fund's investment objectives and investment policies and any subsequent changes to those objectives or policies.

Subject thereto, the policy of a Fund may be amended from time to time by the Directors, if they shall deem it to be in the best interests of the relevant Fund to do so provided that a change in the investment objective and/or a material change in policy of a Fund cannot take effect without the prior written approval of all shareholders or without the approval of the shareholders of the Fund on the basis of a majority of votes cast at a general meeting. In the event of a change of objective and/or a material change in policy, on the basis of a majority of votes cast at a general meeting, a reasonable notification period shall be provided by the Directors to enable Shareholders of a particular Fund to seek to redeem their Shares prior to implementation of such changes.

## (b) Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments

The Investment Adviser may use futures, forwards (including forward rate agreements), options (both writing and purchasing), swaps (including credit default swaps) and contracts for difference, including both exchange traded and over the counter derivative instruments for any Fund. The assets or indices underlying such instruments may consist of any one or more of the following: transferable securities, money market instruments, other collective investment schemes, financial indices, interest and foreign exchange rates and currencies.

The Investment Adviser operates a risk management process on behalf of the Company in relation to its use of derivatives which allows it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the various risks



associated with derivatives and which is intended to ensure that each Fund's derivatives exposure remains within the limits described below. This risk management process will also take into account any exposure created through derivatives embedded in transferable securities which the Investment Adviser may acquire for a Fund in accordance with its investment objective and policies.

The risk management process is described in a statement, a copy of which has been filed with the Central Bank, and which will be updated from time to time to include any additional financial derivative instruments which the Investment Adviser proposes to employ on behalf of the Funds. Until such time as the risk management statement has been updated, however, the Investment Adviser will not use any financial derivative instrument which is not for the time being included in the risk management statement.

Information on financial derivatives used for each Fund will be included in the Company's semi-annual and annual reports and accounts. The Company will also provide information to Shareholders on request on the risk management process employed by the Investment Adviser on the Company's behalf, including details of the quantitative limits applied and information on the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of investments held on behalf of each Fund.

Financial derivative instruments may be used by the Investment Adviser either for investment or hedging purposes. Examples of the way in which they may be used, which should not be taken as being exhaustive, or mutually exclusive, include:

### Hedging

Futures, forwards, swaps (including credit default swaps), options and contracts for difference may be used to hedge against downward movements in the value of a Fund's portfolio, either by reference to specific securities or markets to which the Fund may be exposed. The Investment Adviser may also take out hedges against changes in interest or currency rates or credit spreads which would have an impact on a Fund.

Forward foreign exchange contracts are also used more specifically to hedge the value of certain classes of Shares in the Company's Funds against changes in the exchange rate between the currency of denomination of the class of Shares and the Base Currency of the Fund. Hedged classes will be identified in the relevant Supplement for each Fund.

Any derivatives used to implement such strategies with respect to one or more Hedged Share Classes shall be assets/liabilities of a Fund as a whole but will be attributable to the relevant Hedged Share Class(es) and the gains/losses on and the costs of the relevant Financial Instruments will accrue solely to the relevant Hedged Share Class.

Any currency exposure of a Hedged Share Class may not be combined with, or offset against, that of any other Hedged Share Class of a Fund. The currency exposure of the assets attributable to a Hedged Share Class may not be allocated to other Classes. Where there is more than one Hedged Share Class in a Fund denominated in the same currency (which is a currency other than the Base Currency of the relevant Fund) and it is intended to hedge the foreign currency exposure of such Hedged Share Classes against the Base Currency of the relevant Fund or against the currencies in which the Fund's assets are denominated, the Fund may, in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements, aggregate the foreign exchange transactions entered into on behalf of such Hedged Share Classes and apportion the gains/losses on and the costs of the relevant Financial Instruments pro rata to each such Hedged Share Class in the relevant Fund.

Where the Company seeks to hedge against currency fluctuations at Class level, while not intended, this could result in over-hedged or under-hedged positions due to external factors outside the control of the Company. However, over-hedged positions will not exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value of the Class and under-hedged positions shall not fall short of 95% of the portion of the Net Asset Value of the Class which is to be hedged against currency risk. Hedged positions will be reviewed daily to ensure that over-hedged do not exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Hedged Share Class and that any position that is materially in excess of 100% will not be carried forward from month to month. Under-hedged positions shall also be kept under review to ensure that such positions are not carried forward from month to month.



To the extent that hedging is successful for a particular Class, the performance of the Hedged Share Class is likely to move in line with the performance of the underlying assets with the result that investors in that Hedged Share Class will not gain if the Class currency falls against the Base Currency and/or the currency in which the assets of the particular Fund are denominated. The currency hedging strategy will be monitored and adjusted in line with the valuation cycle at which investors are able to subscribe to and redeem from the relevant Fund. Investors should also note that the hedging of Hedged Share Classes is distinct from any hedging strategies that the Investment Adviser may implement at Fund level, the risks associated with which are described below under "Foreign Exchange/Currency Risk".

#### Tactical asset allocation

Futures, forwards, options, swaps (including credit default swaps) and contracts for difference may be used to gain or reduce a Fund's exposure to credit spreads or a particular security or market on a short or medium term basis, either in advance of a longer term allocation or reappraisal of the Fund's commitment to the asset or market in question, or purely on a temporary basis where it is more efficient to use derivatives for this purpose. Futures, options, swaps and contracts for difference may also be used to increase or reduce the Fund's exposure to general global market risk on a temporary basis, in advance of a longer term allocation or reappraisal of the Fund's commitment to specific markets or companies.

#### Beta and interest rate duration management

The Investment Adviser may use futures, forwards, options, swaps (including credit default swaps) and contracts for difference to increase or reduce the beta, interest rate duration or spread duration of all or a part of a Fund's portfolio to take account of changing levels of volatility in the market while at the same time maintaining exposure to the market.

By using derivatives in this way, the value of the Fund's portfolio may be made more or less responsive to general changes in market values than a corresponding portfolio that does not include derivatives. The Investment Adviser may use this ability to effectively leverage a Fund, subject to the requirements above under "Investment Powers and Restrictions", to take advantage of conditions in relation to particular markets or securities which the Investment Adviser believes offer especially favourable prospects.

Alternatively, the Investment Adviser may de-leverage a Fund by taking short positions to protect the Fund against potentially adverse market conditions or to reduce exposure to securities or markets which the Investment Adviser's analysis suggests are overvalued and prone to being sold off, without having to resort to holding cash.

## Taking views on the pricing or likely direction of markets

Each Fund benefits from unhedged positive movements in market prices and upwards revaluations of assets through the securities positions and long exposures in its portfolio. The Investment Adviser may also use futures, forwards, options, swaps (including credit default swaps) and contracts for difference to increase a Fund's ability to benefit from long positions by employing leverage or to position a Fund to benefit from anticipated corrections in the overpricing of securities or of market risks or downwards movements in market prices by taking short or negative positions in relation to particular securities, markets or market factors.

# Revenue generation

The Investment Adviser may generate additional revenue or subsidise the cost of options purchased for a Fund by writing put options and call options on securities held in the Fund.

#### Currency management



Currency forwards, futures, options and swaps may be used to actively implement the Investment Adviser's views on likely currency movements.

#### Cash management and efficient investing

The Investment Adviser may also use futures, forwards, options, swaps (including credit default swaps) and contracts for difference as an alternative to acquiring the underlying or the related securities, alone or in conjunction with the securities, in any case where such investment may be accomplished in a more efficient or less costly way through the use of derivatives. Such instruments may also be used to maintain or reduce exposure to the market while managing the cashflows from subscriptions and redemptions into and out of each Fund more efficiently than by buying and selling transferable securities.

#### Market concentrations

Certain markets within the investment universe of the Funds may be highly concentrated due to the presence of a number of disproportionately highly capitalised issuers in those markets, with the result that a Fund may have difficulty in maintaining adequate exposure to that market by purchasing transferable securities without breaching its investment limits. The Investment Adviser may use index futures to maintain a desired level of exposure to such markets.

### **Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management**

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, the Investment Adviser may, on behalf of a Fund, engage in techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and money market instruments for efficient portfolio management purposes within the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank in the Regulations and set out under "Investment Powers and Restrictions" and "Restrictions on Borrowing, Lending and Dealing" below. Any reference in this Prospectus or in the Supplements to "efficient portfolio management" shall mean a reference to techniques and instruments, including the use of derivatives, used for one or more of the following specific aims:

- (1) the reduction of risk;
- (2) the reduction of cost;
- the generation of additional capital on income for the UCITS with a level of risk which is consistent with the risk profile of the relevant Fund and the risk diversification requirements in accordance with the Central Bank Requirements.

In relation to efficient portfolio management operations, the Investment Adviser will look to ensure that the techniques and instruments used are economically appropriate in that they will be realised in a cost-effective way and that the risks associated with such instruments are adequately covered by the risk management process of the relevant Fund.

Such transactions may include securities financing transactions and financial derivative instruments as described in greater detail herein in the sections entitled "Securities Financing Transactions and Efficient Portfolio Management" and "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and/or in the relevant Supplement.

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

## SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS AND EFFICIENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Additional provisions: The following additional provisions reflect the requirements of the European Securities and Markets Authority ("ESMA") Guidelines ESMA/2012/832EN and the Securities Financing Transactions Regulations (Regulation EU/2015/2365) and are subject to changes thereto. These additional provisions apply to all Funds:



## Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs")

Where specified in the relevant Supplement, a Fund may enter into securities financing transactions which include repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreement and/or securities lending agreements for efficient portfolio management purposes only in accordance with the limits and conditions set down in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and the Securities Financing Transactions Regulations (Regulation EU 2015/2365). Funds may also utilise total return swaps, equity swaps and contracts for differences, details of which will be set out in the relevant Supplement.

### SFTs, Repurchase agreements and stock lending arrangements

The following applies to SFTs and in particular, to repo contracts and stock lending arrangements:

- a. Repurchase agreements and stock lending may only be effected in accordance with normal market practice.
- b. The Fund must have the right to terminate any stock lending arrangement which it has entered into at any time or demand the return of any or all of the securities loaned.
- c. Where a Fund enters into a repurchase agreement, it must be able at any time to recall or to terminate the repurchase agreement into which it has entered.
- d. Where a Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it must be 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 should be used for the calculation of the net asset value.
- e. Fixed-term repurchase agreements that do not exceed seven days should be considered as arrangements on terms that allow the assets to be recalled at any time by the Fund.
- f. Any direct operational costs and/or fees which arise as a result of the use of efficient portfolio management techniques (including SFTs and total return swaps) which may be deducted from the revenue delivered to the relevant Fund shall be at normal commercial rates and shall not include any hidden revenue. Such direct costs and fees will be paid to the relevant counterparty of the transaction. The Directors will ensure that all revenues generated through the use of efficient portfolio management techniques, net of direct operational costs and fees, will be returned to the relevant Fund. The counterparties to the relevant transaction will not be related to the Investment Adviser or to any of the service providers of the Company. Information on the revenues generated under such transactions shall be disclosed in the annual and semi-annual reports of the Company, along with entities to whom direct and indirect operational costs and fees relating to such transactions are paid.

# Risks and potential conflicts of interest involved in efficient portfolio management techniques including SFTs and total return swaps

There are certain risks involved in efficient portfolio management activities and the management of collateral in relation to such activities (see further below). Please refer to the section of this Prospectus entitled "Risk Factors" and, in particular but without limitation, the risk factors relating to derivative risks and counterparty risk. These risks may expose investors to an increased risk of loss.

#### Eligible Counterparties

Any counterparty to a total return swap or other OTC derivative contract shall satisfy one of the following categories:

- (i) a credit institution which falls within any of the categories set down in Regulation 7 of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations (an "Approved Credit Institution");
- (ii) an investment firm authorised in accordance with MiFID; or



(iii) a group company of an entity issued with a bank holding company license from the Federal Reserve of the United States of America where that group company is subject to bank holding company consolidated supervision by that Federal Reserve

Any counterparty to an OTC derivative contract or a securities financing transaction shall be subject to an appropriate internal assessment carried out by the Investment Adviser, which shall include amongst other considerations, external credit ratings of the counterparty, the regulatory supervision applied to the relevant counterparty, country of origin of the counterparty and legal status of the counterparty.

Save where the relevant counterparty to the relevant securities financing transaction or OTC derivative contract is an Approved Credit Institution, where such counterparty (a) is subject to a credit rating by an agency registered and supervised by ESMA that rating shall be taken into account by the Investment Adviser in the credit assessment process; and (b) where a counterparty is downgraded to A-2 or below (or comparable rating) by the credit rating agency referred to in subparagraph (a) this shall result in a new credit assessment being conducted of the counterparty by the Investment Adviser without delay

# Management of collateral for OTC derivative transactions, efficient portfolio management techniques and SFTs

- a. Collateral management policy: In accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank the Investment Adviser will employ a collateral management policy for and on behalf of each Fund in respect of collateral received in respect of OTC financial derivative transactions whether used for investment or for efficient portfolio management purposes. The collateral management policy employed by the Investment Adviser in respect of the Funds arising from OTC financial derivative transactions provides that cash and highly liquid assets which meet with the regulatory criteria in respect of valuation, issue credit quality, correlation and collateral diversification will be permitted collateral for each proposed financial derivative transaction. The collateral policy operated by the Investment Adviser will set appropriate levels of collateral required by the Investment Adviser in respect of derivative transactions. The level of collateral required to be posted by a counterparty may vary by counterparty and where the exchange of collateral relates to initial or variation margin in respect of non-centrally cleared OTC derivatives which fall within the scope of EMIR, the level of collateral will be determined taking into account the requirements of EMIR. In all other cases, collateral will be required from a counterparty where regulatory exposure limits to that counterparty would otherwise be breached.
- b. Collateral obtained in respect of OTC derivative transactions, SFTs and efficient portfolio management techniques ("Collateral"), such as a repo contract or stock lending arrangement, must comply with the following criteria:
  - i. liquidity: Collateral (other than cash) should be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to its pre-sale valuation;
  - ii. valuation: Collateral should be capable of being valued on a daily basis and assets that exhibit high price volatility should not be accepted as Collateral unless suitably conservative haircuts are in place;
  - iii. issuer credit quality: Collateral should be of high quality;
  - iv. correlation: Collateral should be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is expected not to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty;
  - v. diversification: Collateral should be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers; and
  - vi. immediately available: Collateral must be capable of being fully enforced at any time without reference to or approval from the counterparty.



Re-invested cash collateral should be diversified in accordance with the diversification requirements applicable to non-cash collateral such that it should be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers.

- c. Subject to the above criteria, Collateral must be in the form of one of the following:
  - i. cash; or
  - ii. a certificate of deposit; or
  - iii. a letter of credit; or
  - iv. a readily realisable security; or
  - v. commercial paper with no embedded derivative content; or
  - vi. a short-term money-market fund (as defined in ESMA's "guidelines on a common definition of European money market funds") or a qualifying money market fund.
- d. Until the expiry of the repo contract or stock lending arrangement, Collateral obtained under such contracts or arrangements:
  - i. must be marked to market daily; and
  - ii. is intended to equal or exceed the value of the amount invested or securities loaned.
- e. Collateral must be held by the Depositary, or its agent (where there is title transfer). This is not applicable in the event that there is no title transfer in which case the Collateral can be held by a third party custodian which is subject to prudential supervision, and which is unrelated to the provider of the Collateral.
- f. Non-cash Collateral cannot be sold, re-invested or pledged.
- g. In circumstances where a Fund receives collateral for at least 30% of its assets, the Investment Adviser will employ an appropriate stress testing policy to ensure regular stress tests are carried out under normal and exceptional liquidity conditions to enable the Investment Adviser to assess the liquidity risk attached to the collateral. The liquidity stress testing policy shall be disclosed in the risk management process employed by the Investment Adviser.

#### **Additional spread limits**

With regard to OTC derivative transactions and efficient portfolio management techniques, including repo contracts and stock lending arrangements, a Fund's exposure to any one counterparty must not exceed 5 per cent in value of the property. This limit is raised to 10 per cent where the counterparty is an entity referenced under the heading "Investment Powers and Restrictions".

## **Haircut policy**

The Investment Adviser has implemented a haircut policy in respect of each class of assets received as Collateral. A haircut is a discount applied to the value of a Collateral asset to account for the fact that its valuation, or liquidity profile, may deteriorate over time. The haircut policy takes account of the characteristics of the relevant asset class, including the credit standing of the issuer of the Collateral, the price volatility of the Collateral and the results of any stress tests which may be performed in accordance with the collateral management policy. Subject to the framework of agreements in place with the relevant counterparty, which may or may not include minimum transfer amounts, it is the intention of the Funds that any Collateral received shall have a value, adjusted in light of the haircut policy, which equals or exceeds the relevant counterparty exposure where appropriate.

The haircut applied to collateral posted by a counterparty will be negotiated on a counterparty basis and will vary depending on the class of asset received by a Sub-Fund, taking into account its credit standing



and price volatility, any stress testing carried out to assess the liquidity risk of such asset and, where applicable taking into account the requirements of EMIR.

#### Valuation of collateral

Collateral that is received by a Fund will 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. The non-cash collateral received by the Fund will be at mark to market given the required liquid nature of the collateral.

## Posting of collateral by a Fund

Collateral provided by a Fund to a counterparty shall be agreed with the relevant counterparty and may comprise of cash or any types of assets held by the relevant Fund in accordance with its investment objective and policies and shall, where applicable, comply with the requirements of EMIR. Collateral may be transferred by a Fund to a counterparty on a title transfer basis where the assets are passed outside of the custody network and are no longer held by the Depositary or its sub-depositary. In such circumstances, subject to the requirements of SFTR, the counterparty to the transaction may use those assets in its absolute discretion. Where collateral is posted by a Fund to a counterparty under a security collateral arrangement where title to the relevant securities remains with the Fund, such collateral must be safe-kept by the Depositary or its sub-depositary, however, subject to the requirements of SFTR. Such assets may be subject to a right of re-use by the counterparty. Risks associated with re-use of collateral are set down in "Risk Factors: Risks Associated with Collateral Management".

#### **Investment Powers and Restrictions**

The permitted investments and investment restrictions applying to the Company, in accordance with the qualifications and exemptions contained in the UCITS Regulations, and in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, are set out below. The Directors of the Company may from time to time impose such further investment restrictions as shall be compatible with or in the interest of the Shareholders, in order to comply with the laws and regulations of the countries where Shares of the Company are available for subscription. Any such further restrictions shall be in accordance with the Regulations.

## General

The principal investment restrictions applying to each Fund are set out below. These are, however, subject to the restrictions contained in the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. Any additional investment restrictions for any other Funds will be formulated by the Directors at the time of the creation of such Funds and disclosed in the relevant Supplement. Any such further restrictions shall be in accordance with the UCITS Regulations.

Save where expressly provided otherwise in a Supplement for a Fund or for Funds, no Fund of the Company may invest more than 10% in aggregate of its net assets in other collective investment schemes including exchange traded funds.

## 1 Permitted Investments

Investments of the Company 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/shares of UCITS.



- 1.5 Units/shares of AIFs.
- **1.6** Deposits with credit institutions.
- **1.7** Financial derivative instruments.

#### 2 Investment Restrictions

- **2.1** Each Fund may invest no more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in transferable securities and money market instruments other than those referred to in paragraph 1.
- 2.2 Each Fund may invest no more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in recently issued transferable securities which will be admitted to official listing on a stock exchange or other market (as described in paragraph 1.2) within a year. This restriction will not apply in relation to investment by each Fund in certain US securities known as rule 144A securities provided that:
  - the securities are issued with an undertaking to register with the US Securities and Exchanges Commission within one year of issue; and
  - the securities are not illiquid securities i.e. they may be realised by the Fund within seven days at the price, or approximately at the price, at which they are valued by the Fund.
- 2.3 Each Fund may invest no more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in transferable securities and money market instruments issued by the same body provided that the total value of transferable securities and money market instruments held in the issuing bodies in each of which it invests more than 5% is less than 40%.
- 2.4 Subject to the prior approval of the Central Bank, the limit of 10% (in 2.3) is raised to 25% in the case of bonds that are issued by a credit institution which has its registered office in a Member State and is subject by law to special public supervision designed to protect bond-holders. If a Fund invests more than 5% of its net assets in these bonds issued by one issuer, the total value of these investments may not exceed 80% of the net asset value of the Fund.
- 2.5 The limit of 10% (in 2.3) is raised to 35% if the transferable securities or money market instruments are issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities or by a non-Member State or public international body of which one or more Member States are members.
- 2.6 The transferable securities and money market instruments referred to in 2.4. and 2.5 shall not be taken into account for the purpose of applying the limit of 40% referred to in 2.3.
- **2.7** Each Fund may not invest more than 20% of its Net Asset Value in deposits made with the same credit institution.

Deposits with any one credit institution, other than a credit institution authorised in the EEA (European Union Member States, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein), a credit institution authorised within a signatory state (other than an EEA Member State) to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1988 (Switzerland, Canada, Japan, United States) or a credit institution authorised in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Australia or New Zealand held as ancillary liquidity, must not exceed 10% of net assets.

This limit may be raised to 20% in the case of deposits made with the Depositary.

2.8 The risk exposure of each Fund to a counterparty to an OTC derivative may not exceed 5% of its Net Asset Value.

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



- **2.9** Notwithstanding paragraphs 2.3, 2.7 and 2.8 above, a combination of two or more of the following issued by, or made or undertaken with, the same body may not exceed 20% of net assets:
  - investments in transferable securities or money market instruments;
  - deposits, and/or
  - counterparty risk exposures arising from OTC derivatives transactions.
- **2.10** The limits referred to in 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 above may not be combined, so that exposure to a single body shall not exceed 35% of Net Asset Value.
- **2.11** Group companies are regarded as a single issuer for the purposes of 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9. However, a limit of 20% of Net Asset Value may be applied to investment in transferable securities and money market instruments within the same group.
- 2.12 Each Fund may invest up to 100% of its Net Asset Value in transferable securities and money market instruments issued by or guaranteed by any Member State, its local authorities, non-Member States or public international body of which one or more Member States are members. The individual issuers must be listed in the prospectus and may be drawn from OECD Governments (provided the relevant issues are investment grade), Government of the People's Republic of China, Government of Brazil (provided the issues are of investment grade), Government of India (provided the issues are of investment grade), Government of Singapore, European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Corporation, International Monetary Fund, Euratom, The Asian Development Bank, European Central Bank, Council of Europe, Eurofima, African Development Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (The World Bank), The Inter American Development Bank, European Union, Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae), Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Tennessee Valley Authority, Straight-A Funding LLC, Export-Import Bank.

However, a Fund must hold securities from at least six different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30% of the Net Asset Value of that Fund.

## 2.13 **Deposits**

Deposits with any single credit institution other than a credit institution specified in Regulation 7 of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations held as ancillary liquidity shall not exceed:

- (a) 10% of the NAV of the UCITS; or
- (b) where the deposit is made with the Depositary, 20% of the net assets of the UCITS.

#### 2.14 Recently Issued Transferable Securities

- (i) Subject to paragraph (2) the Company shall not invest any more than 10% of assets of a Fund in securities of the type to which Regulation 68(1)(d) of the UCITS Regulations 2011 apply.
- (ii) Paragraph (1) does not apply to an investment by the Company in US Securities known as "Rule 144 A securities" provided that;
  - (a) the relevant securities have been issued with an undertaking to register the securities with the SEC within 1 year of issue; and
  - (b) the securities are not illiquid securities i.e. they may be realised by the UCITS within 7 days at the price, or approximately at the price, which they are valued by the Fund.

## 3. Investment in Collective Investment Schemes ("CIS")

3.1 Pursuant to the UCITS Regulations, each Fund may invest no more than 20% of its Net Asset Value in any one CIS. The Directors have determined that no more than 10% of the Net Asset



Value of any Fund may be invested in aggregate in other CIS other than as specified in a Supplement.

- 3.2 Pursuant to the UCITS Regulations, investment in AIFs may not, in aggregate, exceed 30% of its Net Asset Value. The Directors have determined that no more than 10% of the Net Asset Value of any Fund may be invested in aggregate in other CIS other than as specified in a Supplement.
- 3.3 The CIS which each Fund may invest in are prohibited from investing more than 10 per cent of their own net asset value in other CIS.
- 3.4 When a Fund invests in the shares/units of other CIS that are managed, directly or by delegation, by the Investment Adviser or by any other company with which the Investment Adviser is linked by common management or control, or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, the Investment Adviser or other company may not charge management, subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of the a Fund's investment in the shares/units of such other CIS.
- 3.5 Where a commission (including a rebated commission) is received by the Investment Adviser by virtue of an investment in the units/shares of another CIS, this commission must be paid into the property of the relevant Fund.

## 4. General Provisions

- **4.1** Each Fund may not acquire any shares carrying voting rights which would enable it to exercise significant influence over the management of an issuing body.
- **4.2** Each Fund may acquire no more than:
  - (i) 10% of the non-voting shares of any single issuing body;
  - (ii) 10% of the debt securities of any single issuing body;
  - (iii) 25% of the shares/units of any single CIS;
  - (iv) 10% of the money market instruments of any single issuing body.

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

### 4.3 4.1 and 4.2 shall not be applicable to:

- (i) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities;
- (ii) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a non-Member State;
- (iii) transferable securities and money market instruments issued by public international bodies of which one or more Member States are members;
- (iv) shares held by any Fund in the capital of a company incorporated in a non-Member State which invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuing bodies having their registered offices in that State, where under the legislation of that State such a holding represents the only way in which the Fund can invest in the securities of issuing bodies of that State. This waiver is applicable only if in its investment policies the company from the non-Member State complies with the limits laid down in 2.3 to 2.11, 3.1, 4.1 and 4.2, and provided that where these limits are exceeded, 4.5 and 4.6 are observed;
- (v) shares held by an investment company or investment companies in the capital of subsidiary companies carrying on only the business of management, advice or marketing in the country where the subsidiary is located, in regard to the repurchase of shares / units at shareholders / unitholders' request exclusively on their behalf.
- **4.4** Each Fund need not comply with the investment restrictions herein when exercising subscription rights attaching to transferable securities or money market instruments which form part of their assets.



- **4.5** The Central Bank may allow recently authorised UCITS to derogate from the provisions of 2.3 to 2.14, 3.1 and 3.2 for six months following the date of their authorisation, provided they observe the principle of risk spreading.
- **4.6** If the limits laid down herein are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of any Fund, or as a result of the exercise of subscription rights, then that 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.
- 4.7 Neither the Investment Adviser, nor any of the Funds, may carry out uncovered sales of:
  - transferable securities;
  - money market instruments;
  - units of CIS; or
  - financial derivative instruments.
- 4.7.1 Each Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets.

## 5 Financial Derivative Instruments ("FDIs")

- 5.1 Each Fund's global exposure relating to FDI must not exceed its total net asset value.
- 5.2 Position exposure to the underlying assets of FDI, including embedded FDI in transferable securities or money market instruments, when combined where relevant with positions resulting from direct investments, may not exceed the investment limits set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations/guidance (this provision does not apply in the case of index based FDI provided the underlying index is one which meets with the criteria set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations).
- **5.3** Each Fund may invest in FDIs dealt in over-the-counter ("OTCs") provided that the counterparties to OTCs are institutions subject to prudential supervision and belonging to categories approved by the Central Bank.
- **5.4** Investment in FDIs is subject to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank.

## Restrictions on Borrowing, Lending and Dealing

- (1) Each Fund may only borrow an amount which in the aggregate does not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Such borrowings may, however, only be made on a temporary basis. Each Fund may give a charge over the assets of the Fund in order to secure borrowings.
  - Further, each Fund may not invest more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in partly paid securities.
- (2) Each Fund may acquire foreign currency by means of a "back-to-back" loan. Foreign currency obtained in this manner is not classed as borrowings for the purposes of the borrowing restrictions contained in the UCITS Regulations and (1) above, provided that the offsetting deposit:-
  - (i) is denominated in the Base Currency of the Fund;
  - (ii) equals or exceeds the value of the foreign currency loan outstanding.
  - However, where foreign currency borrowings exceed the value of the back-to-back deposit, any excess is regarded as borrowing for the purpose of Regulation 69 of the UCITS Regulations and (1) above.
- (3) Each Fund may not, save as set out in (1) above, mortgage, hypothecate or in any manner transfer as security for indebtedness, any securities owned or held by the Fund provided that



the purchase or sale of securities on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis, and margin paid with respect to the writing of options or the purchase or sale of financial derivative instruments, are not deemed to be the pledge of the assets.

- (4) Without prejudice to the powers of each Fund to invest in transferable securities, each Fund may not lend or act as guarantor on behalf of third parties.
- (5) Each Fund may engage in stocklending and use repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements for the purpose of efficient portfolio management, in accordance with the guidelines set out by the Central Bank.

The investment restrictions apply to any investment at the time that investment is made. The Investment Adviser will be responsible for ensuring that the investment restrictions applicable to each Fund are complied with and will report to the Directors accordingly.

With the exception of permitted investments including unlisted securities or units of open-ended collective investment schemes, investment by a Fund will be restricted to those Recognised Exchanges referred to under "RECOGNISED EXCHANGES" below.

(i) Changes to Investment and Borrowing Restrictions

It is intended that the Company or any 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 specified in the UCITS Regulations which would permit investment by the Company or any Fund in securities, financial 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.

## **Non-Member State Companies**

The Company intends to invest the assets attributable to each Fund directly in investments purchased and held as part of the relevant Fund's investment objective and policy. The Company nonetheless has the power subject to 4.3(iv) of the above section of the Prospectus entitled "Investment Powers and Restrictions" to invest in companies incorporated in non-Member States with the prior approval of the Central Bank through which any such investment may be made where investment through such a company represents the only way in which the Fund can invest in the securities of issuers in that country. The Company reserves the right to utilise this power where this is considered by the Directors to be in the interests of the Company or conducive to achieving the investment objective and policy of any one or more Funds. In the event of the Company investing in such companies, details will be set out in the relevant Supplement to the Prospectus. Financial Indices

Where a Fund invests in an index, or holds an index-based derivative, the financial index must satisfy the following criteria:

i)the index must be sufficiently diversified;

ii)the index must represent an adequate benchmark for the market to which it refers;

iii)the index must be published in an appropriate manner; and

iv)the financial index must be subject to independent valuation.

A financial index is sufficiently diversified if:

- i) it is composed in such a way that price movements or trading activities regarding one component do not unduly influence the performance of the whole index;
- ii) where it is composed of assets in which a Fund is permitted to invest, its composition is at least diversified in accordance with the requirements with respect to spread and concentration set out in this section; and



iii) where it is composed of assets in which a Fund cannot invest, it is diversified in a way which is equivalent to the diversification achieved by the requirements with respect to spread and concentration set out in this section.

A financial index represents an adequate benchmark for the market to which it refers if:

- i) it measures the performance of a representative group of underlying assets in a relevant and appropriate way;
- ii) it is revised or rebalanced periodically to ensure that it continues to reflect the markets to which it refers, following criteria which are publicly available; and
- iii) the underlying assets are sufficiently liquid, allowing users to replicate it if necessary.
- iv) if it has not been created and calculated on the request of one, or a very limited number of, market participants and according to the specifications of those market participants.

A financial index is published in an appropriate manner if:

- i) its publication process relies on sound procedures to collect prices, and calculate and subsequently publish the index value, including pricing procedures for components where a market price is not available; and
- ii) material information on matters such as index calculation, rebalancing methodologies, index changes or any operational difficulties in providing timely or accurate information is provided on a wide and timely basis.

A fund will not invest in commodity indices that do not consist of different commodities.

Details of any financial indices used by the Fund will be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Adviser on request and will be set out in the Company's semi-annual and annual accounts. Any such indices will be cleared by the Central Bank or will meet its requirements. In any event, however, the financial indices to which the Fund may gain exposure will typically be rebalanced on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis. The costs associated with gaining exposure to a financial index will be impacted by the frequency with which the relevant financial index is rebalanced. Where the weighting of a particular constituent in the financial index exceeds the UCITS investment restrictions, the Investment Adviser will as a priority objective look to remedy the situation taking into account the interests of Shareholders and the Fund.



#### **RISK FACTORS**

There are risks associated with investment in the Company and in the Shares of each Fund.

The risks which an investor should take into account include risks which are Company specific i.e. they apply in respect of all classes of Shares of the Company and all Funds of the Company in which investors may invest; and which are Fund specific i.e. they are specific to the Shares of the Fund in which the investor may wish to invest and arise from the investment objective, policy and strategy which is adopted in relation to the Fund and from the underlying investments in which it invests. Each prospective investor should carefully consider these risks before investing in the Company and in the Shares of any of its Funds.

In addition to those Risk Factors referred to in the Supplement applicable to a particular Fund and its Shares, investors should take into account the following factors when considering the risks associated with investment in the Company and in Shares of any particular Fund or class:-

#### General

Potential investors should note that the investments of each Fund are subject to market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities of the kind and nature in which the Fund invests and there can be no assurance that any appreciation in value will occur. The value of investments and the income from them, and therefore the value of, and income from, Shares of a Fund can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount he invests. Changes in exchange rates between currencies may also cause the value of the investments to diminish or increase. An investor who realises Shares of a Fund after a short period may, in addition, not realise the amount originally invested in view of any initial charge made on the issue of the Shares. The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of Shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

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

#### Valuation

In the event that investments are held which are not listed or dealt on any Recognised Exchange, such investments may be valued by "competent people" who are connected with the Investment Adviser and who may have a conflict of interest in relation to any such valuation. For example, where a performance fee is payable, if the value of the assets increases, the performance fee could increase. The Directors have stated under "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST" below that they will ensure any conflict of interest which arises will be resolved fairly and in the interests of Shareholders. When valuing securities of this nature the competent person has a duty to act with care and in good faith in valuing the relevant investment.

## Political and/or Regulatory Risks

The value of the assets attributable to a Fund may be affected by uncertainties such as national, regional or international political developments, changes in government policies, changes in taxation, restrictions on foreign investment and currency repatriation, currency fluctuations and other developments in the laws and regulations of countries in which investment may be made. Furthermore, the legal infrastructure and accounting, auditing and reporting standards in certain countries in which investment may be made may not provide the same degree of investor protection or information to investors as would generally apply in major securities markets.

# Risks connected with the health and performance of the global financial markets, and in particular the Eurozone

The value of the assets attributable to a Fund depends to an extent on a number of macroeconomic factors, all of which are outside its control and which are difficult to predict with any certainty. Since the start of the global financial crisis in 2008, the global economy has experienced a significant period of



turbulence. Although a number of economies in Europe and elsewhere experienced a degree of recovery in 2010 and the first half of 2011, volatility increased in the second half of 2011 and into 2012. There is continuing uncertainty regarding the ability of certain EU member states, including Greece, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Ireland, to service their sovereign debt obligations. In addition, significant concerns surround the stability of the euro currency and the solvency of numerous European banks. The recent downgrades by Standard & Poor's Ratings Service of a number of major European economies (including the United States of America in 2011) have also fuelled significant investor concern. It is impossible to predict how the current global financial slowdown and the currency instability of certain economic blocs will impact upon the short or long term financial performance of the Funds. If current volatile market conditions in the UK, continental Europe and globally persist or worsen, the performance of the investments held within the Funds could be materially and adversely impacted.

#### Brexit

The Company and the Investment Adviser 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 a vote for the United Kingdom to leave the European Union. That decision to leave could materially and adversely affect the regulatory regime to which the Investment Adviser is currently subject in the United Kingdom, particularly in respect of financial services regulation and taxation. In addition, some of the Funds are feeder funds that invest into master funds domiciled and regulated in the United Kingdom, the future regulatory position of these master funds and the associated rules concerning the feeder funds are subject to change.

Furthermore, the vote to leave 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 Company, the Funds' investments, and the Investment Adviser's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. The vote for the United Kingdom to leave the European Union may set in train a sustained period of uncertainty both in the United Kingdom and the European Union, as the United Kingdom seeks to negotiate the terms of its exit. It may also destabilize some or all of the other 27 members of the European Union and/or the euro zone.

The exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union could have a material impact on the region's economy and the future growth of that economy, which may impact adversely on the Investment Adviser's business and the Fund's investments in the United Kingdom and Europe. It could also result in prolonged uncertainty regarding aspects of the U.K. and European economy and damage customers' and investors' confidence. Any of these events, as well as an exit or expulsion of a Member State other than the United Kingdom from the European Union, could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Funds and the Investment Adviser.

#### Cyber Security Risk

The Company and its service providers are susceptible to operational and information security and related risks of cyber security incidents. In general, cyber incidents can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events. Cyber security attacks include, but are not limited to, gaining unauthorized access to digital systems (e.g. through "hacking" or malicious software coding) for purposes of misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting data or causing operational disruption. Cyber attacks also may be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorized access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on websites (i.e. efforts to make services unavailable to intended users). Cyber security incidents affecting the Directors, the Company, the Investment Adviser, the Administrator or the Depositary or other service providers such as financial intermediaries have the ability to cause disruptions and impact business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses, including by interference with the Company's ability to calculate its Net Asset Value; impediments to trading for a Fund's portfolio; the inability of Shareholders to transact business with the Company: violations of applicable privacy, data security or other laws; regulatory fines and penalties; reputational damage; reimbursement or other compensation or remediation costs; legal fees; or additional compliance costs. Similar adverse consequences could result from cyber security incidents affecting issuers of securities in which a Fund invests, counterparties with which a Fund engages in transactions, governmental and other regulatory authorities, exchange and other financial market operators, banks,



brokers, dealers, insurance companies and other financial institutions and other parties. While information risk management systems and business continuity plans have been developed which are designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security, there are inherent limitations in any cyber security risk management systems or business continuity plans, including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified.

# Portfolio Management Risk

The Investment Adviser may engage in various portfolio strategies on behalf of a Fund by the use of futures and options. Due to the nature of futures, cash to meet initial and future margin deposits may be held by a broker with whom the Fund has an open position. On execution of the option the Fund may pay a premium to a counterparty. In the event of bankruptcy of the counterparty the option premium may be lost in addition to any unrealised gains where the contract is "in the money".

## Foreign Exchange/Currency Risk

Although Shares of a Fund may be denominated in one or more currencies these may be different from the Base Currency of account of the Fund and the Fund may invest its assets in securities denominated in a wide range of currencies, some of which may not be freely convertible. The Net Asset Value of the Fund and the Net Asset Value of different denominations of Shares of a Fund will fluctuate in accordance with the changes in the foreign exchange rate between the relevant currencies. A Fund and its Shares may therefore be exposed to a foreign exchange/currency risk.

It may not be possible or practicable to hedge against the consequent foreign exchange/currency risk exposure. It will be the policy of certain Funds to hedge some or all of non-Base Currency denominated assets into the Base Currency of the Fund in order to mitigate the impact of currency fluctuations on non-Base Currency denominated assets. Investors should note that this strategy may substantially limit holders of the relevant class from benefiting if the denominated currency of the class falls against the Base Currency of the Fund or the currency in which the assets of the Fund are denominated. Financial Instruments used to implement such strategies shall be assets/liabilities of the Fund as a whole. However, the gains/losses on and the costs of the relevant Financial Instruments will accrue solely to the relevant class of Shares of the Fund.

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

#### Premium Risk

Where a Fund acquires or values securities in the over-the-counter market there is no guarantee that the Fund will be able to realise such securities at a premium due to the nature of the over-the-counter market.

## **Counterparty and Settlement Considerations**

A Fund will be exposed to credit risk on the counterparties with which it trades in relation to options, futures, contracts and other derivative financial instruments that are not traded on a Recognised Exchange. Such instruments are not afforded the same protections as may apply to participants trading futures or options on organised exchanges, such as the performance guarantee of an exchange clearing house. A Fund will be subject to the possibility of the insolvency, bankruptcy or default of a counterparty with which the Company trades such instruments, which could result in substantial losses to the Company and the relevant Fund.

The Company will be obliged to pay margin deposits and option premiums to brokers in relation to futures and option contracts entered into for each Fund. While exchange traded contracts are generally



guaranteed by the relevant exchange, the Fund may still be exposed to the fraud or insolvency of the broker through which the transaction is undertaken. The Investment Adviser will seek to minimise this risk by trading only through high quality names.

A Fund will also be exposed to a credit risk on parties with whom the Company trades securities, and may also bear the risk of settlement default, in particular in relation to debt securities such as bonds, notes and similar debt obligations or instruments. Shareholders should also note that settlement mechanisms in emerging markets are generally less developed and reliable than those in more developed countries and that this therefore increases the risk of settlement default, which could result in substantial losses for the Company and the relevant Fund in respect to investments in emerging markets. Shareholders should also note that the securities of small capitalisation companies as well as the securities of companies domiciled in emerging markets are less liquid and more volatile than more developed stock markets and this may result in fluctuations in the price of the Shares of the relevant Fund.

# Currency Exchange Rates Risk

Currency fluctuations may adversely affect the value of a Fund's investments and the income thereon and, depending on an investor's currency of reference, currency fluctuations may adversely affect the value of his investment in Shares. A significant portion of a Fund's assets may be denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency of a Fund or class. There is the risk that the value of such assets and/or the value of any distributions from such assets may decrease if the underlying currency in which assets are traded falls relative to the Base Currency in which Shares of the relevant Fund are valued and priced. Funds are not required to hedge their foreign currency risk, although they may do so through foreign currency exchange contracts, forward contracts, currency options and other methods. To the extent that a Fund does not hedge its foreign currency risk or such hedging is incomplete or unsuccessful, the value of that Fund's assets and income could be adversely affected by currency exchange rate movements. There may also be circumstances in which a hedging transaction may reduce currency gains that would otherwise arise in the valuation of the Fund in circumstances where no such hedging transactions are undertaken.

## Registration Risk

In some emerging market countries evidence of legal title to shares is maintained in "book-entry" form. In order to be recognised as the registered owner of the shares of a company, a purchaser or purchasers' representative must physically travel to a registrar and open an account with the registrar (which, in certain cases, requires the payment of an account opening fee). Thereafter, each time that the purchaser purchases additional shares of the company, the purchasers' representative must present to the registrar powers of attorney from the purchaser and the seller of such shares, along with evidence of such purchase, at which time the registrar will debit such purchased shares from the seller's account maintained on the register and credit such purchased shares to the purchaser's account to be maintained on the register.

The role of the registrar in such custodial and registration processes is crucial. Registrars may not be subject to effective government supervision and it is possible for the Company to lose its registration through fraud, negligence or mere oversight on the part of the registrar. Furthermore, while companies in certain emerging market countries may be required to maintain independent registrars that meet certain statutory criteria, in practice, there can be no guarantee that this regulation has been strictly enforced. Because of this possible lack of independence, management of companies in such emerging market countries can potentially exert significant influence over the shareholding in such companies. If the company register were to be destroyed or mutilated, the Company's holding in respect of a Fund of the relevant shares of the company could be substantially impaired, or in certain cases, deleted. Registrars often do not maintain insurance against such occurrences, nor are they likely to have assets sufficient to compensate the Company and, therefore, a Fund as a result thereof. While the registrar and the company may be legally obliged to remedy such loss, there is no guarantee that either of them would do so, nor is there any guarantee that the Company would be able to bring successfully a claim in respect of a Fund against them as a result of such loss. Furthermore, the registrar or the relevant company could wilfully refuse to recognise the Company as the registered holder of shares previously purchased by or in respect of a Fund due to the destruction of the company's register.



## Cross Liability of Funds

The Company is an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds. As a result, as a matter of Irish law, any liability attributable to a particular Fund may only be discharged out of the assets of that Fund, and the assets of other Funds may not be used to satisfy any such liability. In addition, any contract entered into by the Company will by operation of law include an implied term to the effect that the counterparty to the contract may not have any recourse to assets of any of the Funds other than the Fund in respect of which the contract was entered into. These provisions are binding both on creditors and in any insolvency.

These provisions, while binding in an Irish court which would be the primary venue for an action to enforce a debt against the Company, have not been tested in other jurisdictions, and there remains a possibility that a creditor might seek to attach or seize assets of one Fund in satisfaction of an obligation owed in relation to another Fund in a jurisdiction which would not recognise the principle of segregation of liability between sub-funds.

# Emerging Markets Risk

Certain Funds may invest in securities of issuers in emerging markets. Such securities may involve a high degree of risk and may be considered speculative. Risks include (i) greater risk of expropriation, confiscation, taxation, nationalisation, and social, political and economic instability; (ii) the smaller markets for securities of emerging markets issuers and lower volumes of trading, resulting in lack of liquidity and in greater price volatility, (iii) certain national policies which may restrict the investment opportunities available in respect of a Fund, including restrictions on investing in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests and on the realisation or repatriation of foreign investment; (iv) currency instability and hyper-inflation; and (v) the absence of developed legal structures governing private or foreign investment and private property.

The accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards of countries in which the Company may invest in respect of a Fund are likely to be less extensive than those applicable to United States or United Kingdom companies, particularly in emerging markets.

# Political, Regulatory, Settlement and Sub-Custodial Risk

The value of a Fund's assets may be affected by uncertainties such as international political developments, changes in government policies, changes in taxation, restrictions on foreign investment and currency repatriation, currency fluctuations and other developments in the laws and regulations of countries in which investment may be made. Furthermore, the legal infrastructure and accounting, auditing and reporting standards in certain countries in which investment may be made may not provide the same degree of investor protection or information to investors as would generally apply in major securities markets. As some of the Funds may invest in markets where the trading, settlement and custodial systems are not fully developed, the assets of a Fund which are traded in such markets and which have been entrusted to sub-custodians in such markets may be exposed to risk in circumstances in which the Depositary will have no liability

### Risks of Investing in Russia

Investments in companies organised in or who principally do business in the independent states that were once part of the Soviet Union, including the Russian Federation pose special risks, including economic and political unrest and may lack a transparent and reliable legal system for enforcing the rights of creditors and shareholders of the Funds. Furthermore, the standard of corporate governance and investor protection in Russia may not be equivalent to that provided in other jurisdictions. While the Funds may invest to a limited extent in Russian equities traded on the relevant Recognised Exchanges listed in the Prospectus, the exposure to Russian traded securities shall not constitute the principal focus of the Fund.

Evidence of legal title to shares in a Russian company is maintained in book entry form. In order to register an interest of the Fund's shares an individual must travel to the company's registrar and open an account with the registrar. The individual will be provided with an extract of the share register detailing his interests but the only document recognised as conclusive evidence of title is the register



itself. Registrars are not subject to effective government supervision. There is a possibility that the Funds could lose their registration through fraud, negligence, oversight or catastrophe such as a fire. Registrars are not required to maintain insurance against these occurrences and are unlikely to have sufficient assets to compensate the Funds in the event of loss. In other circumstances such as the insolvency of a sub-custodian or registrar, or retroactive application of legislation, the Funds may not be able to establish title to investments made and may suffer loss as a result. In such circumstances, the Funds may find it impossible to enforce its right against third parties. Neither the Fund, the Directors, the Investment Adviser, the Depositary nor any of their agents make any representation or warranty in respect of, or in guarantee of, the operations or performance of any registrar or sub-custodian.

#### Risks associated with the Stock Connects

The relevant rules and regulations of the Stock Connects (as defined below) are untested and subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. The programs are subject to quota limitations which may restrict the Fund's ability to invest in China A Shares through the programs on a timely basis and where a suspension in the trading through the programs is effected, the Fund's ability to access the China A Shares market (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) will be adversely affected. The PRC (as defined below) regulations impose certain restrictions on selling and buying of China A Shares. Hence the Fund may not be able to dispose of holdings of China A Shares in a timely manner. Also, a stock may be recalled from the scope of eligible stocks for trading via the Stock Connects. This may adversely affect the investment portfolio or strategies of the Fund, for example, when the Investment Adviser wishes to purchase a stock which is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks. Due to the differences in trading days, the Fund may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in China A Shares on a day that the PRC market is open for trading but the Hong Kong market is closed.

## Liquidity Risk of Investing in China A Shares

China A Shares may be subject to trading bands which restrict increases and decreases in the trading price. The Fund if investing through the Stock Connects will be prevented from trading underlying China A Shares when they hit the "trading band limit". If this happens on a particular trading day, the Fund may be unable to trade China A Shares. As a result, the liquidity of the China A Shares may be adversely affected which in turn may affect the value of the Fund's investments.

PRC tax considerations in relation to investment in China A Shares via the Stock Connects

On 14 November 2014, the Ministry of Finance, the State of Administration of Taxation and the CSRC jointly issued a notice in relation to the taxation rule on the Stock Connects under Caishui 2014 No.81 ("Notice No.81"). Under Notice No.81, corporate income tax and individual income tax will be temporarily exempted on gains derived by Hong Kong and overseas resident investors (including the Fund) on the trading of China A Shares through the Stock Connects with effect from 17 November 2014. However, Hong Kong and overseas investors are required to pay tax on dividends and/or bonus shares at the rate of 10% which will be withheld and paid to the relevant authority by the listed companies, unless an applicable double tax treaty could be applied to reduce the dividend withholding tax rate. As a result of Notice No.81, the uncertainty of providing for tax on gains derived from the disposal of Chinese securities now solely relates to investment in other types of Chinese securities (e.g. China B or H Shares).

Based on the prevailing Value Added Tax regulations, capital gains derived by investors via the Stock Connects are exempted from Value Added Tax.

Hong Kong and overseas investors are required to pay stamp duty arising from the trading of China A Shares and the transfer of China A Shares by way of succession or gift in accordance with the existing taxation rules in the PRC.

# Risks relating to investment in China Interbank Bond Market via Northbound Trading Link under Bond Connect

Bond Connect is a new initiative launched in July 2017 for mutual bond market access between Hong Kong and Mainland China established by China Foreign Exchange Trade System & National Interbank



Funding Centre ("CFETS"), China Central Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd, Shanghai Clearing House, and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and Central Moneymarkets Unit.

Under the prevailing regulations in Mainland China, eligible foreign investors will be allowed to invest in the bonds circulated in the China Interbank Bond Market through the northbound trading of Bond Connect ("Northbound Trading Link"). There will be no investment quota for Northbound Trading Link. Under the Northbound Trading Link, eligible foreign investors are required to appoint the CFETS or other institutions recognised by the PBOC as registration agents to apply for registration with the PBOC.

Pursuant to the prevailing regulations in Mainland China, an offshore custody agent recognised by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (currently, the Central Moneymarkets Unit) shall open omnibus nominee accounts with the onshore custody agent recognised by the PBOC (currently, the China Securities Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd and Interbank Clearing Company Limited). All bonds traded by eligible foreign investors will be registered in the name of Central Moneymarkets Unit, which will hold such bonds as a nominee owner.

For investments via Bond Connect, the relevant filings, registration with PBOC and account opening have to be carried out via an onshore settlement agent, offshore custody agent, registration agent or other third parties (as the case may be). As such, where a Fund invests in the Bond Connect, it is subject to the risks of default or errors on the part of such third parties.

Investing in the China Interbank Bond Market via Bond Connect is also subject to regulatory risks. The relevant rules and regulations on these regimes are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. In the event that the relevant Mainland Chinese authorities suspend account opening or trading on the China Interbank Bond Market, the relevant Fund's ability to invest in the China Interbank Bond Market will be adversely affected. In such event, the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective will be negatively affected.

#### Derivatives' Risk

The prices of derivative instruments, including futures and options prices, are highly volatile. Price movements of forward contracts, futures contracts and other derivative contracts are influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programmes and policies of governments, and national and international political and economic events and policies. In addition, governments from time to time intervene, directly and by regulation, in certain markets, particularly markets in currencies and interest rate related futures and options. Such intervention often is intended directly to influence prices and may, together with other factors, cause all of such markets to move rapidly in the same direction because of, among other things, interest rate fluctuations. The use of derivatives for hedging purposes also involves certain special risks, 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 hedging instruments and the securities or market sectors being hedged, (3) the fact that skills needed to use these instruments are different from those needed to select the Fund's securities and (4) possible impediments to effective portfolio management or the ability to meet redemption.

## Use of Leverage

The use of derivatives to increase the exposure of a Fund to the market or to leverage the Fund, whether by taking positive or short positions, will make the value of the Fund's investments change more quickly in response to increases or decreases in general market prices than would be the case with an unleveraged fund.

If the market recognises the fundamental value the Investment Adviser ascribes to a security, or the Investment Adviser correctly anticipates the direction in which the market or the specific security price will move, the result will be improved Fund performance by a greater extent than would be possible with an unleveraged fund. Where the Investment Adviser takes short positions, the Fund may even profit when security prices fall.



Conversely, if the Investment Adviser's assessment of fundamental value or market direction proves to be incorrect, the Fund may be adversely affected to a much greater extent than the actual change in security prices might suggest due to the multiplier effect of using leverage.

## **High Yielding Bonds**

Certain Funds of the Company may invest in high yielding bonds from time to time. Investors should note that investments in higher yielding bonds issued by borrowers with lower credit ratings may result in a greater risk of default and have a negative impact on income and capital value. Income payments may constitute a return of capital in whole or in part. Income may be achieved by foregoing future capital growth.

The market value of corporate debt securities rated below investment grade and comparable unrated securities also tends to be more sensitive to company-specific developments and changes in economic conditions than higher rated securities. Issuers of these securities are often highly leveraged, so that their ability to service debt obligations during an economic downturn may be impaired. In addition, such issuers may not have more traditional methods of financing available to them, and may be unable to repay debt at maturity by refinancing. The risk of loss due to default in payment of interest or principal by such issuers is significantly greater than in the case of investment grade securities because such securities frequently are subordinated to the prior payment of senior indebtedness.

## **Liquidity of Futures Contracts**

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

### **Liquidity Risk**

The Funds' assets mainly comprise securities that can be readily sold however, certain Funds may invest in securities which may be less liquid than companies in more developed markets. The Investment Adviser will endeavour to match the liquidity of the Funds' investments to the liquidity requirements necessary in order to redeem shares, however this may not always be possible, especially in stressed scenarios. See the Redemptions section within the prospectus for measures available to the Directors in the event that large redemption requests are received.

## Forward Trading

Forward contracts and options thereon, unlike futures contracts, are not traded on exchanges and are not standardised; rather, banks and dealers act as principals in these markets, negotiating each transaction on an individual basis. Forward and "cash" trading is substantially unregulated; there is no limitation on daily price movements and speculative position limits are not applicable.

### Legal Risk

The use of OTC derivatives such as swaps, forward contracts and contracts for differences will expose the Funds to the risk of loss due to the unexpected application of a law or regulation or because contracts are not legally enforceable or documented correctly.

# Securities Lending Risk

As with any extensions of credit, there are risks of delay and recovery. Should the borrower of securities fail financially or default in any of its obligations under any securities lending transaction, the collateral provided in connection with such transaction will be called upon. The value of the collateral will be maintained to equal or exceed the value of the securities transferred. However there is a risk that the value of the collateral may fall below the value of the securities transferred. In addition, as a Fund may



invest cash collateral received, subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank, a Fund investing collateral will be exposed to the risk associated with such investments, such as failure or default of the issuer of the relevant security.

## Risks Associated with Securities Financing Transactions

Entering into repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and stocklending agreements create several risks for the Company and its investors. The relevant Fund is exposed to the risk that a counterparty to a securities financing transaction may default on its obligation to return assets equivalent to the ones provided to it by the relevant Fund. It is also subject to liquidity risk if it is unable to liquidate collateral provided to it to cover a counterparty default. Such transactions may also carry legal risk in that the use of standard contracts to effect securities financing transactions may expose a Sub-Fund to legal risks such as the contract may not accurately reflect the intention of the parties or the contract may not be enforceable against the counterparty in its jurisdiction of incorporation. Such transactions may also involve operational risks in that the use of securities financing transactions and management of collateral are subject to the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. Risks may also arise with respect to any counterparty's right of re-use of any collateral as outlined below under "Risks Associated with Collateral Management".

## Risks Associated with Collateral Management

Where a Fund enters into an OTC derivative contract or a securities financing transaction, it may be required to pass collateral to the relevant counterparty or broker. Collateral that a Fund posts to a counterparty or a broker that is not segregated with a third-party custodian may not have the benefit of customer-protected "segregation" of such assets. Therefore in the event of the insolvency of a counterparty or a broker, the Fund may become subject to the risk that it may not receive the return of its collateral or that the collateral may take some time to return if the collateral becomes available to the creditors of the relevant counterparty or broker. In addition, notwithstanding that a Fund may only accept non-cash collateral which is highly liquid, the Fund is subject to the risk that it will be unable to liquidate collateral provided to it to cover a counterparty default. The Fund is also subject to the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events.

Where cash collateral received by a Fund is re-invested in accordance with the conditions imposed by the Central Bank, a Fund will be exposed to the risk of a failure or default of the issuer of the relevant security in which the cash collateral has been invested.

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

Because the passing of collateral is effected through the use of standard contracts, a Fund may be exposed to legal risks such as the contact may not accurately reflect the intentions of the parties or the contract may not be enforceable against the counterparty in its jurisdiction of incorporation.

## Loss of Favourable Performance

The use of derivatives to hedge or protect against market risk or to generate additional revenue by writing covered call options may reduce the opportunity to benefit from favourable market movements.

#### Market Risk



When the Investment Adviser purchases a security or an option, the risk of the Fund is limited to the loss of its investment. In the case of a transaction involving futures, forwards, swaps, contracts for difference or writing options, the Fund's liability may be potentially unlimited until the position is closed.

#### **Taxation**

Potential investors' attention is drawn to the taxation risks associated with investing in a Fund. Further details are given under the heading "COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS" below.

The taxation position discussed below reflects law and relevant practice of fiscal authorities as at the date of this document and these may change possibly with retrospective effect. Potential investors should not assume that the tax treatments outlined below will necessarily apply to their investment in a Fund.

## Risk Resulting From Tax Publication Requirements in Germany

The Company intends to publish the tax information for Germany pursuant to the German Investment Tax Act (Investmentsteuergesetz). Upon request, the Company must provide documentation to the fiscal authorities in order to prove the accuracy of the published tax information. The basis upon which such figures are calculated is open to interpretation and it cannot be guaranteed that the German fiscal authorities will accept the Company's calculation methodology in every material respect. Where these publications turn out to have been incorrect in the past, any subsequent correction will, as a general rule, not have retrospective effect but will only be accounted for in the publication for the current financial year. The correction may positively or negatively affect the shareholders who receive a distribution or an attribution of deemed income distributions in the current financial year.

### **FATCA Risk**

The United States and Ireland have entered into an intergovernmental agreement to implement FATCA (the "IGA"). Under the IGA, an entity classified as a Foreign Financial Institution (an "FFI") that is treated as resident in Ireland is expected to provide the Irish tax authorities with certain information on Shareholders. The IGA provides for the automatic reporting and exchange of information in relation to accounts held in Irish "financial institutions" by US persons, and the reciprocal exchange of information regarding US financial accounts held by Irish residents. Although the final implementing Irish legislation has yet to be finalised, the Company expects to be treated as an FFI and provided it complies with the requirements of the IGA and the Irish legislation, it should not be subject to FATCA withholding on any payments it receives and may not be subject to withholding on payments which it makes.

Although the company will attempt to satisfy any obligations imposed on it to avoid the imposition of the FATCA withholding tax, no assurance can be given that the Company will be able to satisfy these obligations. If the Company becomes subject to a withholding tax as a result of the FATCA regime, the value of the Shares held by all Shareholders may be materially affected.

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

FATCA generally imposes a new reporting regime designed to require certain US persons' direct and indirect ownership of non-US accounts and certain non-US entities to be reported to the US Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). If there is a failure by the Company or a Sub-Fund to provide required information regarding US ownership or otherwise comply with the requirements of FATCA, a 30% withholding tax would apply with respect to certain US source income and gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of property that can produce US source interest or dividends.

# Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD") Common Reporting Standard

Drawing extensively on the intergovernmental approach to implementing FATCA, the OECD developed the Common Reporting Standard ("**CRS**") to address the issue of offshore tax evasion on a global basis. 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 Company 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 Company to enable the Company 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 compulsory redemption of its holding in the relevant Fund of the Company.

## **Umbrella Cash Accounts**

The Company has established subscription cash accounts at umbrella level in the name of the Company. Pending payment to the relevant Shareholders, dividends shall also be paid into separate dividend cash accounts at umbrella level in the name of the Company. Each of these cash accounts are defined herein as Umbrella Cash Accounts. All subscriptions, redemptions or dividend payments payable to or from the relevant Fund will be channelled and managed through such Umbrella Cash Accounts.

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

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

Similarly in circumstances where redemption monies are payable to an investor subsequent to a Dealing Day of a Fund as of which Shares of that investor were redeemed or dividend monies are payable to an investor and such redemption / dividend monies are held in an Umbrella Cash Account, any such investor /Shareholder shall rank as an unsecured creditor of the relevant Fund until such time as such redemption/ dividend monies are paid to the investor/ Shareholder. Therefore in the event that such monies are lost prior to payment to the relevant investor/ Shareholder, the Company on behalf of the Fund may be obliged to make good any losses which the Fund incurs in connection with the loss of such monies to the investor/ Shareholder (in its capacity as an unsecured creditor of the Fund), in which case such loss will need to be discharged out of the assets of the relevant Fund and therefore will represent a diminution in the Net Asset Value per Share for existing Shareholders of the relevant Fund.

## **GDPR**

The GDPR has direct effect in all Member States from 25 May 2018 and replaced the previous EU data privacy laws. Under the GDPR, data controllers are subject to additional obligations including, amongst others, accountability and transparency requirements whereby the data controller is responsible for, and must be able to demonstrate compliance with the rules set down in the GDPR relating to data processing and must provide data subjects with more detailed information regarding the processing of their personal data. Other obligations imposed on data controllers include more enhanced data consent requirements and the obligation to report any personal data breach to the relevant supervisory authority without undue delay. Under the GDPR, data subjects are afforded additional rights, including the right to rectify inaccurate personal information, the right to have personal data held by a data controller



erased in certain circumstances and the right to restrict or object to processing in a number of circumstances.

The implementation of GDPR may result in increased operational and compliance costs being borne directly or indirectly by the Company. Further there is a risk that the measures will not be implemented correctly by the Company or its service providers. If there are breaches of these measures by the Company or any of its service providers, the Company or its service providers could face significant administrative fines and/or be required to compensate any data subject who has suffered material or non-material damage as a result as well as the Company suffering reputational damage which may have a material adverse effect on its operations and financial conditions.

The above should not be considered to be an exhaustive list of the risks which potential investors should consider before investing in any of the Funds. Potential investors should be aware that an investment in a Fund may be exposed to other risks of an exceptional nature from time to time.



#### **DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY**

The amount available for distribution (if any) will vary between the classes of the Funds of the Company. Accumulating Shares and Reporting Shares are available for subscription in certain Funds of the Company. The individual Fund Supplements explain which classes of Shares are Reporting Shares and which are Accumulating Shares

Dividends will normally be paid out of net income in respect of each accounting period. At the Directors' discretion, where there is insufficient income available in the relevant Fund, dividends may be declared and paid from net realised gains (i.e. realised gains net of realised and unrealised losses; and/or net realised and unrealised losses (i.e. realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses).

Any distributions unclaimed after a period of six years from the date of declaration of such distribution will lapse and shall revert to the property of the relevant Fund.

Any payment of dividends will be made by electronic transfer in the currency of the relevant Share Class and sent to the account set out in the application form.

For the avoidance of doubt, in all cases where bank details are not supplied or a Shareholder's antimoney laundering documentation is incomplete, dividends will be re-invested and redemptions payments will be held.

For the avoidance of doubt, unless the fund supplement states otherwise, where the distribution payment (or reinvestment date) falls on a non-business day dividends will be paid/reinvested on the business day prior to the stated payment/reinvestment date.

Where the ex-dividend date falls on a non-business day this will be processed on the following business day.

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# Reporting Shares

The Supplement for each Fund sets out further information on the Directors intention with regard to any dividends or other distributions that will be either paid to the holders of classes of Reporting Shares out of the earnings and profits of the Funds attributable to such classes of Reporting Shares or transferred to the capital property of the relevant class. The amount of income attributable to a class of Reporting Shares at an Allocation Date shall either be paid out or become part of the capital property of that class and, if Shares of any other class of a particular Fund were in issue at the relevant Allocation Date, the interests of the holders of Reporting Shares in that amount will be satisfied by an adjustment, as at the relevant Allocation Date, in the proportion of the value of the property of the relevant Fund to which the price of a Reporting Share of the relevant class is related. Where income is transferred to the capital property of the relevant class, this adjustment will ensure that the price of a Reporting Share remains unchanged despite the transfer of income to the capital property.

However, where dividends are not normally paid out, the relevant dividends may be paid at the Directors' discretion if considered necessary or desirable in respect of shareholders' UK tax position under the reporting fund regime described more fully under "COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAX CONSIDERATIONS – United Kingdom – Shareholders owning Reporting Shares" below.

The Company may also maintain an equalisation account in respect of any dividends that may be paid on any Reporting Shares with a view to ensuring that the level of dividends payable on Reporting Shares is not affected by the issue and redemption of such Reporting Shares during an accounting period.

## Accumulating Shares

The Directors do not anticipate that any dividends or other distributions will be paid to the holders of



classes of Accumulating Shares of the Funds of the Company out of the earnings and profits of the Funds attributable to such classes of Accumulating Shares. The amount of income attributable to a class of Accumulating Shares at an Allocation Date shall become part of the capital property of that class and, if Shares of any other class of a particular Fund were in issue at the relevant Allocation Date, the interests of the holders of Accumulating Shares in that amount will be satisfied by an adjustment, as at the relevant Allocation Date, in the proportion of the value of the property of the relevant Fund to which the price of an Accumulating Share of the relevant class is related. This adjustment will ensure that the price of an Accumulating Share remains unchanged despite the transfer of income to the capital property.



## **MANAGEMENT**

# Directors of the Company

The Directors have overall responsibility for the management and administration of the Company and for determining the investment objectives, policy and restrictions applicable to each Fund. The Directors of the Company are currently as follows:-

**David James Hammond** (Irish national and resident) recently retired as Managing Director of Bridge Consulting, a financial services consultancy and business advisory firm. Before setting up Bridge Consulting in 2005, Mr. Hammond was Chief Operating Officer of Sanlam Asset Management (Ireland) Limited, part of the Sanlam group of South Africa, which he joined at the start of 2003. Between 1994 and the end of 2002, Mr. Hammond worked with the Administrator. Mr. Hammond is a solicitor and holds a law degree from Trinity College, Dublin and an MBA from Smurfit Graduate School of Business, University College, Dublin.

**Edward Jonathan Frank Catton** (British national and resident) is Head of Risk at Liontrust where he is responsible for the management of risk issues within the Liontrust Group of Companies, implementing procedures and controls, to effectively manage the risks inherent within Liontrust. He graduated in 1998 with a Physics degree from Imperial College, London. He joined the Group's fund management department as a quantitative analyst later that year. Edward worked with Liontrust's fund managers in producing the quantitative research behind the investment processes. He completed his CFA in 2002, and went on to head up the Group's quantitative research and portfolio risk team from 2004 to 2011, taking responsibility for the fund management team's portfolio and order management systems

Simon O'Sullivan (Irish national and resident) has worked in the investment management sector since 1993. From April 2002 to April 2006 he was employed in Dublin by Pioneer Alternative Investments as a product specialist. In May 2006 he left Pioneer to join his family company as financial controller and in May 2013 Simon became a partner in Managing Funds Limited, trading as RiskSystem, a specialist provider of financial risk solutions to the investment funds industry. He has also previously worked for Fleming Investment Management as a fund manager in London, as well as Eagle Star and Merrion Capital, both in Dublin. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Politics, a Master of Arts in Economics, a Master of Sciences in Investment & Treasury Management and a Diploma in Corporate Governance. Simon is Head of Sales and Business Development at RiskSystem as well as being a non-executive director of a number of investment funds.

The address of the Directors is the registered address of the Company. All the Directors act in a non-executive capacity.

### Investment Adviser

Liontrust Investment Partners LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated on 21 January 2010 and authorised by and regulated by the FCA, has been appointed as Investment Adviser pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement. Its principle business is to provide investment management services to clients worldwide.

Under the terms of the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Investment Adviser is responsible, subject to the overall supervision and control of the Directors, for the day to day investment management of the portfolio attributable to each Fund for which it is investment adviser.

The fees payable to the Investment Adviser are described under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Investment Advisory Charges" below.

The appointment of the Investment Adviser as investment adviser may be terminated by either party upon not less than 6 months' written notice after the first anniversary of the effective date of the Investment Advisory Agreement and may be terminated by either party at any time in certain other circumstances. The Investment Advisory Agreement contains indemnities from the Company in favour of the Investment Adviser and provides limitations on the Investment Adviser's liability to the Company. The Investment Advisory Agreement is more particularly described under "GENERAL INFORMATION - Material Contracts" below.



The Investment Adviser acts as Investment Adviser of and/or Investment Adviser to other funds or clients or may act as Investment Adviser of and/or Investment Adviser to other funds or clients in the future any of which may be competing with the Company in the same markets.

The Investment Adviser also acts as Promoter of the Company.

### **UK Facilities**

In connection with the Company's recognition under section 264 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, and under the terms of the Distribution Agreement, Liontrust Fund Partners LLP acts as facilities agent in the UK for the Company and maintains the facilities required of a recognised scheme pursuant to the rules contained in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook published by the FCA as part of the FCA's Handbook of Rules and Guidance governing recognised schemes.

The facilities will be located at the offices of the Liontrust Fund Partners LLP at 2 Savoy Court, London, WC2R 0EZ, United Kingdom. At these facilities any person may:

- 1. inspect (free of charge) a copy (in English) of:
  - (a) the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association;
  - (b) any instrument amending the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association;
  - (c) the latest version of the Prospectus;
  - (d) the Key Investor Information Document (KIID);
  - (e) the other documents specified in the Prospectus as being available for inspection; and
  - (f) the latest annual and half-yearly reports most recently prepared and published by the Company;
- 2. obtain a copy of any of the above document (free of charge);
- 3. obtain information (in English) about the prices of Shares in the Company; and
- 4. make a complaint about the operation of the Company, which complaint the facilities agent will transmit to the Company.

With respect to the shares which are authorised for distribution in the UK, the UK facilities agent ensures that it is able to remit payments to investors and redeem the shares in the UK. Investors in UK will submit requests for subscription, redemption and conversion directly to the Company through the Administrator. Remittance of the proceeds of redemption or distribution will be made via correspondence banks by the Administrator of the Fund to the bank account detailed on the application form submitted by an investor in the UK.

## **Distributors**

Liontrust Fund Partners LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated on 21 January 2010 and authorised by and regulated by the FCA, has been appointed as Distributor pursuant to the Distribution Agreement. Its principle business is to provide distribution and marketing services to clients worldwide.

Liontrust Investment Partners LLP (Luxembourg Branch), a branch of the UK limited liability partnership incorporated on 8 October 2014 and authorised by and regulated for Conduct of Business Rules in Luxembourg by the COMMISSION de SURVEILLANCE du SECTEUR FINANCIER ("CDDS"), has been appointed as Distributor pursuant to the Distribution Agreement. Its principle business is to provide distribution and marketing services to clients worldwide.

Under the terms of the Distribution Agreement, the Distributors are responsible, subject to the overall



supervision and control of the Directors, for the day to day distribution and marketing activities for each Fund for which it is the distributor.

The fees of the Distributors will be paid out of the Investment Adviser's own fees.

The appointment of the Distributors as distributors may be terminated by either party upon not less than 6 months' written notice after the first anniversary of the effective date of the Distribution Agreement and may be terminated by either party at any time in certain other circumstances. The Distribution Agreement contains indemnities from the Company in favour of the Distributors and provides limitations on the Distributors' liability to the Company. The Distribution Agreement is more particularly described under "GENERAL INFORMATION - Material Contracts" below.

Under the terms of the Distribution Agreement, the Distributors will also perform certain marketing and promotional services for the Company. However, the Distributors will not collect, receive or transmit orders from investors, nor will it provide investment advice or recommendations to investors or financial intermediaries.

## Paying Agents/Representatives/Sub-Distributors

Local laws/regulations in the EEA may require the appointment of Paying Agents /representatives/distributors/sub-distributors/correspondent banks ("Agents") and maintenance of accounts by such Agents through which subscription and redemption monies or dividends may be paid. Shareholders who choose or are obliged under local regulations to pay or receive subscription or redemption monies or dividends via an intermediate entity rather than directly to the Depositary (e.g. a Paying Agent or a sub-distributor in a local jurisdiction) bear a credit risk against that intermediate entity with respect to (a) subscription monies prior to the transmission of such monies to the Depositary for the account of the Company or the relevant Fund and (b) redemption monies payable by such intermediate entity to the relevant Shareholder. Fees and expenses of Agents appointed by the Company or a Fund which will be at normal commercial rates will be borne by the Company or the Fund in respect of which an Agent has been appointed. All Shareholders of the Company or the Fund on whose behalf an Agent is appointed may avail of the services provided by the Agents appointed by or on behalf of the Company.

Country Supplements dealing with matters pertaining to Shareholders in jurisdictions in which Paying Agents are appointed may be prepared for circulation to such Shareholders and, if so, a summary of the material provisions of the agreements appointing the Paying Agents will be included in the relevant Country Supplements.

# **Remuneration Policy of the Company**

The Company has designed and implements a remuneration policy which is consistent with and promotes sound and effective risk management by having a business model which by its nature does not promote excessive risk taking that is inconsistent with the risk profile or the Articles of Association of the Company. The Company's remuneration policy is consistent with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of the Company and the Shareholders of the Company and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest.

The Company's remuneration policy applies to those categories of staff, including senior management, risk takers, control functions and any employee receiving total remuneration that falls into the remuneration bracket of senior management and risk takers, whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of the Company.

In line with the provisions of the UCITS Directive as may be amended from time to time, the Company applies its remuneration policy and practices in a way and to the extent that is proportionate to its size, its internal organisation and the nature, scope and complexity of its activities.

In respect of the delegation of investment management functions to the Investment Adviser, the Company will ensure that the Investment Adviser applies in a proportionate manner the remuneration rules as detailed in the UCITS Directive as amended or, alternatively, are subject to equally effective remuneration policies under their home authorisation.



Details of the remuneration policy of the Company including, but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, the identity of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits including the composition of the remuneration committee, where such a committee exists, will be available at www.liontrust.co.uk and a paper copy will be made available to investors free of charge upon request.



#### ADMINISTRATOR AND DEPOSITARY

# Administrator and Registrar

The Company has appointed BNY Mellon Fund Services (Ireland) Designated Activity Company to act as administrator, registrar and transfer agent of the Company with responsibility for performing the day to day administration of the Company, including the calculation of the Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Share of each Fund. The Administrator is a private limited company incorporated in Ireland on 31st May 1994 and is engaged in the provision of fund administration, accounting, registration, transfer agency and related shareholders services to collective investment schemes and investment funds. The Administrator is authorised by the Central Bank under the Investment Intermediaries Act. 1995.

The Administrator is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation. BNY Mellon is a global financial services company focused on helping clients manage and service their financial assets, operating in 35 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing superior asset management and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, clearing services and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. As at 30 June 2018, it had US\$33.6 trillion in assets under custody and administration and US\$1.8 trillion in assets under management.

The fees and expenses payable to the Administrator are described under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Administration, Custody and Registrar Charges" below.

The Administration Agreement is described in more detail under "GENERAL INFORMATION - Material Contracts" below.

# Depositary

The Company has appointed BNY Mellon Trust Company (Ireland) Limited to act as the Depositary to the Company. The Custodian is a private limited liability company incorporated in Ireland on 13th October 1994. The principal activity of the Custodian is to act as the custodian and trustee of the assets of collective investment schemes. The Custodian is authorised by the Central Bank under the Investment Intermediaries Act, 1995.

The Depositary is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation. BNY Mellon is a global financial services company focused on helping clients manage and service their financial assets, operating in 35 countries and serving more than 100 markets. BNY Mellon is a leading provider of financial services for institutions, corporations and high-net-worth individuals, providing superior asset management and wealth management, asset servicing, issuer services, clearing services and treasury services through a worldwide client-focused team. As at 30 June 2018, it had US\$33.6 trillion in assets under custody and administration and US\$1.8 trillion in assets under management.

Under the terms of the Depositary Agreement, the Depositary may delegate its safekeeping obligations provided that (i) the services are not delegated with the intention of avoiding the requirements of the UCITS Regulations, (ii) the Depositary can demonstrate that there is an objective reason for the delegation and (iii) the Depositary has exercised all due, skill, care and diligence in the selection and appointment of any third party to whom it wants to delegate parts of the Services, and keeps exercising all due skill, care and diligence in the periodic review and ongoing monitoring of any third party to whom it has delegated parts of its safekeeping services and of the arrangements of the third party in respect of the matters delegated to it. The liability of the Depositary will not be affected by virtue of any such delegation. The Depositary has delegated to a list of sub-delegates details of which are set out in Appendix II. Details regarding the Depositary, including a description of its duties and any conflicts of interest that may arise, any safekeeping functions delegated by the depositary and an up to date list of such sub-custodians will be made available to investors, free of charge, upon request.

The Depositary Agreement provides that the Depositary shall be liable, (i) in respect of a loss of a financial instrument capable of being held in its custody (or that of its duly appointed delegate) unless



it can prove that the loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond the Depositary's reasonable control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable measures to the contrary, and (ii) in respect of all other losses as a result of the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

The fees and expenses payable to the Depositary are described under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Administration, Custody and Registrar Charges" below.

The Depositary Agreement is described in more detail under "GENERAL INFORMATION - Material Contracts" below.

### **Governance Services**

The Company has appointed Bridge Consulting to provide services to assist the Directors in carrying out the management functions specified by the Central Bank.

Bridge Consulting is a private limited company incorporated in Ireland on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2005 under registration number 398390. Its principal business is the provision of business advisory and governance services to collective investment schemes and investment management firms.

The fees and expenses payable to Bridge Consulting are described in more detail under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" below.



## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The Investment Adviser, the Administrator, the Depositary and their respective affiliates, officers and shareholders, employees and agents (collectively the "Parties") are or may be involved in other financial, investment and professional activities which may on occasion cause conflict of interest with the management of the Company. These include the management of other funds, purchases and sales of securities, investment management advice, brokerage services, securities lending agency services, administration services and custody services and serving as directors, officers, advisers or agents of other funds or other companies, including companies and/or funds in which the Company may invest. The Parties will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the performance of their respective duties will not be impaired by any such involvement that they might have.

In particular, it is envisaged that the Investment Adviser may be involved in advising or managing other investment funds which may have similar or overlapping investment objectives to or with the Company. Each of the parties will respectively ensure that the performance of their respective duties will not be impaired by any such involvement that they may have and that any conflicts which may arise will be resolved fairly.

The Directors shall ensure that any conflict of interest involving any such party shall be resolved fairly and in the interests of Shareholders.

When allocating investment opportunities, the Investment Adviser will ensure that all such investments will be allocated in a fair and equitable manner.

There is no prohibition on dealings in the assets of the Company by the Investment Adviser, the Administrator, the Depositary or entities related to the Investment Adviser, to the Administrator or to the Depositary provided the transaction is carried out as if effected on normal commercial terms negotiated at arm's length and consistent with the best interests of Shareholders and:-

- (a) a person approved by the Depositary (or in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary, the Directors) as independent and competent certifies the price at which the transaction effected is fair: or
- the execution of the transaction is on best terms on organised investment exchanges under their rules; or
- (c) where (a) and (b) above are not practical, the transaction is executed on terms which the Depositary is (or in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary, the Directors are) satisfied conform to normal commercial terms negotiated at arm's length.



#### **USE OF DEALING COMMISSIONS**

The Investment Adviser may effect transactions by or through the agency of another person with whom the Investment Adviser has an arrangement under which that party will from time to time provide to or procure for the Investment Adviser goods, services, or other benefits, such as research and advisory services as allowed by the FCA, the nature of which is such that they are directly relevant to the provision of investment services to the Company. All transactions effected by the Investment Adviser on behalf of the Company under such arrangements will be effected in accordance with the rule of best execution and, in deciding what this rule requires, no account will be taken of the benefits derived from the arrangements. The Investment Adviser will comply with the FCA rules on the use of dealing commissions. Details of any such arrangements shall be included in the Company's annual and half yearly reports.

#### **Inducements and Soft Commissions**

#### Inducements

The Investment Adviser is subject to inducement rules under MiFID II. Under such rules, the Investment Adviser cannot pay or be paid any fee or commission, or provide or be provided with any non-monetary benefit, other than those permitted under MiFID II e.g. a fee, commission or non-monetary benefit paid by or on behalf of a third party where the Investment Adviser can demonstrate (i) the existence, nature and amount of the fee, commission or benefit and (ii) the payment of the fee or commission, or the provision of the non-monetary benefit are designed to enhance the quality of the relevant service and not impair compliance with the Investment Adviser's duty to act in the best interests of the Company or its Shareholders.

### Commissions

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

The Investment Adviser shall however be permitted to retain minor non-monetary benefits received from third parties where the benefits are such that they could not impair the Investment Adviser from complying with its obligation to act in the best interests of the Fund, provided they are disclosed to the Company prior to the provision of investment management services. Examples of such minor non-monetary benefits includes for example, participation in conferences, seminars or other training events, or information relating to a financial instrument/investment service of a generic nature.

The Investment Adviser may be reimbursed out of the assets of the Company or the relevant Fund for reasonable properly vouched costs and expenses directly incurred by the Investment Adviser in this regard.

## Investment Research

Investment research relating to the investment management of the assets of each Fund shall be paid by the Investment Adviser and shall not be charged to the Funds.



#### **CHARGES AND EXPENSES**

## Investment Advisory Charges

The Investment Adviser will be entitled to receive out of the assets of each Fund a periodic investment advisory fee (the "Investment Advisory Fee") which accrues daily and is payable monthly in arrears based on the specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage of the Net Asset Value of the Shares of the relevant Fund. The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage is set out in relation to each Fund in the Supplement for each Fund.

The Investment Adviser shall not receive a separate fee for acting as marketing agent to the Company.

If so provided in the Supplement relating to a Fund, the Investment Adviser shall in addition be entitled to receive a performance fee relating to the performance of the Net Asset Value per Share in respect of each Fund on such terms as may be set out in the relevant Supplement.

The Investment Adviser shall also be entitled to recover the out of pocket expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of its functions under the Investment Advisory Agreement.

The Directors reserve the right to issue Shares of a particular Fund to which different levels of initial, investment advisory fee or performance related fees or other charges apply.

The maximum fee that may be charged by the Investment Adviser (including performance fee) as set out in the Fund Supplement shall not be increased without the approval of a majority of Shareholders of the relevant Fund or Class. The Company shall provide Shareholders of the relevant Fund or Class with reasonable notice in the event of an increase in the maximum fee that may be charged.

The fees and expenses of the Distributors will be paid out of the Investment Advisers' own fees.

### Stocklending Fees

Where the Company or any of its Funds have entered into securities lending arrangements, after deduction of such other relevant amounts as may be payable under any such agreement, all proceeds collected on investment of cash collateral or any fee income arising from such securities lending programme shall be allocated between the relevant Fund and the securities lending agent in such proportions (plus VAT, if any) as may be agreed in writing from time to time.

## **Fixed Operating Fees**

Ordinary operating expenses incurred by the Company and/or Funds will be paid out of the assets of the relevant Funds. To protect the shareholders from fluctuations in these expenses, the Investment Adviser has agreed to meet these operating expenses and to be reimbursed out of the assets of the relevant Funds at a flat rate per annum of the Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Share Class of the Fund ("Fixed Operating Fees"). The current amount of these Fixed Operating Fees is set out in the Supplement for each Fund and any operating expenses in excess of such "Fixed Operating Fees" will be borne by the Investment Advisor. Conversely, the Investment Advisor will be entitled to retain any amount by which the Fixed Operating Fee exceeds the actual operating expenses of a Fund.

These rates have been arrived at after reviewing the historic pattern of costs incurred in relation to the Company, each Fund and Share Class. The Fixed Operating Fees will be reviewed periodically. The Investment Adviser may amend the fixed rate of the Fixed Operating Fee applicable to each Share Class at any time at its discretion. In the event that the Investment Adviser exercises this discretion, Shareholders will be notified of the new rates on 30 calendar day's written notice, and this Prospectus and the relevant Supplement will be updated accordingly in advance of any change.

The Fixed Operating Fee for the Share Classes includes the following expenses:

- a) Expenses directly incurred by the Funds, including but not limited to:
  - Depositary fees and expenses;



- Sub-custodian fees and transaction charges
- Auditor's fees and expenses; and
- Directors' fees and expenses.
- b) Fees paid to the Investment Advisor for operational and related portfolio management services which will constitute the remaining amount of the Fixed Operating Fees after deduction of the expenses detailed under section a) above. The Investment Adviser then bears all expenses incurred in the day-to-day operation and administration of the Company, Funds, including all third party expenses and other recoverable costs incurred by or on behalf of the Funds from time to time, including but not limited to:
  - Administrator, Registrar and Secretary fees and expenses:
  - Distributors fees and expenses;
  - Legal fees and expenses:
  - In the event that such a listing is sought, the cost of obtaining and maintaining a listing of its Shares on any stock exchange;
  - Miscellaneous fees including but not limited to: the cost of publication of the Share prices, rating fees, postage, telephone, facsimile transmission and other electronic means of communication, fund registration costs and expenses of preparing, printing and distributing the Prospectus, translation costs, Key Investor Information Documents or any offering document, financial reports and other documents made available to Shareholders, fees payable to permanent representatives and other agents of the Investment Adviser, Paying Agent/local representative fees, Investor Servicing teams fees and expenses.

The Fixed Operating Fee for the Share Classes does not include at least the following expenses which will be incurred by the Company and are payable out of the assets of the relevant Fund:

- Any of the applicable Initial charge or Investment Advisory Charges, Performance Fees and Redemption charges as described in the preceding section of this Prospectus or in the Supplemental for a Fund; or
- Any of the following costs and expenses:
  - o Dilution levy, broker commission, fiscal charges (including any issue or transfer taxes or stamp duty or SDRT chargeable) and other disbursements which are necessarily incurred in effecting transactions;
  - o Interest on and other charges relating to permitted borrowings;
  - o Taxation and other duties payable in respect of the scheme property or on the issue or redemption of Shares;
  - o Correspondent and other banking charges;
  - o In the case of a Fund investing in another collective investment scheme, any double charging of fees and expenses, in particular the duplication of the fees payable to the custodian(s), registrar(s), investment manager(s) and other agents, and subscription and redemption charges, which are generated both at the level of the Fund and of the target funds in which the Fund invests;
  - o Extraordinary expenses including but not limited to expenses that would not be considered as ordinary expenses: litigation expenses, exceptional measures, particularly legal, business or tax expert appraisals or legal proceedings undertaken to protect shareholders' interests, any expense linked to non-routine arrangements made by the Domiciliary Agent, the Administrator and the Listing Agent in the interests of the investors and all similar charges and expenses.
  - o Any value added or similar tax applicable to any of the other payments of the scheme property listed above.
  - o Establishment expenses of the Company or a Fund.

Subject to the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank requirements in respect of connected party transactions, none of the Company, the Depository, the Investment Adviser or any of their associates, nor the auditors, are liable to account to the Shareholders of the Company and/or any



Fund for any profits or benefits it makes or receives that are derived from or in connection with dealings in the Shares of such Fund or Company, any transaction in such Fund's property or the supply of services to such Fund or the Company.

The Fixed Operating Fees are not currently subject to VAT, but in the event of Value Added Tax (or any equivalent tax) being imposed this may be levied against the assets of the Fund.

## Initial, Redemption and Switching Charges

#### Initial Charge

The Company may levy an initial charge of up to 5 per cent. of the Net Asset Value per Share in connection with the purchase of Shares of each Fund. This fee will be retained for the benefit of the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser may, in its sole discretion, (i) pay commission to financial intermediaries including but not limited to the Distributors, sub-distributors, intermediaries and introducing agents who refer prospective investors out of the initial charge and the Investment Advisory Fee and/or (ii) waive the initial charge for certain prospective investors based on factors deemed appropriate by the Investment Adviser including, but not limited to, the amount of the proposed investment by a prospective investor. The Investment Adviser will only pay commission to regulated financial intermediaries.

In addition, the Investment Adviser may enter into agreements with placement agents in relation to the distribution of the Shares of each Fund.

## Switching Charges

The Company does not currently propose to charge a switching fee although it reserves the right to levy such a charge generally or in respect of specific Funds or Share classes which will be disclosed in the relevant Supplement. An initial charge may however be made as described above in relation to a transaction which the Company is instructed by Shareholders or their authorised agents to treat as a separate redemption and subscription.

## Administration, Custody and Registrar Charges

# The Administrator

The Administrator's fees, charges and expenses (plus VAT thereon) are met by the Investment Adviser and reimbursed to the Administrator under the arrangements described in the Fixed Operating Fees section above.

## The Depositary

The Depositary fees, charges and expenses (plus VAT thereon) are met by the Investment Adviser and reimbursed to the Depositary under the arrangements described in the Fixed Operating Fees section above.

## **Bridge Consulting**

The fees, charges and expenses (plus VAT thereon) of Bridge Consulting are met by the Investment Adviser and reimbursed to Bridge Consulting under the arrangements described in the Fixed Operating Fees section above.

## Directors' Remuneration

The fees, charges and expenses (plus VAT thereon) of the Directors of the Company are met by the Investment Adviser and reimbursed to the Directors under the arrangements described in the Fixed Operating Fees section above.



## SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING

### **Subscriptions**

### Initial Offer of Shares

Shares of each Fund may be purchased on the Initial Issue Date at the termination of the Initial Offer Period, in respect of the Shares of the relevant Fund. The Initial Offer Period, in respect of Shares of each Fund and the subscription price for Shares is set out in the Supplement for the relevant Fund.

### Further Subscriptions of Shares

Following the Initial Offer Period in respect of Shares of a Fund class, application may be made to purchase Shares of the Fund class on each subscription Dealing Day at subscription prices calculated with reference to the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant class calculated as at the Valuation Point for that subscription Dealing Day. The subscription price per Share of the relevant Fund is calculated in accordance with the procedures referred to under "CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE AND SUBSCRIPTION AND REDEMPTION PROCEEDS" below.

The Directors may limit or close subscriptions for Shares of a Fund class at their discretion.

Details of the subscription Dealing Days and Valuation Points in respect of Shares of each Fund and any limitations on subscriptions are set out in the Supplement for each Fund.

#### Minimum Investments

The minimum initial subscription for Shares and the minimum additional subscription for Shares of each Fund is set out in the Supplement for each Fund. The Directors may at their discretion specify different minimum subscription amounts for Shares of each Fund and in respect of different classes of Shares of a Fund.

These minimums may be lowered, increased or waived at the discretion of the Directors either generally or in specific cases.

### Application Procedure

Applications for Shares of each Fund should be made by signed original written application using the Application Form available from the Administrator. Applicants should subscribe for Shares of the relevant Fund in accordance with the instructions contained in the Application Form. Application Forms, duly completed, should be sent to the Company care of the Administrator in accordance with the instructions contained in the Application Form.

The Company is under no obligation to consider the allotment and issue of Shares of a Fund class to an applicant in respect of its Initial Offer Period unless and until it has received a completed Application Form and value in cleared funds by the date and time specified in the Supplement for the relevant Fund.

Thereafter, in respect of subsequent subscriptions, applications must be received (by letter or by facsimile) by the deadline outlined in the relevant Supplement on the relevant subscription Dealing Day. Any application received after that time will be dealt with on the next succeeding subscription Dealing Day.

The Directors reserve the right to reject any application in whole or in part, in which event the application monies or any balance thereof will be returned to the applicant without interest at its own risk within a reasonable period following the expiry of the relevant Initial Offer Period or subscription Dealing Day. Notification of the allotment and issue of Shares will be sent as soon as is possible after the expiry of the Initial Offer Period in respect of the initial offering and following the relevant subscription Dealing Day for subsequent issues.

Shares of each Fund class will be issued in registered form. Fractions of not less than one-thousandth



of a Share may be used. Application moneys representing smaller fractions of a Share will not be returned to the applicant but will be retained as part of the relevant Fund's assets. Contract notes will normally be issued within 48 hours of dealing. Ownership will be evidenced by entry in the Company's register of Shareholders.

In the event of the failure or a delay on the part of the investor in the settlement of subscription proceeds owed to the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to charge the relevant Shareholder for any interest or other costs incurred by the Fund arising from such delay or failure to settle subscription monies on time including any costs associated with temporary borrowing. If the Shareholder fails to reimburse the Fund for those charges, the Fund will have the right to sell all or part of the investor's holdings of Shares in the Fund in order to meet those charges and/or to pursue that Shareholder for such charges.

Further, the Fund reserves the right to reverse any allotment of Shares in the event of a failure by an applicant to settle the subscription monies on a timely basis. In such circumstances, the Fund shall compulsorily redeem any Shares issued and the Shareholder shall be liable for any loss suffered by the Company in the event of any shortfall arising from the redemption proceeds.

## Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorist Financing Measures

Measures aimed towards the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing may require a detailed verification of the applicant's identity and of the source of the subscription monies and where applicable the beneficial owner on a risk sensitive basis. Politically exposed persons ("PEPs"), an individual who is or has, at any time in the preceding year, been entrusted with prominent public functions, and immediate family member, or persons known to close associates of such persons, must also be identified. Depending on the circumstances of each application, a detailed verification might not be required where the application is made through a recognised intermediary. This exception may only apply if the intermediary referred to above is located within a country recognised by Ireland as having equivalent anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing regulations to that in place in Ireland and satisfies other applicable conditions such as providing a letter of undertaking confirming the intermediary has carried out the appropriate verification checks on the investor and will retain such information in accordance with the required timeframe and will provide such information on request to the Administrator or the Company. Intermediaries cannot rely on third parties to meet the obligation to monitor the ongoing business relationship with an investor which remains their ultimate responsibility. These exceptions do not affect the right of the Administrator or the Company to request such information as is necessary to verify the identity of an applicant or the source of the subscription monies.

By way of example an individual may be required to produce a copy of a passport or identification card with evidence of his/her address such as a copy of a utility bill or bank statement and proof of tax residence. In the case of corporate applicants this may require production of the certificate of incorporation (and any change of name), memorandum and articles of association (or equivalent), the names, occupations, dates of birth and residential and business addresses of all directors. Additional information may be required at the Administrator's or the Company's discretion to verify the source of the subscription monies. Amendment to any investor records will only be effected by the Administrator upon receipt of original evidencing documentation.

The details given above are by way of example only and the Administrator and the Company each reserves the right to request such information as is necessary to verify the identity of an investor and where applicable the beneficial owner of an investor. In particular, the Administrator and the Company each reserves the right to carry out additional procedures in relation to an investor who is classed as a PEP. Verification of the investor's identity is required to take place before the establishment of the business relationship. Applicants should refer to the Application Form for a more detailed list of requirements for anti-money laundering purposes. In the event of delay or failure by an investor or applicant to produce any information required for verification purposes, the Administrator or the Company may refuse to accept the application and subscription monies. Each applicant for Shares acknowledges that the Company and its delegates shall be held harmless against any loss arising as a result of a failure to process or a delay in processing his application for Shares or redemption request if such information and documentation as has been requested by the Company or its delegates has not been provided by the applicant.



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

Any failure to supply the Company or the Administrator with any documentation requested by them for anti-money laundering or client identification purposes will result in a delay in the settlement of redemption proceeds. In such circumstances, the Administrator will process any redemption request received by a Shareholder. However the proceeds of that redemption shall remain an asset of the relevant Fund and the Shareholder will rank as an unsecured creditor of the Fund until such time as the Administrator is satisfied that its anti-money-laundering and anti-fraud procedures have been fully complied with, following which redemption proceeds will be released. In the event of the insolvency of the Fund before such monies are transferred from the Fund's account to the redeeming investor, there is no guarantee that the Fund will have sufficient funds to pay its unsecured creditors in full. Investors who are due redemption proceeds which are held in the Fund's account will rank equally with other unsecured creditors of the relevant Fund and will be entitled to pro-rata share of any monies made available to all unsecured creditors by the insolvency practitioner.

Accordingly, Shareholders and investors should ensure that all documentation required by the Fund or Administrator to comply with anti-money laundering and anti-fraud procedures are submitted promptly to the Fund/Administrator when subscribing for Shares.

## Beneficial Ownership Regulations

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

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

### Data Protection Notice

The Company is a Data Controller and Data Processor within the meaning of the Data Protection Act and undertakes to hold, process and be responsible for the destruction of personal information provided by investors in confidence and in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

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

Prospective investors should note that by completing the Application Form they are providing information to the Company which may constitute personal data within the meaning of data protection legislation in Ireland. This data will be used for the purposes of client identification and the subscription process, administration, transfer agency, statistical analysis, market research and to comply with any



applicable legal or regulatory requirements, disclosure to the Company (its delegates and agents) and, if an applicant's consent is given, for direct marketing purposes.

Data may be disclosed and / or transferred to third parties including:

- (a) regulatory bodies, tax authorities; and
- (b) delegates, advisers and service providers of the Company and their or the Company's duly authorised agents and any of their respective related, associated or affiliated companies wherever located (including to countries outside the EEA which may not have the same data protection laws as in Ireland) for the purposes specified. For the avoidance of doubt, each service provider to the Company (including the Investment Adviser, its delegates and its or their duly authorised agents and any of their respective related, associated or affiliated companies) may exchange the personal data, or information about the investors in the Company, which is held by it with another service provider to the Company.

Personal data will be obtained, held, used, disclosed and processed for any one or more of the purposes set out in the application form.

Investors have a right to obtain a copy of their personal data kept by the Company and the right to rectify any inaccuracies in personal data held by the Company. As of 25 May 2018 being the date the General Data Protection Regulation (EU 2016/679) came into effect, investors also have a right to be forgotten and a right to restrict or object to processing in a number of circumstances. In certain limited circumstances a right to data portability may apply. Where investors give consent to the processing of personal data, this consent may be withdrawn at any time.

Prospective investors should note that by completing the Application Form they are providing information to the Company which may constitute personal data within the meaning of the GDPR. This data will be used by or on behalf of the Company for the purposes of client identification and the subscription process, management and administration of your holding in the Company, statistical analysis, market research, direct marketing and to comply with any applicable legal, taxation or regulatory requirements. Such data may be disclosed and / or transferred to third parties including regulatory bodies, tax authorities, delegates, advisers and service providers of the Company and their or the Company's duly authorised agents and any of their respective related, associated or affiliated companies wherever located (including to countries outside the EEA which may not have the same data protection laws as in Ireland) for the purposes specified.

It should also be noted that the Investment Advisor, the Administrator and the Depositary may act as a data controller of the personal data provided to the Company.

The Administrator and the Depositary will act as data controllers in circumstances where the Administrator and the Depositary act as a data controller of such personal data, all rights afforded to Shareholders as data subjects under the GDPR shall be exercisable by a Shareholder solely against the Administrator and the Depositary.

Investors have a right to obtain a copy of their personal data kept by the Company, the Investment Advisor, the Administrator and the Depositary, the right to rectify any inaccuracies in personal data held by the Company, the Investment Advisor, the Administrator and the Depositary and in a number of circumstances a right to be forgotten and a right to restrict or object to processing. In certain limited circumstances a right to data portability may apply.

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

A copy of the data privacy statement of the Company is available upon request from the Company.

Eligible Investors



Each prospective investor is required to certify that the Shares of the relevant Fund are not being acquired directly or indirectly for the account or benefit of a "Restricted Person" and such applicants will not sell or offer to transfer or sell Shares of the relevant Fund to a Restricted Person unless the Company gives its prior approval. "Restricted Person" as used in this Prospectus currently means any (i) US Person (as defined under "GENERAL INFORMATION" below) and (ii) any person whose holding of Shares might result in legal, pecuniary, tax, regulatory or material administrative disadvantage to the Company or Fund or their respective Shareholders.

Notwithstanding the above, the Company reserves the right, at the discretion of the Directors, to accept applications for Shares of each Fund from certain qualified investors in the United States or a limited number of US investors if the Company receives evidence satisfactory to it that the sale of Shares of the relevant class to such an investor is exempt from registration under the securities laws of the United States, that such sale will not require the Company to register under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and, in all events, that there will be no adverse tax or other consequences to the Company or its Shareholders, in the judgement of the Directors, as a result of such sale. If and when permitted, US investors subscribing on this basis will be provided with a supplemental disclosure document and will be required to complete a set of additional subscription documents specific to US investors.

### Payment of Subscription Price

In cases where subscription moneys have not been received with the application for Shares, settlement is due immediately unless otherwise stated in the relevant Sub-Fund supplement prospectus. If payment in full is not received by the Company within four (4) Business Days of the relevant subscription Dealing Day, the application may be refused and the allotment or transfer of Shares cancelled (at the expense of a defaulting investor or his agent), or, alternatively, the Company may treat the application as an application for such number of Shares as may be purchased or subscribed with such payment received. It is the responsibility of the investor or his agent to ensure that Application Forms are correctly completed and moneys submitted in accordance with the terms of the Prospectus. Applications not in accordance with the terms of the Prospectus may be rejected without notice.

Payment is normally due in the currency of denomination of the Shares of the relevant Fund subscribed. The Company may accept payment in other currencies (following consultation with the Administrator), but payments will be converted into the relevant currency of denomination at rates available to the Company through its bankers and only the proceeds of such conversion applied towards the subscription moneys.

The Company has standing arrangements in place for subscription moneys to be paid by telegraphic transfer as specified in the Application Form available from the Administrator;

Payments by TT should quote the applicant's name, bank, bank account number, Fund name and Contract Note number (if one has already been issued). Any charges incurred in making the TT will be payable by the applicant.

## In Specie Subscriptions

The Directors may at their discretion accept securities falling within the objectives and policies of the relevant Fund in payment in part or in whole of the subscription price of Shares of a particular Fund. Such securities shall be vested in the Depositary and valued in accordance with the procedures for calculating the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund set out under "CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE AND SUBSCRIPTION AND REDEMPTION PROCEEDS - Calculation of Net Asset Value" below. All taxes, duties, custody, brokerage or other charges or expenses incurred in connection with the transfer of the securities to the Company will be for the account of the subscriber.

## Closure of a Fund or Class to further subscriptions

The Directors shall have an absolute discretion to declare any Fund or Class closed to further subscriptions. Existing Shareholders of the relevant Fund or Class will be provided with prior notification of such closure and the Company shall also notify distributors and/or placing agents. The Directors will



have the discretion to re-open the relevant Fund or Class for subscription on any Dealing Day and existing Shareholders will be given advance notification of such re-opening.

The Directors also have the discretion to launch a Class and subsequently (after a specified time) close this Class to new investors. Further the Directors may determine to allow additional subscriptions into this Class by existing Shareholders in the Class. Details in respect of any Class(es) shall be included in the relevant Fund Supplement.

# Redemptions

## Redemption of Shares

Shares of each Fund may be redeemed on each redemption Dealing Day at redemption prices calculated with reference to the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Fund calculated as at the Valuation Point in respect of that redemption Dealing Day. The redemption price per Share of the relevant Fund is calculated in accordance with the procedures referred to under "CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE AND SUBSCRIPTION AND REDEMPTION PROCEEDS" below.

Since the redemption price of Shares of each Fund is tied to the Net Asset Value of the underlying assets of a Fund attributable to the Shares of the relevant class, it should be noted that the price at which an investor might redeem his Shares may be more or less than the price at which he subscribed for them depending on whether the value of the underlying net assets of each Fund attributable to the Shares of the relevant class has appreciated or depreciated between the date of subscription and the date of redemption and subject also to dividends declared and paid on the Shares.

## Minimum Redemptions and Holdings

The minimum redemption amount and the minimum residual holding of Shares of each Fund is set out in the Supplement for each Fund. The Directors may at their discretion specify different minimum redemption amounts and holdings for Shares of each Fund and in respect of different classes of Share of a Fund.

These minimums may be lowered, increased or waived at the discretion of the Directors either generally or in specific cases.

Partial redemptions of Shares of a particular Fund may be effected. The Company will have the right compulsorily to redeem any Shareholding where the Net Asset Value of that holding is less than the minimum residual holding of Shares of that Fund or class.

### Redemption Procedure

To redeem all or part of his holding in Shares of a relevant Fund a Shareholder should complete a signed original redemption request form available from the Administrator and send the same to the Company care of the Administrator in accordance with the instructions contained in the redemption request form. To be effective, requests for redemption of Shares of each Fund class must be received by the Dealing Deadline on the relevant redemption Dealing Day. Any requests for redemptions received after that time will be dealt with on the next succeeding redemption Dealing Day provided that, at the Directors' sole discretion, requests for redemption received after that time may be accepted for the relevant redemption Dealing Day.

Unless the number of Shares of the relevant Fund or class to be redeemed is specified in a redemption request, it will be taken as applying to all the Shares of the relevant Fund or class held by the Shareholder. Requests for redemption once made may not be withdrawn.

Redemption requests may be made by facsimile or other written request. Where a facsimile request is received, a provisional redemption will be made but the proceeds of redemption will not be released until duly signed instructions have been received. No interest is payable in respect of such moneys. No redemption payment will be made from a Shareholders account until the original Application Form and all documentation requested by the Company has been received.



## Deferral of Redemption Requests

If the value of Shares of a Fund falling to be redeemed on any redemption Dealing Day is equal to one-tenth or more of the total value of Shares in issue or deemed to be in issue of that Fund on such redemption Dealing Day, then the Directors may in their absolute discretion refuse to redeem any Shares in excess of one-tenth of the total value of such Shares in that Fund. If they so refuse, the requests for redemption on such redemption Dealing Day shall be reduced rateably and the Shares to which each request relates which are not redeemed by reason of such refusal shall be treated as if a request for redemption had been made in respect of each subsequent redemption Dealing Day until all the Shares to which the original request related have been redeemed.

#### Payment of Redemption Proceeds

Payment of the redemption proceeds will be made in the currency of denomination of the Shares redeemed by TT sent to the Shareholder (at his or her own risk). Any charges incurred in making the TT will be payable by the Shareholder. Unless otherwise stated in the relevant Sub-Fund supplement prospectus payment will normally be made within four (4) Business Days after the relevant Dealing Deadline provided that the Administrator has received all of the requisite documentation by the Company, including any documentation requested by the Administrator for the purposes of verification of identity or source of funds as part of the Company's anti-money laundering procedures. Arrangements can be made for the redemption proceeds to be paid in currencies other than the currency of denomination of the Shares redeemed. In such circumstances the cost of currency conversion and other administration expenses will be charged to the Shareholder. Redemption payments will be subject to the charges specified in the redemption form available from the Administrator. Such charges will normally be payable by the Shareholder, although the Directors have the discretion to determine that these charges should be borne by the relevant Fund. Amendments to an investors' details and payment instructions will only be effected on receipt of original documentation. Redemption orders will be processed on faxed instructions only where payment is to the account of record.

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

# In Specie Redemptions

If the value of Shares of a Fund falling to be redeemed on any redemption Dealing Day is equal to 5% or more of the total value of Shares in issue in any Fund, the Directors may in their absolute discretion elect to satisfy the redemption in whole or in part by way of the transfer in specie of assets of the Company attributable to the relevant Fund. The assets selected to satisfy such in-specie redemptions shall be approved by the Depositary. The costs of such transfer shall be borne by the relevant Shareholder which may elect instead for the sale of the assets proposed to be transferred and the receipt of the net proceeds of sale in relation thereto.

# Compulsory Redemption

At any time, the Company may by giving not less than two (2) and not more than twelve (12) weeks' notice (expiring on a redemption Dealing Day) to all Shareholders of the Company or a Fund or of a class of a Fund, redeem at the ruling redemption price on such redemption Dealing Day, all (but not some) of the Shares not previously repurchased.

The Directors may, in their absolute discretion, effect the compulsory redemption of all (but not some) of the Shares registered in the name of a Shareholder at the ruling redemption price per Share of the relevant Fund if, in the opinion of the Directors, Shares are (i) held or being acquired directly or indirectly for the account of a "Restricted Person" (as referred to under "Subscriptions: *Eligible Investors*") or (2) the subscription for or holding of Shares by such holder might result in legal, pecuniary, tax, regulatory



or material administrative disadvantages to the Company or the Fund or their respective Shareholders.

## **Dealing Days and Valuation Points**

Dealing Days will, together with related Valuation Points, be specified for Shares of each Fund. The Directors have the discretion under the Articles to declare other and/or additional days and/or times to be Dealing Days and Valuation Points in respect of Shares of each Fund provided that there will be at least one Dealing Day per fortnight and all Shareholders will be notified in advance of any change in the Dealing Days. In such event details will be included in the relevant Supplement. The subscription and redemption Dealing Days and Valuation Points currently in force in respect of Shares of each Fund are set out in the Supplement to this document for each Fund.

# **Swing Pricing**

Investors should note that the Directors may adjust the Net Asset Value per Share on any Dealing Day where there are net redemptions or subscriptions in order to protect the underlying assets of a Fund and Shareholder's interests against the dilutive effect of large inflows and outflows. Swing pricing will be used to adjust the Net Asset Value per Share for a Fund in order to reduce the effect of dilution on that Fund. Dilution occurs where the actual cost of purchasing or selling the underlying assets of a Fund deviates from the value of these assets in the Fund's assets due to dealing costs, charges and marked spread. Dilution can occur where this assumption breaks down. It adversely impacts Shareholders where it results in an incoming investor paying materially less than the cost of investing his subscription or a redeeming investor being paid materially more than the Fund can raise by selling the corresponding quantity of assets. This dilution effect can be reduced or prevented by adjusting the Net Asset Value to reflect the true cost of buying or selling investments for the Fund, otherwise known as "swing pricing". Further details in respect of swing pricing is set out under "Calculation of Net Asset Value" (paragraph (m).

### Switching

Subject to the minimum subscription, minimum holding and minimum transaction requirements of the relevant Fund or class thereof, Shareholders are entitled to switch some or all of their investment in Shares of one Fund or Class into Shares of another Fund or class in accordance with the formula and procedures specified below. Switches by Restricted Persons, however, are subject to the approval of the Directors or their agents.

The number of Shares of the new Fund or class to be issued will be calculated in accordance with the following formula:-

$$\frac{S = (R \times RP \times ER)}{SP}$$

# where

- S is the number of Shares of the new Fund or class to be issued;
- R is the number of Shares in the original Fund or class to be converted;
- RP is the Redemption price per Share of the original Fund or class calculated as at the relevant Valuation Point following receipt of the switching request:
- ER is the currency conversion factor (if any) determined by the Directors on the relevant Dealing Day as representing the effective rate of exchange applicable to the transfer of assets between relevant Funds or classes after adjusting such rate as may be necessary to reflect the effective costs of making such re-investment;
- SP is the subscription price per Share of the new Fund or class calculated as at the next Valuation Point of the new Fund or class following receipt of the conversion request.

The number of Shares will be calculated to four decimal places. Fractional Shares shall not carry any



voting rights.

The Company does not currently propose to charge a switching fee although it reserves the right to levy such a charge generally or in respect of specific Funds or Share classes. In such event, details will be incorporated in the relevant Supplement. An initial charge may however be made as described above in relation to a transaction which the Company is instructed by shareholders or their authorised agents to treat as a separate redemption and subscription.

# Switching procedure

Shareholders may apply in writing to switch Shares of one Fund or class to Shares of another Fund or class using a switching form which is available from the Administrator. Applicants should apply to switch Shares of the relevant Fund or class in accordance with the instructions outlined in the switching form. Switching forms, duly completed, should be sent to the Company care of the Administrator in accordance with the instructions contained in the switching form.

Application may be made to switch Shares of one Fund or class to Shares of another Fund or class on each subscription Dealing Day at subscription prices calculated with reference to the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant class calculated as at the Valuation Point for that subscription Dealing Day. The subscription price per Share of the relevant class is calculated in accordance with the procedures referred to under "CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE AND SUBSCRIPTION AND REDEMPTION PROCEEDS" below.

The Directors may limit or close subscriptions for Shares of a Fund or class at their discretion. Applications may only be made to switch to Shares of a class that is available for subscription.

Details of the subscription Dealing Days and Valuation Points in respect of Shares of each Fund and any limitations on subscriptions are set out in the Supplement for each Fund.

#### Transfer of Shares

All transfers of Shares shall be effected by transfer in writing in any usual or common form. The instrument of transfer must be accompanied by a certificate from the transferee that it is not, nor is it acquiring such Shares on behalf of or for the benefit of, a Restricted Person. In the case of the death of one of joint Shareholders, the survivor or survivors will be the only person or persons recognised by the Company as having any title to or interest in the Shares registered in the names of such joint Shareholders.

# (ii) Abusive Trading Practices/Market Timing

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

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

(i) to the extent that there is a delay between a change in the value of a Fund's portfolio holdings and the time when that change is reflected in the Net Asset Value per Share, a Fund is exposed to the risk that investors may seek to exploit this delay by purchasing or, to the extent permitted, redeeming Shares at a Net Asset Value which does not reflect appropriate fair value prices. The Company seeks to deter and prevent this activity, sometimes referred to as "stale price arbitrage", by the appropriate use of its power to adjust the value of any investment having regard to relevant considerations in order to reflect the fair value of such investment.



(ii) the Company may monitor Shareholder account activities in order to detect and prevent excessive and disruptive trading practices and reserves the right to exercise its discretion to reject any subscription or conversion transaction without assigning any reason therefor and without payment of compensation if, in its judgement, the transaction may adversely affect the interest of a Fund or its Shareholders. The Company may also monitor Shareholder account activities for any patterns of frequent purchases and sales that appear to be made in response to short-term fluctuations in the Net Asset Value per Share and may take such action as it deems appropriate to restrict such activities including, if it so determines, levying a redemption fee of up to 0.10% per cent of the Net Asset Value of Shares the subject of a redemption request.

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



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

The assets and liabilities of the Company shall be allocated to each Fund in the following manner:

- (a) for each Fund, the Company shall keep separate books and records in which all transactions relating to the relevant Fund shall be recorded and, in particular, the proceeds from the issue of Shares of each Fund shall be applied in the books of the Company relating to that Fund, and the assets and liabilities and income and expenditure attributable thereto shall be applied to such Fund subject to the provisions below;
- (b) any asset derived from another asset of a Fund shall be applied in the books and records of the relevant Fund as the asset from which it was derived and on each valuation of an asset, the increase or diminution in value thereof shall be applied to the relevant Fund;
- (c) where the Company incurs a liability which relates to any asset of a particular Fund or to any action taken in connection with an asset attributable to a particular Fund, such liability shall be allocated to the relevant Fund:
- (d) in the case where an asset or a liability of the Company cannot be considered as being attributable to a particular Fund, the Directors shall have the discretion to determine the basis upon which such asset or liability shall be allocated between the Funds and the Directors shall have power at any time and from time to time to vary such basis;

provided that all liabilities, shall (in the event of a winding up of the Company or a repurchase of all of the Shares of the Fund), unless otherwise agreed upon with the creditors, be binding only on the relevant Fund to which they are attributable.



### CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE AND SUBSCRIPTION AND REDEMPTION PROCEEDS

#### Calculation of Net Asset Value

The Articles provide for the Directors to calculate the Net Asset Value of each Fund and the Net Asset Value per Share of each Fund as at the Valuation Point in respect of each Dealing Day. The Directors have delegated the calculation of the Net Asset Value of each Fund and the Net Asset Value per Share of each Fund to the Administrator.

The Administrator will calculate the Net Asset Value of a Fund and the Net Asset Value per Share of each Fund as at the Valuation Point in respect of each Dealing Day. The Net Asset Value of a Fund is calculated by deducting the Fund's liabilities from the value of the Fund's assets as at the relevant Valuation Point. The Net Asset Value per Share of each Fund class is calculated as at the relevant Valuation Point by dividing the Net Asset Value of the Fund by the number of Shares in that Fund in issue and rounding the result to four decimal places.

The method of calculating the value of the assets of each Fund is as follows:-

(a) assets listed and regularly traded on a Recognised Exchange and for which market quotations are readily available or traded on over-the-counter markets shall be valued at their last available traded price on the principal exchange or the market for such investment as at the relevant Valuation Point (or, if no last traded price is available, at mid market prices) provided that the value of any investment listed on a Recognised Exchange but acquired or traded at a premium or at a discount outside or off the relevant stock exchange or on an over-the-counter market may be valued taking into account the level of premium or discount as at the date of valuation of the investment.

The Directors, in consultation with the Investment Adviser, may adjust or may instruct the Administrator to adjust the value of any such assets if, in relation to currency, marketability and such other considerations as they deem relevant, they consider that such adjustment is required to reflect the fair value thereof.

If for specific assets the latest available prices do not in the opinion of the Directors, in consultation with the Investment Adviser, reflect their fair value, the value shall be calculated with care and in good faith by the Directors or their delegate, approved for such purpose by the Depositary, in consultation with the Investment Adviser with a view to establishing the probable realisation value for such assets as at the relevant Valuation Point;

- (b) if the assets are listed on several Recognised Exchanges, the last available traded price or, if not applicable, mid market price, on the Recognised Exchange which, in the opinion of the Directors, in consultation with the Investment Adviser, constitutes the main market for such assets, will be used. The Directors, in consultation with the Investment Adviser, may as an alternative use the lowest market dealing offer or bid price on the relevant market or exchange. It is the Directors' current intention only to exercise this discretion to preserve the value of the holdings of existing or continuing Shareholders in the event of significant or recurring net subscriptions or redemptions or other market factors affecting the Fund concerned.
- (c) in all cases other than (a) and (b) above the competent person responsible for valuing the assets, which for the Company is the Directors or their delegate (being competent persons and approved for the purpose by the Depositary), in consultation with the Investment Adviser, acting in good faith and in accordance with the procedures described below, shall be approved for that purpose by the Depositary;
- (d) in the event that any of the assets as at the relevant Valuation Point are not listed or dealt on any Recognised Exchange, such assets shall be valued by the Directors or their delegate (being competent people) with care and in good faith and in consultation with the Investment Adviser at the probable realisation value. Such probable realisation value may be determined by using a bid quotation from a broker. Alternatively, the Directors, in consultation with the Investment Adviser may use such probable realisation value as the Investment Adviser or other competent professional appointed by the Directors for such purposes, may recommend



provided that the value is approved by the Depositary. Due to the nature of such unquoted assets and the difficulty in obtaining a valuation from other sources, such competent professional may be related to the Investment Adviser;

- (e) cash and other liquid assets will be valued at their face value with interest accrued, where applicable, as at the relevant Valuation Point;
- (f) units or shares in collective investment schemes (other than those valued pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) above) will be valued at the latest available net asset value of the relevant collective investment scheme;
- (g) any value expressed otherwise than in the Base Currency of the relevant Fund (whether of an investment or cash) and any borrowing in a currency other than the Base Currency of the relevant Fund will be converted at the rate (whether official or otherwise) which the Administrator deems appropriate in the circumstances;
- (h) derivative instruments dealt in on a market will be valued at the settlement price for such instruments on such market. Where no such settlement price is available, the value of such investments shall be the probable realisation value as determined with care and in good faith by the Directors or such competent person who has been approved for the purpose by the Depositary. Derivative contracts which are not traded on a regulated market may be valued either using the counterparty valuation or an alternative valuation such as a valuation calculated by the Directors or by an independent pricing vendor.
  - (i) OTC derivative contracts must be subject to reliable and verifiable valuation on a daily basis and must be capable of being sold, liquidated or closed by an offsetting transactions at any time at their fair value at the Company's initiative. Subject to the provisions of EMIR which requires OTC derivative contracts which are not cleared with a clearing counterparty to be valued on the basis of a mark to market value of the derivative contracts (or if market conditions prevent marking to market, a reliable and prudent marking to model), OTC derivative contracts may be valued either using the counterparty valuation or an alternative valuation i.e. a valuation calculated by the Company or by an independent pricing vendor.

Where a counterparty valuation is used, the valuation must be verified by a party who is approved for the purpose by the Depositary and who is independent of the counterparty and the independent verification must be carried out at least weekly. The reference to an independent party may include any Investment Adviser. It can also include a party related to the counterparty provided the related party constitutes an independent unit within the counterparty's group which does not rely on the same pricing models employed by the counterparty. Where the independent party is related to the counterparty to the OTC derivative and the risk exposure to the counterparty may be reduced through the provision of collateral, the position must also be subject to verification by an unrelated party to the counterparty on a six monthly basis

Any alternative valuation shall be provided by a competent person (including the Investment Adviser) appointed by the Directors and approved for the purpose by the Depositary or may be a valuation by other means provided that such value is approved by the Depositary. Where such alternative valuation method is used, the Company will follow international best practice and adhere to the principles on valuation of OTC instruments established by bodies such as IOSCO and AIMA and the valuation will be reconciled to the counterparty valuation on a monthly basis. Where significant differences arise these will be promptly investigated and explained.

- (j) In the case of a Fund which complies with the Central Bank's requirements for short-term money market funds, the Directors may use the amortised cost method of valuation provided that a review of the amortised cost valuation vis-à-vis market valuation will be carried out in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements.
- (k) In the case of a Fund which is not a short-term money market fund, the Directors may value money market instruments using the amortised cost method of valuation in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements.



- (I) In the event of it being impossible or incorrect to carry out a valuation of a specific asset in accordance with the valuation rules set out in paragraph (a) to (j) above, or if such valuation is not representative of an asset's fair market value, the Directors (or their delegate) is entitled to use other generally recognised valuation methods in order to reach a proper valuation of that specific asset, provided that any alternative method of valuation is approved by the Depositary.
- (m) On any Dealing day where there are net redemption or subscription requests, the Directors may switch from a mid-market to a bid basis in the case of net redemptions and from a mid-market to an offer basis in the case of net subscriptions. In such circumstances, the Net Asset Value may be adjusted by an amount determined by the Directors which reflects the dealing costs which may be incurred by the Fund and any anticipated fiscal charges and the estimated bid/offer spread of the underlying assets. The amount of the adjustment is dependent on the spreads in the market for the underlying assets in each Fund. In each case, the valuation policy selected by the Directors shall be applied consistently throughout the life of the relevant Fund and will be applied consistently throughout the categories of assets in which the Fund invests.

In calculating the Net Asset Value of a Fund, appropriate provisions will be made to account for the charges and fees charged to the Fund as well as accrued income on the Fund's investments.

In calculating the Net Asset Value of a Fund or the Company, neither the Directors nor the Administrator shall be liable for any loss suffered by the Company or any Shareholder by reason of any error in the calculation of the subscription or redemption prices resulting from any inaccuracy in the information provided by any pricing service. Similarly, where the Administrator is directed by the Directors or the Investment Adviser with the approval of the Directors to use particular pricing services, brokers, market makers or other intermediaries, the Administrator shall not be liable for any loss suffered by the Company or any Shareholder by reason of any error in the calculation of the subscription or redemption prices resulting from any inaccuracy in the information provided by such pricing services, brokers, market makers or other intermediaries not appointed or selected by the Administrator. Administrator shall use reasonable endeavours to verify any pricing information supplied by the Investment Adviser, or any connected person thereof (including a connected person which is a broker, market maker or other intermediary). However, the Company acknowledges that in certain circumstances it may not be possible or practicable for the Administrator to verify such information and. in such circumstances, the Administrator shall not be liable for any loss suffered by the Company or any Shareholder by reason of any error in the calculation of the subscription or redemption prices resulting from any inaccuracy in the information provided by any such person.

### Calculation of Net Asset Value per Share

The Net Asset Value per Share of each Fund on each applicable Dealing Day is determined by dividing the Net Asset Value of the assets of the Fund attributable to the Shares of the relevant Fund class on that day by the number of Shares of the relevant Fund in issue on the relevant Dealing Day.

Where more than one class of Shares is in issue in respect of a Fund, the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund calculated as provided under "Calculation of Net Asset Value" above, shall be allocated between each class in accordance with the respective values in the Base Currency of the Fund represented by subscriptions and redemptions of Shares of each class of the Fund received or made from time to time. Where different entitlements, costs or liabilities apply in respect of different classes, these are excluded from the initial calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Fund and applied separately to the Net Asset Value allocated to the relevant class. The portion of the Net Asset Value of each Fund attributable to each class shall then be converted into the relevant currency of denomination of the class at prevailing exchange rates available to the Administrator and shall be divided by the number of Shares of the relevant class in issue on the relevant Dealing Day in order to calculate the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant class.

## Publication of Net Asset Value per Share

The most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of each Fund is published daily following calculation on the following internet website: www.liontrust.co.uk and shall be kept up to date and may also be published in the Financial Times. In addition, the most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of each



Fund may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours and may also be published in such other newspaper or journal as the Directors in their sole discretion may determine and notify to Shareholders.

### Calculation of Subscription and Redemption Proceeds

### Subscription Prices

The subscription price at which Shares of each class of a Fund may be subscribed is the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Fund class calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day plus any initial charge payable to the Investment Adviser (see "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Initial Redemption and Switching Charges: *Initial Charge*" above).

### Redemption prices

The price at which Shares of each class of a Fund may be redeemed on a Dealing Day is the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Fund class calculated as at the Valuation Point in respect of the relevant Dealing Day less any redemption charge (see "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Initial, Redemption and Switching Charges: *Redemption Charges*" above).

### (iii) Anti-Dilution Levy/Duties and Charges

The Company reserves the right to impose "an anti-dilution levy" representing a provision for market spreads (the difference between the prices at which assets are valued and/or bought or sold), duties and charges and other dealing costs relating to the acquisition or disposal of assets and to preserve the value of the underlying assets of a Fund, in the event of receipt for processing of subscription or redemption requests in either case, in excess of 5% or more of the Net Asset Value of a Fund on any one Dealing Day or in excess of 5% in aggregate over more than five consecutive Dealing Days. Any such provision will be added to the price at which Shares will be issued in the case of net subscription requests and deducted from the price at which Shares will be redeemed in the case of net redemption requests including the price of Shares issued or redeemed as a result of requests for conversion. Any such sum will be paid into the account of the relevant Fund.

### Suspension of Subscriptions, Redemptions and Switching

The Directors may at any time and from time to time temporarily suspend the calculation of the Net Asset Value of a particular Fund and/or the issue, redemption and switching of Shares of each class of a Fund in any of the following instances:-

- during any period (other than ordinary holiday or customary weekend closings) when any market or Recognised Exchange is closed and which is the main market or exchange for a significant part of the investments attributable to the relevant Fund, or in which trading thereon is restricted or suspended;
- (b) during any period when disposal of investments which constitute a substantial portion of the assets attributable to the Fund is not practically feasible; or it is not possible to transfer monies involved in the acquisition or disposition of investments at normal rates of exchange; or it is not practically feasible for the Administrator fairly to determine the value of any investments attributable to the relevant Fund;
- (c) during any breakdown in the means of communication normally employed in determining the price of any of the investments attributable to the relevant Fund or of current prices on any market or Recognised Exchange;
- (d) when for any reason the prices of any investments attributable to the relevant Fund cannot be reasonably, promptly or accurately ascertained;
- (e) during any period when remittance of monies which will or may be involved in the realisation of or in the payment for any of the investments attributable to the relevant Fund cannot, in the opinion of the Directors, be carried out at normal rates of exchange;



or

(f) following notice to Shareholders of a general meeting at which a resolution to terminate the Company has been proposed.

Notice of any such suspension and notice of the termination of any such suspension shall be given immediately to the Central Bank and the Irish Stock Exchange (where relevant) and shall be notified to Shareholders of the relevant Fund if in the opinion of the Directors it is likely to exceed fourteen (14) days and will be notified to applicants for Shares of the relevant Fund or to Shareholders requesting the repurchase of Shares of the relevant Fund at the time of application or filing of the written request for such repurchase. Where possible, all reasonable steps will be taken to bring any period of suspension to an end as soon as possible.

No Shares of a Fund may be issued (other than those which have already been allotted) nor may Shares of a Fund be redeemed during a period of suspension. In the event of suspension, a Shareholder of the relevant Fund may withdraw his redemption request provided that such withdrawal is actually received before the termination of the period of suspension. Where the request is not so withdrawn, the day with reference to which the redemption of the Shares of the relevant Fund will be effected will (if later than the day in which the redemption would otherwise have been effected if there had been no suspension) be the applicable redemption Dealing Day next following the end of the suspension.

## Tax Liability of the Company

The attention of investors is drawn to the section of the Prospectus headed Irish Taxation and in particular the taxation liability arising on the occurrence of certain events such as the encashment, redemption or transfer of Shares by or payment of dividends to Shareholders who are Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland.

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



### **MEETINGS AND REPORTS TO SHAREHOLDERS**

All general meetings of the Company shall be held in Ireland. In each year, the Company shall hold a general meeting as its annual general meeting. 21 days' notice (excluding the day of posting and the day of the meeting) shall be given in respect of each general meeting of the Company. The notice shall specify the venue and time of the meeting and business to be transacted at the meeting. A proxy may attend on behalf of any Shareholder.

Each Shareholder shall have one vote in relation to any matter relating to the Company which is submitted to Shareholders for a vote by show of hands. Each Share gives the holder one vote in relation to any matter relating to the Company which is submitted to Shareholders for a vote by poll. All Shares have equal voting rights. Every holder of a Management Share who is/are present in person or by proxy shall have one vote per Management Share.

The accounting date of the Company is the 31<sup>st</sup> of December in each year. The half yearly accounting date shall be the 30<sup>th</sup> of June in each year.

The Company's annual report incorporating audited financial statements will be published within four months after the end of the annual accounting period and at least three weeks before the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. For the purpose of the compilation of the semi-annual and annual report and accounts, the reporting currency of each Fund shall be its Base Currency.

The Company will publish a semi-annual unaudited financial report made up to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June in each year, containing a list of the Fund's holdings and their market values, within two months of the date to which it is made up.

All correspondence to Shareholders will be sent at their own risk. The annual and semi-annual reports will be sent to Shareholders, the Irish Stock Exchange (where relevant) and the Central Bank within four months and two months respectively of the end of the period to which they relate. The most recent audited annual and unaudited semi-annual reports will be sent to any Shareholder upon request.



### **TERMINATION OF FUND**

In addition to the circumstances set out under "SUBSCRIPTION REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING - Redemptions: *Compulsory Redemption*" above, the Company may, upon no less than two nor more than twelve weeks' notice to all Shareholders, redeem on a Business Day at the Net Asset Value per Share all (but not some) of the Shares in issue in respect of the Company or any Fund or any class on such date in the following instances:-

- if the Company is no longer an authorised UCITS; or
- if any law is passed which renders it illegal, or in the reasonable opinion of the Directors it is impracticable or inadvisable, to continue the Company or any Fund; or
- if within a period of 90 days from the date on which the Depositary notifies the Company of its desire to retire in accordance with the terms of the Depositary Agreement, or from the date on which the appointment of the Depositary is terminated by the Company in accordance with the terms of the Depositary Agreement, or from the date on which the Depositary ceases to be approved by the Central Bank, no new Depositary shall have been appointed.



### **COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION**

#### General

The statements on taxation below are intended to be a general summary of certain Irish and United Kingdom tax consequences that may result to the Company and Shareholders. The information given is not exhaustive and does not constitute legal or tax advice. The statements relate to Shareholders holding shares as an investment (as opposed to an acquisition by a dealer) and are based on the law and practice in force in the relevant jurisdiction at the date of this document. As is the case with any investment, there can be no guarantee that the tax position or proposed tax position prevailing at the time an investment in the Company is made will endure indefinitely.

Prospective Shareholders should familiarise themselves with and, where appropriate, take advice on the laws and regulations (such as those relating to taxation and exchange controls) applicable to the subscription for, and the holding and 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.

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

## **FATCA Implementation in Ireland**

On 21 December 2012, the governments of Ireland and the United States signed the IGA. This agreement will significantly increase the amount of tax information automatically exchanged between Ireland and the United States. It provides for the automatic reporting and exchange of information in relation to accounts held in Irish "financial institutions" by U.S persons and the reciprocal exchange of information regarding US financial accounts held by Irish residents. The Company will be subject to these rules.

The IGA provides that Irish financial institutions will report to the Revenue Commissioners in respect of US account-holders and, in exchange, US financial institutions will be required to report to the US Internal Revenue Service in respect of any Irish-resident account-holders. The two tax authorities will then automatically exchange this information on an annual basis. The Irish legislation implementing the IGA has not been finalised and a number of matters remain uncertain.

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

There can be no assurance that payments to the Company in respect of its assets, including on an investment will not be subject to withholding under FATCA. Accordingly a shareholder should consult its own tax advisors as to the potential implication of the US withholding taxes on the shares before investing.



## **IRISH TAXATION**

## The Company

The Company will be regarded as resident in Ireland for tax purposes if the central management and control of its business is exercised in Ireland and the Company is not regarded as resident elsewhere. It is the intention of the Directors that the business of the Company will be conducted in such a manner as to ensure that it is Irish resident for tax purposes.

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

However, tax can arise on the happening of a "chargeable event" in the Company. A chargeable event includes any distribution payments to Shareholders or any encashment, redemption, cancellation, transfer or deemed disposal (a deemed disposal will occur at the expiration of a Relevant Period) of Shares. No tax will arise on the Company in respect of chargeable events in respect of a Shareholder who is neither Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland at the time of the chargeable event provided that a Relevant Declaration is in place and the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct. In the absence of a Relevant Declaration there is a presumption that the investor is Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland. A chargeable event does not include:

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

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

Dividends received by the Company from investment in Irish equities may be subject to Irish dividend withholding tax at the standard rate of income tax (currently 20%). However, the Company can make a declaration to the payer that it is a collective investment undertaking beneficially entitled to the dividends which will entitle the Company to receive such dividends without deduction of Irish dividend withholding tax.

### Stamp Duty

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

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



#### Shareholders Tax

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

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

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

The Company will not have to deduct tax on the occasion of a chargeable event in respect of a Shareholder if (a) the Shareholder is neither Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland, (b) the Shareholder has made a Relevant Declaration and (c) the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct. In the absence of a Relevant Declaration tax will arise on the happening of a chargeable event in the Company regardless of the fact that a Shareholder is neither Irish Resident nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland. The appropriate tax that will be deducted is as described below.

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

Shareholders who are neither Irish Residents nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland and who have made Relevant Declarations in respect of which the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct, will not be liable to Irish tax in respect of income from their Shares and gains made on the disposal of their Shares. However, any corporate Shareholder which is not Irish Resident and which holds Shares directly or indirectly by or for a trading branch or agency in Ireland will be liable to Irish tax on income from their Shares or gains made on disposals of the Shares.

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

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

Unless a Shareholder is an Exempt Irish Investor and makes a Relevant Declaration to that effect and the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct or unless the Shares are purchased by the Courts Service, tax at the rate of 25% will be required to be deducted by the Company from a distribution (where payments are made annually or at more frequent intervals) to a Shareholder who is Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland. Similarly, tax at the rate of 28% will have to be deducted by the Company on any other distribution or gain arising to the Shareholder (other than an Exempt Irish Investor who has made a Relevant Declaration) on an encashment, redemption, cancellation, transfer or deemed disposal (see below) of Shares by a Shareholder who is Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland.



The Finance Act 2006 introduced rules (which were subsequently amended by the Finance Act 2008) in relation to an automatic exit tax for Shareholders who are Irish Resident or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland in respect of Shares held by them in the Company at the ending of a Relevant Period. Such Shareholders (both companies and individuals) will be deemed to have disposed of their Shares ("deemed disposal") at the expiration of that Relevant Period and will be charged to tax at the rate of 28% on any deemed gain (calculated without the benefit of indexation relief) accruing to them based on the increased value (if any) of the Shares since purchase or since the previous exit tax applied, whichever is later.

For the purposes of calculating if any further tax arises on a subsequent chargeable event (other than chargeable events arising from the ending of a subsequent Relevant Period or where payments are made annually or at more frequent intervals), the preceding deemed disposal is initially ignored and the appropriate tax calculated as normal. Upon calculation of this tax, credit is immediately given against this tax for any tax paid as a result of the preceding deemed disposal. Where the tax arising on the subsequent chargeable event is greater than that which arose on the preceding deemed disposal, the Company will have to deduct the difference. Where the tax arising on the subsequent chargeable event is less than that which arose on the preceding deemed disposal, the Company will refund the Shareholder for the excess (subject to the paragraph headed "15% threshold" below).

#### 10% Threshold

The Company will not have to deduct tax ("exit tax") in respect of this deemed disposal where the value of the chargeable units (i.e. those Shares held by Shareholders to whom the declaration procedures do not apply) in the Company (or in the sub-fund within an umbrella scheme) is less than 10% of the value of the total Shares in the Company (or in the sub-fund) and the Company has made an election to report certain details in respect of each affected Shareholder to Revenue (the "Affected Unit Holder") in each year that the de minimus limit applies. In such a situation the obligation to account for the tax on any gain arising on a deemed disposal will be the responsibility of the Shareholder on a self-assessment basis ("self-assessors") as opposed to the Company or Sub-Fund (or their service providers). The Company is deemed to have made the election to report once it has advised the Affected Unit Holders in writing that it will make the required report.

### 15 % Threshold

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

### Other

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

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

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

Personal Portfolio Investment Undertaking ("PPIU")



The Finance Act 2007 introduced new provisions regarding the taxation of Irish Resident individuals or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland individuals who hold shares in investment undertakings. The new provisions introduce the concept of a personal portfolio investment undertaking ("PPIU"). Essentially, an investment undertaking will be considered a PPIU in relation to a specific investor where that investor can influence the selection of some or all of the property held by the investment undertaking. Depending on an individual's circumstances, an investment undertaking may be considered a PPIU in relation to some, none or all individual investors i.e. it will only be a PPIU in respect of those individuals' who can "influence" selection. Any gain arising on a chargeable event in relation to an investment undertaking which is a PPIU in respect of an individual that gave rise to the chargeable event and occurs on or after 20th February 2007, will be taxed at the standard rate plus 28 per cent (currently 48%). Specific exemptions apply where the property invested in has been widely marketed and made available to the public or for non-property investments entered into by the investment undertaking.

### Capital Acquisitions Tax

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

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

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

### Common Reporting Standards (CRS)

Ireland and a number of other jurisdictions have also announced that they propose to enter into multilateral arrangements modelled on the Common Reporting Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information published by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). If implemented into Irish law, this may require the Company to provide certain information to the Irish Revenue Commissioners about Shareholders resident or established in the jurisdictions which are party to such arrangements (which information will in turn be provided to the relevant tax authorities).



### **UNITED KINGDOM TAXATION**

## The Company

The Directors intend that the Company should be managed and conducted so that it does not become resident in the United Kingdom for United Kingdom taxation purposes. Accordingly, and provided that the Company does not carry on a trade in the United Kingdom through a permanent establishment situated therein for corporation taxation purposes or through a branch or agency situated in the United Kingdom within the charge to income tax, the Company will not be subject to United Kingdom corporation tax or income tax on income and capital gains arising to it, save as noted below in relation to possible withholding tax on certain United Kingdom source income. The Directors and the Investment Adviser each intend that the respective affairs of the Company and the Investment Adviser are conducted so that no such permanent establishment, branch or agency will arise insofar as this is within their respective control, but it cannot be guaranteed that the conditions necessary to prevent any such permanent establishment, branch or agency coming into being will at all times be satisfied. Neither the Company nor the Directors accept any responsibility for any taxes incurred by the Company or by any Shareholder as a result of the Company being UK resident or of its activities amounting to trading in the UK for whatever reason.

Interest and other income received by the Company which has a United Kingdom source may be subject to withholding taxes in the United Kingdom.

#### **Shareholders**

As the Company is a collective investment scheme it is expected to be a mutual fund constituted by a body corporate outside the UK for the purposes of the UK's "offshore funds" provisions. Each Fund and each class of Shares of the Company will be treated as a separate offshore fund for these purposes.

The tax treatment of Shareholders holding Reporting Shares differs in various respects from those holding Accumulating Shares and the tax treatment of each is set out separately below. Potential investors are referred to the individual Fund Supplements for an explanation of the classes of Shares which will be treated as Reporting Shares for United Kingdom tax purposes.

## Shareholders owning Reporting Shares

## Taxes on income

Subject to their personal circumstances, individual Shareholders resident in the United Kingdom for taxation purposes will be liable to United Kingdom income tax on dividends or other distributions of income made by the Company whether or not such distributions are reinvested in the Company. Since April 2016, UK resident individuals have no longer received a dividend tax credit. Instead, a new allowance of £2,000, taxed at 0%, has been introduced (this was previously £5,000 between 6 April 2016 and 5 April 2018). Any dividend income above £2,000 is now subject to income tax rates of 7.5% for basic rate taxpayers, 32.5% for higher rate taxpayers and 38.1% for additional rate taxpayers. Modified rules which are not discussed in this summary apply to UK resident Shareholders who are individuals not domiciled within the UK.

It is intended that each of the Reporting Share classes will be deemed to constitute an "offshore fund" for the purposes of the UK offshore fund rules. Under this legislation, any gain arising on the sale, disposal or redemption of shares in an offshore fund held by persons who are resident in the United Kingdom for tax purposes will be taxed at the time of such sale, disposal or redemption as income and not as a capital gain unless the fund is certified by HM Revenue & Customs as a "reporting fund" throughout the period during which the shares have been held.

As discussed below, it is intended that the Company will conduct its affairs so as to enable each of the Reporting Share classes to be certified as a reporting fund throughout its life, and application for such certification will be made to HM Revenue & Customs (although such certification cannot be guaranteed). In order to retain reporting fund status, the Company must calculate its "reportable income", being the income returns of the offshore fund for each reporting period (as defined for UK tax purposes) on a per-



share basis to all relevant shareholders. UK resident shareholders who hold their interests at the end of the reporting period to which the reported income relates are taxed on reported income as it is reported, whether it is distributed or not. UK resident shareholders are therefore subject to income tax or corporation tax on the higher of any cash distribution paid and the full reported amount. Holders of Reporting Shares who remain Shareholders at the end of the relevant accounting period will be liable to income tax not only on dividends or distributions made or accumulated, but also on their share of reported income in excess of each dividend or distribution.

If the Shareholder is dealing in the Reporting Shares, or the Reporting Share class in question is not certified as a reporting fund throughout one or more account periods concurrent with the Shareholder's period of ownership of the Reporting Shares (as to which see below), then on redemption of the Reporting Shares the proceeds will be taxed as income. As discussed below, proceeds of the redemption of Reporting Shares will otherwise be taxed as capital.

UK legislation provides a number of exemptions from United Kingdom corporation tax on dividends and other income distributions received by companies within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax (including distributions received from non-United Kingdom companies) which may apply to UK corporate Shareholders. The exemptions are subject to certain exclusions and specific anti-avoidance rules. If none of the exemptions apply, UK corporate Shareholders will be subject to tax at the standard corporation tax rate (currently 19%) on dividends and distributions made by the Company.

Where a Fund holds more than 60% of its assets in interest bearing (or similar) form, any distribution (or in the case of a reporting fund, reported income) will be treated as interest in the hands of a UK resident income tax payer. This means that the relevant tax rates will be those applying to interest. Special rules apply to Shareholders in these Funds who are within the charge to corporation tax, which are discussed in "Shares treated as loan relationships" below.

## Taxes on capital gains

Provided the Reporting Share class in question obtains reporting fund certification, Shareholders who are resident in the United Kingdom for tax purposes (other than persons who are dealing in the Reporting Shares who are subject to different rules) may be liable to capital gains tax (or corporation tax on chargeable gains) in respect of any gain realised on disposal or redemption of the relevant Reporting Shares. The computation of any gain will take into account any accumulated undistributed income (broadly, the aggregate of the amount on which the taxpayer has previously been taxed as reported (but not distributed) income). Any such gain may be reduced by any general or specific United Kingdom capital gains tax exemption or allowance available to a Shareholder and may result in certain investors incurring a proportionately lower United Kingdom tax charge.

An exchange of Reporting Shares into Shares of another class (whether Reporting or Accumulating) may be treated as a redemption and sale and may give rise to a disposal triggering a potential liability to capital gains tax (or corporation tax on chargeable gains) for Shareholders resident in the United Kingdom.

Chapter 6 of Part 3 of the Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations 2009 (the "Regulations") provides that specified transactions carried out by a UCITS fund, such as the Company, will not be treated as trading transactions for reporting funds that meet a genuine diversity of ownership condition and profits arising from such transactions will not form part of the fund's reportable income.

The Directors confirm that the Reporting Shares are primarily intended for and marketed to the category of United Kingdom institutional investors although subscriptions may also be accepted from all other classes of investor save for Restricted Persons. For the purposes of the Regulations, the Directors undertake that the Reporting Shares will be widely available and will be marketed and made available sufficiently widely to reach the intended categories of investors and in a manner appropriate to attract those kinds of investors.

Shareholders should note that to the extent that actual dividends are not declared in relation to all the income of the Reporting Shares and/or income equalisation is not applied for a period, reportable income under the reporting fund rules will be attributable only to those Shareholders who remain Shareholders at the end of the relevant accounting period.



Each of the Funds of the Company may operate income equalisation. Income equalisation is a capital sum which is included in an allocation of income for a Share issued, sold or converted during the accounting period in respect of which that income allocation is made. The Funds will operate income equalisation with a view to ensuring that the level of income accrued within a Fund and attributable to each Share (is not affected by the issue, conversion, or redemption of Shares during a distribution or accumulation period.

## Shares treated as a loan relationship

Chapter 3 of Part 5 of the Corporation Tax Act 2009 ("CTA 2009") provides that, if at any time in an accounting period a corporate investor within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax holds an interest in an offshore fund, and there is a time in that period when that fund fails to satisfy the "qualifying investment test", the interest held by such corporate investor will be treated for the accounting period as if it were rights under a creditor relationship for the purposes of the rules relating to the taxation of most corporate debt contained in CTA 2009 (the "Corporate Debt Regime"). The qualifying investment test will not be satisfied where the fund invests in debt instruments, securities or cash the market value of which exceeds 60 per cent. of the market value of all its investments.

Since Reporting Shares constitute interests in an offshore fund, where the qualifying investment test is not satisfied the Reporting Shares will be treated for corporation tax purposes as within the Corporate Debt Regime. Where this is the case, all returns on the Reporting Shares in respect of each corporate investor's accounting period during which the test is not met (including gains, profits and deficits and exchange gains and losses) will be taxed or relieved as an income receipt or expense on a fair value accounting basis. Accordingly, a UK resident corporate Shareholder may, depending on its own circumstances, incur a charge to UK corporation tax on an unrealised increase in the value of its holding of Reporting Shares (and, likewise, obtain relief against corporation tax for an unrealised reduction in the value of its holding of Reporting Shares).

### Anti-avoidance provisions

In most cases, due to the intended distribution of income and reporting policy in respect of the Reporting Share classes, it is not anticipated that individuals resident in the United Kingdom will be affected by the provisions of Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Income Tax Act 2007 which might otherwise render such persons liable to taxation in respect of undistributed income and profits of the Company. More specifically this legislation will not apply if such individuals can satisfy HM Revenue & Customs that either:-

- (i) it would not be reasonable to draw the conclusion from all the circumstances of the case that the purpose of avoiding liability to taxation was the purpose, or one of the purposes, for which the relevant transactions or any of them were effected; or
- (ii) all the relevant transactions are genuine commercial transactions, and it would not be reasonable to draw the conclusion from all the circumstances of the case that any one or more of the transactions was more than incidentally designed for the purpose of avoiding liability to taxation

The attention of persons resident in the United Kingdom for taxation purposes is drawn to the provisions of Section 3 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 ("Section 3"). Section 3 applies to direct and indirect "participators" for United Kingdom taxation purposes (which term includes Shareholders) if at any time when a chargeable gain accrues to the Company which meets the conditions of Section 3, the Company would, were it to have been resident in the United Kingdom for taxation purposes, be a "close" company at the time the disposal is made. The provisions of Section 3 could, if applied, result in any such person who is a participator in the Company being treated for the purposes of United Kingdom taxation on chargeable gains as if a part of a chargeable gain accruing to the Company had accrued to that person directly, that part being equal to the proportion of the gain that corresponds on a just and reasonable basis to that person's proportionate interest in the Company as a participator. No liability under Section 3 could be incurred by such a person where such proportion does not exceed 25% of the gain falling to be apportioned to the participator or persons connected with the participator. In the case of United Kingdom resident individuals domiciled outside the United Kingdom, Section 3



applies only to gains relating to United Kingdom situate assets of the Company, or gains relating to non-United Kingdom situate assets if such gains are remitted to the United Kingdom.

Corporate Shareholders resident in the UK for taxation purposes should note that "controlled foreign companies" legislation contained in Part 9A Taxation (International and Other Provisions) Act 2010 ("TIOPA 2010") could apply to any UK resident company which is, either alone or together with persons connected or associated with it for taxation purposes, deemed to be interested in 25% or more of any chargeable profits of a non-UK resident company where that non-UK resident company is controlled by residents of the UK and meets certain other criteria (broadly that it is resident in a low tax jurisdiction). "Control" is defined in Chapter 18, Part 9A TIOPA 2010. A non-UK resident company is controlled by persons (whether companies, individuals or others) who are resident in the UK for taxation purposes or is controlled by two persons taken together, one of whom is resident in the UK for tax purposes and has at least 40% of the interests, rights and powers by which those persons control the non-UK resident company, and the other of whom has at least 40% and not more than 55% of such interest, rights and powers. The effect of these provisions could be to render such Shareholders liable to UK corporation tax in respect of the income of the Company.

## Shareholders owning Accumulating Shares

### Taxes on income

It is the current policy of the Directors that no dividends will be paid to Shareholders owning Accumulating Shares. However, in the event that dividends are paid, and subject to their personal circumstances, individual Shareholders resident in the United Kingdom for taxation purposes will be liable to United Kingdom income tax on dividends paid or other distributions of income made by the Company whether or not such distributions are reinvested in the Company. The same information with respect to dividend tax rates applies to Accumulating Shares as to Reporting Shares (as set out above).

It is not intended that any of the Accumulating Share classes (each of which constitutes a separate "offshore fund") will seek to be certified as a "reporting fund". Accordingly Shareholders who are resident in the United Kingdom for tax purposes may be liable to United Kingdom income taxation in respect of any gain realised on disposal or redemption of the relevant Accumulating Shares.

UK legislation provides a number of exemptions from United Kingdom corporation tax on dividends and other income distributions received by companies within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax (including distributions received from non-United Kingdom companies) subject to certain exclusions and specific anti-avoidance rules. If none of the exemptions apply, UK corporate Shareholders will be subject to tax at the standard corporation tax rate (currently 19%) on dividends and distributions made by the Company.

Where a Fund holds more than 60% of its assets in interest bearing (or similar) form, any distribution will be treated as interest in the hands of a UK resident income tax payer. This means that the relevant tax rates will be those applying to interest. Special rules apply to Shareholders in these funds within the charge to corporation tax, which are discussed in "Shares treated as loan relationships" below.

An exchange of Accumulating Shares into Shares of another class (whether Reporting or Accumulating) may be treated as a redemption and sale and may give rise to a disposal triggering a potential liability to income tax (or corporation tax) for Shareholders resident in the United Kingdom.

## Shares treated as a loan relationship

Since the Accumulating Shares will constitute interests in an offshore fund, the same considerations in relation to the Corporate Debt Regime apply as to Reporting Shares (set out above). Where the qualifying investment test is not satisfied, a corporate Shareholder may therefore incur a charge to corporation tax on an unrealised increase in the value of its holding of Accumulating Shares (and, likewise, obtain relief against corporation tax for an unrealised reduction in the value of its holding of Accumulating Shares).

Anti-avoidance provisions



The attention of individuals resident in the United Kingdom is drawn to the provisions of Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Income Tax Act 2007 under which income accruing to the Company may be attributed to such a shareholder and may render them liable to taxation in respect of undistributed income and profits of the Company. This legislation will, however, not apply if such individuals can satisfy HM Revenue & Customs that either:-

- (i) it would not be reasonable to draw the conclusion from all the circumstances of the case that the purpose of avoiding liability to taxation was the purpose, or one of the purposes, for which the relevant transactions or any of them were effected; or
- (ii) all the relevant transactions are genuine commercial transactions and it would not be reasonable to draw the conclusion from all the circumstances of the case that any one or more of the transactions was more than incidentally designed for the purpose of avoiding liability to taxation.

The same considerations with respect to the following anti-avoidance legislation set out above apply to Shareholders holding Accumulating Shares as apply to Shareholders holding Reporting Shares:

- (i) Section 3 Taxation of Chargeable Gains 1992; and
- (ii) the "controlled foreign companies" legislation in Part 9A TIOPA 2010.

#### Stamp duty

UK stamp duty, or stamp duty reserve tax, at a rate of 0.5% will be payable by the Company on the acquisition of certain securities, including shares in companies that are either incorporated in the UK or that maintain a share register in the UK.

Since the Company is not incorporated in the UK, no liability to UK stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax should arise by reason of the issue, transfer or redemption by Shareholders of either Reporting Shares or Accumulating Shares (provided that the register of shareholders is kept outside the UK). However, UK stamp duty at a rate of 0.5% is payable on any instrument of transfer of the Shares executed in, or in certain cases brought into, the UK.



### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## Incorporation and Share Capital

The Company was incorporated under the laws of Ireland on 20 June 2008, as an umbrella type openended investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between its funds and with registered number 459084.

The authorised share capital of the Company is 300,000 redeemable Management Shares of no par value and 500,000,000,000 Shares of no par value. Management Shares do not entitle the holders to any dividend and on a winding-up entitle the holder to receive the amount paid up thereon but not otherwise to participate in the assets of the Company.

## Memorandum and Articles of Association

Clause 3 of the Memorandum of Association of the Company provides that the Company's sole object is the collective investment in either or both transferable securities and other liquid financial assets referred to in Regulation 45 of the UCITS Regulations of capital raised from the public and the Company operates on the principle of risk spreading. The Company may take any measures and carry out any operations which it may deem useful to the accomplishment and development of its purpose to the full extent permitted by the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

The following section is a summary of the principal provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company. Defined terms in this section bear the same meanings as defined in the Company's Articles.

## (i) Variation of Class Rights

The rights attached to any class may, whether or not the Company is being wound up, be varied or abrogated with the consent in writing of the holders of three-fourths of the issued Shares of that class, or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the Shares of the class. The provisions of the Articles relating to general meetings shall apply to every such separate general meeting except that the necessary quorum at any such meeting shall be two persons holding or representing by proxy at least one-third of the issued Shares of the class in question or, at an adjourned meeting, one person holding Shares of the class in question or his proxy. Any holding of Shares of the class in question present in person or by proxy may demand a poll.

### (ii) Voting rights

On a show of hands every Shareholder who is present in person or by proxy shall have one vote and every management shareholder present in person or by proxy shall have one vote in respect of all Management Shares. On a poll, every Shareholder present in person or by proxy shall be entitled to one vote in respect of each Share held by him and every management shareholder present in person or by proxy shall be entitled to one vote in respect of all Management Shares held by him. Fractional Shares shall not carry any voting rights.

## (iii) Change in Share Capital

The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution increase its capital by such amount as the resolution shall prescribe.

The Company may, by ordinary resolution, alter its authorised capital by consolidating and dividing its share capital into shares of larger amount that its existing shares, by sub-dividing its shares into shares of smaller amount than that fixed by the Memorandum of Association of the Company, or by cancelling any shares which, at the date of the ordinary resolution, in that behalf have not been taken, or agreed to be taken, by any person, and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

The Company may by special resolution from time to time reduce its share capital.



### (iv) Directors' Interests

A Director or intending Director may enter into any contract with the Company and such contract or arrangement shall not be liable to be avoided and the Director concerned shall not be liable to account to the Company for any profit realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of his holding of that office or the fiduciary relationship so established and may hold any other office or place of profit with the Company in conjunction with the office of Director on such terms as to tenure of office and otherwise as the Directors may determine.

A Director shall not vote or be counted in the quorum present on any resolution in respect of his appointment (or the arrangement of the terms of appointment) to hold any office or place of profit with the Company or in respect of any contract or arrangement in which is materially interested. The prohibition does not apply (in the absence of some other material interest than is indicated below), *inter alia*, to:

- (a) the giving of any security or indemnity to him in respect of money lent or obligation incurred by him at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (b) any contract or arrangement by a Director to guarantee or underwrite shares or debentures of the Company;
- (c) any proposals concerning any other company in which he is directly or indirectly interested and whether as an officer, shareholder, creditor or otherwise.

The Company may by ordinary resolution suspend or relax the provisions described above to any extent or ratify any transaction not duly authorised by reason of a contravention thereof.

## (v) Borrowing Powers

The Directors may exercise all powers of the Company to borrow money, to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property, or any part thereof and to issue bonds, notes, debentures, debenture stock and other securities whether outright or as a security for any debts.

## (vi) Retirement of Directors

There is no provision for the retirement of Directors on their attaining a certain age.

## (vii) Transfer of Shares

The Directors may at their absolute discretion in the circumstances outlined in "SUBSCRIPTION REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING - Transfer of Shares" above refuse to register a transfer of Shares unless all applicable taxes and/or stamp duties have been paid in respect of the instrument of transfer and the instrument of transfer is deposited at the office or other such place as the Directors may reasonably require and such evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer and such relevant information as the Directors may reasonably require from the transferee.

## (viii) Unclaimed Dividend

Any dividend unclaimed after a period of 6 years from the date of declaration of such dividend shall be forfeited and shall revert to the relevant Fund.

### (ix) Winding Up

If the Directors decide that it is in the best interests of Shareholders to wind up the Company, the secretary shall forthwith at the Directors' request, convene an extraordinary general meeting of the Company to consider a proposal to appoint a liquidator to wind up the Company. The liquidator, on appointment, will firstly apply the assets of the Company in satisfaction of creditors' claims as he deems appropriate. The assets of the Company will then be distributed



amongst the Shareholders. The assets available for distribution amongst the Shareholders shall be applied as follows:

- (i) firstly those assets attributable to a particular class of Shares shall be paid to the holders of Shares in that class;
- (ii) secondly, any balance then remaining and not attributable to any class of Share shall be apportioned between the classes of Shares pro-rata to the Net Asset Value of each class of Share immediately prior to any distribution to Shareholders and the amounts so apportioned shall be paid to Shareholders pro-rata to the number of Shares in that class held by them; and
- (iii) thirdly in the payment to holders of Management Shares of sums up to the nominal amount paid thereon. In the event that there are insufficient assets as aforesaid to enable such payment in full to be made, no recourse shall be had to any of the other assets of the Company.

The rights attached to the Shares may, whether or not the Company or any Fund is being wound up, be varied with the consent in writing of holders of three-quarters of the issued Shares of the Company or of the relevant Fund or, with the sanction of a resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the Shares of the Company or of the relevant Fund, by a majority of three-quarters of the votes cast at such meeting.

The rights attaching to Shares of each class shall not be deemed to be varied by any of the following:-

- (i) the creation, allotment or issue of any further Shares of each class ranking pari passu with Shares already in issue:
- (ii) by the liquidation of the Company or of any Fund and distribution of its assets to its members in accordance with their rights or the vesting of assets in trustees for its members in specie.

### **Material Contracts**

The following contracts, not being contracts entered into the ordinary course of business, have been entered into since the incorporation of the Company and are, or may be, material:

- 1. Investment Advisory Agreement
  - (a) The Investment Advisory Agreement between the Company and Investment Adviser, the Investment Adviser has agreed to act as investment adviser for each of the Company's Funds
  - (b) Details of the fees payable to the Investment Adviser are set out in "CHARGES AND EXPENSES Investment Advisory Charges" above.
  - (d) The Investment Advisory Agreement may be terminated by either party on not less than six months' notice in writing after the first anniversary of the effective date of the Investment Advisory Agreement. The Investment Advisory Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time in certain other circumstances.
  - (c) The Investment Adviser and its officers, personnel and members are indemnified from and against all costs, charges, liabilities and expenses incurred pursuant to or in connection with the Investment Advisory Agreement or directly or indirectly from any act or omission in the course of or in connection with the services provided by the Investment Adviser or from any breach of the Investment Advisory Agreement by the Company provided that such cost, charge, liability or expense is not due to the fraud, wilful default or negligence of the Investment Adviser.



## 2. Distribution Agreement

- (a) The Distribution Agreement between the Company, the Investment Adviser and the Distributors, the Company has delegated the distribution and marketing activities functions of the Shares of the Company to the Distributors. The Distributors have also agreed to act as non-exclusive distribution and marketing agents of the Shares of the Company's Funds
- (b) Under the terms of the Distribution Agreement Liontrust Fund Partners LLP acts as facilities agent in the UK for the Company and maintains the facilities required of a recognised scheme pursuant to the rules contained in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook published by the FCA as part of the FCA's Handbook of Rules and Guidance governing recognised schemes, in the United Kingdom.
- (c) The fees of the Distributors will be paid out of the Investment Adviser's own fees.
- (d) The Distribution Agreement may be terminated by either party on not less than six months' notice in writing after the first anniversary of the effective date of the Distribution Agreement. The Distribution Agreement may be terminated by any party at any time in certain other circumstances.
- (e) The Distributors and its officers, personnel and members are indemnified from and against all costs, charges, liabilities and expenses incurred pursuant to or in connection with the Distribution Agreement or directly or indirectly from any act or omission in the course of or in connection with the services provided by the Distributors or from any breach of the Distribution Agreement by the Distributors provided that such cost, charge, liability or expense is not due to the fraud, wilful default or negligence of the Distributors.

## 3. Depositary Agreement

- (a) The Depositary Agreement between the Company and the Depositary, the Depositary has agreed to act as Depositary of the Company's monies and assets. The Depositary is entitled to appoint sub-custodians for the safe custody of the Company's assets.
- (b) Details of the fees payable to the Depositary are set out under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES Administration, Custody and Registrar Charges: *Depositary*" above.
- (c) The Depositary Agreement may be terminated by either party on not less than 90 days' written notice to the other or earlier in certain circumstances specified in the Agreement. The Depositary may not retire from its appointment unless and until a new Depositary has been appointed with the approval of the Central Bank. In the event notice of termination is given and no succeeding Depositary is appointed by the Company prior to the expiry of the notice, the Depositary is entitled to apply to the Central Bank for the revocation of the Company's authorisation and, at its discretion, to apply in the High Court for an order to wind up the Company, or to convene, in accordance with the Company's Articles, an extraordinary general meeting of Shareholders to consider a resolution to wind-up the Company.
- (d) The Depositary is entitled to be indemnified against all actions, proceedings, claims, costs, demands and expenses which may be brought against, suffered or incurred by the Depositary by reason of its performance of its duties under the Depositary Agreement otherwise than as a result of its unjustifiable failure to perform its obligations or its improper performance of them.

## 4. Administration Agreement

- (a) The Administration Agreement between the Company and the Administrator, the Administrator will act as Administrator and Registrar to the Company.
- (b) Details of the fees payable to the Administrator are set out under "CHARGES AND



EXPENSES - Administration, Custody and Registrar Charges: Administrator" above.

- (c) The Administration Agreement may be terminated by either party on not less than 90 days' notice, or earlier in certain circumstances specified in the Agreement.
- (d) The Administrator is indemnified and held harmless against actions, proceedings, claims, costs, demands and expenses which may be brought against, suffered or incurred by the Administrator by reason of its performance of its obligations and duties under the terms of this Agreement otherwise than as a result of its fraud, wilful default or negligence.

#### Definition of "US Person"

#### "US Person"

A "US Person" for 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 of Regulation S under the 1933 Act or (b) a person excluded from the definition of a "Non-United States person" as used in Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") Rule 4.7. For the avoidance of doubt, a person is excluded from this definition of US Person only if he or it does not satisfy any of the definitions of "U.S. person" in Rule 902 and qualifies as a "Non-United States person" under CFTC Rule 4.7.

"US Person" under Rule 902 generally includes the following:

- (a) any natural person resident in the United States;
- (b) any partnership or corporation organised or incorporated under the laws of the United States;
- (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 United States;
- (f) any non-discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary for the benefit or account of a 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 United States; 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 in Rule 501(a) of Regulation D under the 1933 Act) who are not natural persons, estates or trusts.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, "U.S. person" under Rule 902 does not include: (i) 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 United States; (ii) any estate of which any professional fiduciary acting as executor or administrator is a U.S. person, if (A) 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 (B) the estate is governed by non-United States 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 United States and customary practices and documentation of such



country; (v) any agency or branch of a U.S. person located outside the United States if (A) the agency or branch operates for valid business reasons, and (B) the agency or branch is engaged in the business of insurance or banking and is subject to substantive insurance or banking regulation, respectively, in the jurisdiction where located; and (vi) certain international organisations as specified in Rule 902(k)(2)(vi) of Regulation S under the 1933 Act.

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;
- (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 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 (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; or
- (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.
  - i) Litigation and Arbitration

The Company is not engaged in any legal or arbitration proceedings and no legal or arbitration proceedings are known to the Directors to be pending or threatened by or against the Company.

### Miscellaneous

- (i) There are no service contracts in existence between the Company and any of its Directors, nor are any such contracts proposed.
- (ii) Save as described in this Prospectus, no Director is interested in any contract or arrangement subsisting at the date hereof which is unusual in its nature and conditions or significant in relation to the business of the Company. Edward Catton is Head of Risk and member of the Investment Adviser. Consequently, Mr. Catton may have conflicts of interest and will ensure that any such conflicts are restored fairly.
- (iii) Details of any interests in shares in the Funds held by the Directors or members of their families are included in the latest report and accounts of the Company.
- (iv) No share or loan capital of the Company is under option or is agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option.
- (v) Save as disclosed in this Prospectus and under "GENERAL INFORMATION Incorporation and Share Capital", no share or loan capital of the Company has been issued and no such share or loan capital is proposed to be issued.
- (vi) Save as disclosed in this Prospectus, no commission, discounts, brokerage or other special terms have been granted by the Company in relation to Shares issued or to be issued by the Company, on any issue or sale of Shares. The Investment Adviser may, out of its own funds or out of the initial or management charges, pay commissions on applications received through



brokers and other professional agents or grant discounts.

- (vii) The Company does not have, nor has it had since its incorporation, any employees. The Company does not have a place of business in the United Kingdom.
- (viii) A United Kingdom investor who enters into an investment agreement to acquire Shares in a Fund in response to this Prospectus will not have the right to cancel the agreement under any cancellation rules made by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom. The agreement will be binding upon acceptance of the application by the Fund.
- (ix) Most, if not all, of the protections provided by the United Kingdom regulatory structure will not apply. The rights of Shareholders in the Fund may not be protected by the investors' compensation scheme established in the United Kingdom.
- (x) Any investor wishing to make a complaint regarding any aspect of the Company or its operation may do so directly to the Company.

## Documents Available for Inspection

Copies of the following documents, which are available for information only and do not form part of this document, may be inspected at the registered office of the Company in Ireland during normal business hours on any Business Day:-

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

Copies of the Prospectus and the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) may also be obtained by Shareholders from the Administrator, Distributors or the Investment Adviser.



## **APPENDIX I - RECOGNISED EXCHANGES**

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 is restricted to these stock exchanges and markets. The Central Bank does not issue a list of approved stock exchanges or markets.

- (i) without restriction in any stock exchange which is:
  - located in any Member State of the European Union; or
  - located in a Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA) (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein)
  - located in any of the following countries:-

Australia Canada Japan New Zealand

New Zealand Hong Kong Switzerland

United States of America

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

Argentina Argentina Argentina Bahrain Bangladesh Botswana Brazil

Brazil Bulgaria Chile Chile

China, Peoples' Republic of China, Peoples' Republic of

Colombia Croatia Egypt

Ghana India India India India India Indonesia Israel

Kazakhstan (Rep. Of)

Kenya Malaysia Mauritius Mexico Morocco

Jordan

Namibia

Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires Bolsa de Comercio de Cordoba Mercado Abierto Electronico S.A.

Bolsa de Valores do Rio de Janeiro

Bahrain Stock Exchange Dhaka Stock Exchange Botswana Stock Exchange

Bolsa de Valores de Sao Paulo First Bulgarian Stock Exchange Bolsa de Comercio de Santiago Bolsa Electronica de Chile Shanghai Securities Exchange Shenzhen Stock Exchange Bolsa de Valores de Colombia

Zagreb Stock Exchange

Cairo and Alexandria Stock Exchange

Ghana Stock Exchange Bangalore Stock Exchange Calcutta Stock Exchange Delhi Stock Exchange

The Stock Exchange, Mumbai National Stock Exchange of India

Indonesia Stock Exchange Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange Amman Stock Exchange Kazakhstan Stock Exchange Nairobi Stock Exchange

Bursa Malaysia

Stock Exchange of Mauritius Bolsa Mexicana de Valores

Societe de la Bourse des Valeurs de

Casablanca

Namibian Stock Exchange



Nigeria Oman Pakistan Pakistan Pakistan Peru Philippines Qatar Romania

Russian Federation Russian Federation Russian Federation Russian Federation

Saudi Arabia Serbia Singapore South Africa South Korea South Korea Sri Lanka

Taiwan (Republic of China) Taiwan (Republic of China)

Thailand Tunisia Turkey Ukraine

United Arab Emirates United Arab Emirates

Uruguay Vietnam Zambia Zimbabwe Nigerian Stock Exchange Oman Stock Exchange Islamabad Stock Exchange Karachi Stock Exchange Lahore Stock Exchange Bolsa de Valores de Lima Philippine Stock Exchange Qatar Stock Exchange Bucharest Stock Exchange Moscow Stock Exchange

MICEX RTS1 RTS2

Saudi Stock Exchange Belgrade Stock Exchange Singapore Exchange

JSE Limited

Korea Stock Exchange

**KOSDAQ** 

Colombo Stock Exchange

Taiwan Stock Exchange Corporation

Gre Tai Securities Market Stock Exchange of Thailand

Bourse des Valeurs Mobilieres de Tunis

Istanbul Stock Exchange Ukrainian Stock Exchange Abu Dhabi Stock Exchange

**Dubai International Financial Exchange** 

Bolsa de Valores de Montevideo

Ho Chi Minh City Securities Trading Centre

Lusaka Stock Exchange Zimbabwe Stock Exchange

### (iii) without restriction in any of the following:

the market organised by the International Securities 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 Sterling, Foreign 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 National Association of Securities Dealers Inc.;

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.



(iv) 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 Board
- 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 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).
- (v) for the purposes only of determining the value of the assets of a Fund, the term "Recognised Exchange" shall be deemed to include, in relation to any futures or options contract, any organised exchange or market on which such futures or options contract is regularly traded.



# APPENDIX II - GLOBAL NETWORK OF MARKETS AND SUBCUSTODIANS

Country/Markets	Sub-Custodian	Location
Argentina	Citibank N.A., Argentina	Buenos Aires
Australia	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	Parramatta, NSW
Austria	UniCredit Bank Austria AG	Vienna
Bahrain	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited	Bahrain
Bangladesh	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	Dhaka
Belgium	The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV	Brussels
Belgium	Citibank Europe Plc	Dublin
Bermuda	HSBC Bank Bermuda Limited	Hamilton
Botswana	Stanbic Bank Botswana Limited	Gaborone
Brazil	Citibank N.A., Brazil	Sao Paulo
Brazil	Itau Unibanco S.A.	Sao Paulo
Bulgaria	Citibank Europe plc, Bulgaria Branch	Sofia
Canada	CIBC Mellon Trust Company (CIBC Mellon)	Toronto
Cayman Islands	The Bank of New York Mellon	New York
Channel Islands	The Bank of New York Mellon	New York
Chile	Banco de Chile	Santiago
Chile	Itau Corpbanca S.A.	Santiago
China	HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited	Shanghai
Colombia	Cititrust Colombia S.A. Sociedad Fiduciaria	Bogota



Costa Rica	Banco Nacional de Costa Rica	San José
Croatia	Privredna banka Zagreb d.d.	Zagreb
Cyprus	BNP Paribas Securities Services	Athens
Czech Republic	Citibank Europe plc, organizacni slozka	Prague
Denmark	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (Publ)	Stockholm
Egypt	HSBC Bank Egypt S.A.E.	Cairo
Estonia	SEB Pank AS	Tallinn
Eswatini	Standard Bank Swaziland Limited	Mbabane
Euromarket	Clearstream Banking S.A	Luxembourg
Euromarket	Euroclear Bank	Brussels
Finland	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (Publ)	Stockholm, Sweden
France	The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV	Brussels
Germany	The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV	Frankfurt am Main
Ghana	Stanbic Bank Ghana Limited	Accra
Greece	BNP Paribas Securities Services	Athens
Hong Kong	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	Hong Kong
Hungary	Citibank Europe plc. Hungarian Branch Office	Budapest
Iceland	Landsbankinn hf.	Reykjavik
India	Deutsche Bank AG	Mumbai
India	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	Mumbai
Indonesia	Deutsche Bank AG	Jakarta
Euromarket  Finland  France  Germany  Ghana  Greece  Hong Kong  Hungary  Iceland  India  India	Euroclear Bank  Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (Publ)  The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV  The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV  Stanbic Bank Ghana Limited  BNP Paribas Securities Services  The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited  Citibank Europe plc. Hungarian Branch Office  Landsbankinn hf.  Deutsche Bank AG  The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	Brussels  Stockholm, Sweden  Brussels  Frankfurt am Main  Accra  Athens  Hong Kong  Budapest  Reykjavik  Mumbai  Mumbai



Ireland	The Bank of New York Mellon	New York
Israel	Bank Hapoalim B.M.	Tel Aviv
Italy	The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV	Brussels
Japan	Mizuho Bank, Ltd.	Tokyo
Japan	MUFG Bank, Ltd.	Tokyo
Jordan	Standard Chartered Bank, Jordan Branch	Jordan
Kazakhstan	Citibank Kazakhstan Joint-Stock Company	Almaty
Kenya	Stanbic Bank Kenya Limited	Nairobi
Kuwait	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited, Kuwait	Safat
Latvia	AS SEB banka	Kekavas novads
Lithuania	AB SEB bankas	Vilnius
Luxembourg	Euroclear Bank	Brussels
Malawi	Standard Bank PLC	Lilongwe
Malaysia	Deutsche Bank (Malaysia) Berhad	Kuala Lumpur
Malta	The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Asset Servicing, Niederlassung Frankfurt am Main	Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Mauritius	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	Ebene
Mexico	Banco Santander (México), S.A.	Ciudad de México
Mexico	Citibanamex	Colonia Santa Fe
Morocco	Citibank Maghreb S.A.	Casablanca
Namibia	Standard Bank Namibia Limited	Windhoek
Netherlands	The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV	Brussels, Belgium



New Zealand	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	Auckland
Nigeria	Stanic IBTC Bank Plc.	Lagos
Norway	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (Publ)	Stockholm, Sweden
Oman	HSBC Bank Oman S.A.O.G.	Sultanate of Oman
Pakistan	Deutsche Bank AG	Karachi
Peru	Citibank del Peru S.A.	Lima
Philippines	Deutsche Bank AG	Makati City
Poland	Bank Polska Kasa Opieki S.A.	Warszawa
Portugal	Citibank Europe Plc	Dublin
Qatar	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited, Doha	Doha
Romania	Citibank Europe plc Dublin, Romania Branch	Bucharest
Russia	PJSC ROSBANK	Moscow
Saudi Arabia	HSBC Saudi Arabia	Riyadh
Serbia	UniCredit Bank Serbia JSC	Belgrade
Singapore	DBS Bank Ltd	Singapore
Slovak Republic	Citibank Europe plc, pobocka zahranicnej banky	Bratislava
Slovenia	UniCredit Banka Slovenia d.d.	Ljubljana
South Africa	Standard Chartered Bank	Johannesburg
South Africa	Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	London
South Korea	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	Seoul
South Korea	Deutsche Bank AG	Seoul



Spain	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.	Bilbao
Spain	Santander Securities Services, S.A.U.	Madrid
Sri Lanka	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	Colombo
Sweden	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (Publ)	Stockholm
Switzerland	Credit Suisse (Switzerland) Ltd	Zurich
Switzerland	UBS Switzerland AG	Zurich
Taiwan	HSBC Bank (Taiwan) Limited	Taipei City
Tanzania	Stanbic Bank Tanzania Limited	Dar es Salaam
Thailand	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	Bangkok
Tunisia	Union Internationale de Banques	Tunis
Turkey	Deutsche Bank A.S.	Istanbul
U.A.E.	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited, Dubai	Dubai
U.K.	Depository and Clearing Centre (DCC) Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch	London
U.K.	The Bank of New York Mellon	New York
U.S.A.	The Bank of New York Mellon	New York
U.S.A. Precious Metals	HSBC Bank, USA, N.A	New York
Uganda	Stanbic Bank Uganda Limited	Kampala
Ukraine	JSC "Citibank"	Kiev
Uruguay	Banco Itaú Uruguay S.A.	Montevideo
Vietnam	HSBC Bank (Vietnam) Ltd	Ho Chi Minh City
Zambia	Stanbic Bank Zambia Limited	Lusaka



Zimbabwe Stanbic Bank Zimbabwe Limited	Harare
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# **Liontrust Global Funds plc**

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to Liontrust Global Funds plc (the "**Company**"), an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds.

This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 1 October, 2019 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated herein.

### LIST OF FUNDS SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROSPECTUS

Capitalised terms used herein shall have the meanings attributed to them in the Prospectus.

The Directors of the Company whose names appear on page 5 of the Prospectus accept responsibility for the information contained in this Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

## **Existing Funds of the Company**

- 1. Liontrust GF European Strategic Equity Fund
- 2. Liontrust GF Special Situations Fund
- 3. Liontrust GF Macro Equity Income Fund
- 4. Liontrust GF Asia Income Fund
- 5. Liontrust GF UK Growth Fund
- 6. Liontrust GF European Smaller Companies Fund
- 7. Liontrust GF Strategic Bond Fund
- 8. Liontrust GF Sustainable Future European Corporate Bond Fund
- 9. Liontrust GF High Yield Bond Fund
- 10. Liontrust GF Sustainable Future Pan-European Growth Fund
- 11. Liontrust GF Absolute Return Bond Fund
- 12. Liontrust GF Sustainable Future Global Growth Fund

Dated 1 October, 2019



If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser duly authorised in this regard. Shares are available for subscription on the basis of the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus and the documents referred to therein.

### LIONTRUST GLOBAL FUNDS plc

(an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital incorporated with a limited liability under the laws of Ireland, registered number 459084 authorised in Ireland as an investment company pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011)

### SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROSPECTUS

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### LIONTRUST GF EUROPEAN STRATEGIC EQUITY FUND

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Liontrust GF European Strategic Equity Fund (the "Fund"), the first Fund of Liontrust Global Funds plc (the "Company"). It forms part of and must be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus of the Company dated 1 October, 2019 and in particular the information contained therein relating to:-

- the Company, its Funds and Shares;
- charges and expenses (including those for investment, administration and custody);
- subscription, redemption and switching of Shares; and
- · Taxation, conflicts of interest and risk factors.

Distribution of this Supplement is only authorised if accompanied by the Prospectus of the Company. In addition, distribution of this Supplement and the Prospectus is not authorised in any jurisdiction unless accompanied by the most recent annual and/or, if more recent, semi-annual report of the Company.

Investment in the Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is subject to the risk that the principal invested in the Fund is capable of fluctuation and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.

Due to the higher than average degree of risk because of its ability to invest in financial derivative instruments for investment purposes which may increase the volatility of the Fund, an investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.

Dated 1 October, 2019



## **BASE CURRENCY OF THE FUND**

The Base Currency of the Fund is Euros.

#### SHARES AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Shares of the Fund are currently available for subscription in the following denominations:-

Shares	Currency of Share Denomination
Class A3	Euro Accumulating (Institutional)
Class A4	Euro Accumulating
Class B3	US Dollar Accumulating
Class C3	Sterling Accumulating (Institutional)
Class C4	Sterling Accumulating
Class CF	Sterling Accumulating (Founder)

The net asset value per Share will be calculated in the currency of the relevant Share Class.

## **Hedged Classes**

Other than Classes C3 and C4 ("Hedged Classes"), all classes that are not designated in the Base Currency of the Fund will be un-hedged. Further information on Share Class Hedging is set out below at the section entitled "Use of Derivatives" and in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management".

### **RISK PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INVESTOR**

The Fund is suitable for investors seeking long term capital appreciation and medium volatility.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve a positive absolute return over the long term for investors through a portfolio of long, synthetic long and synthetic short investments primarily in European equities and equity related derivatives.

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

The Investment Adviser will alter the ratio of long and short exposures in the Fund depending on the Investment Adviser's confidence in the investment process's ability to generate returns from the short positions. The Investment Adviser believes that the investment process and the ability to vary the net long exposure should allow a positive absolute return to be generated under all market conditions over the medium to long term. Further details on the investment process are set out below under the heading "Investment Process". The Fund will not be benchmarked against any equity index. Notwithstanding that the Fund is expressed to be an "absolute return" fund, as set out in the risk factors below any capital invested is, in fact, at risk. As set out above, it is expected that a positive absolute return will be generated over three year periods, but there is no guarantee that such return will be generated over that specific time period or within another time period.

Although the Fund may invest in all economic sectors in all parts of the world, it is intended that it will invest primarily in equities and equity related derivatives (including derivatives as described below) in



companies incorporated in any European Economic Area ("EEA") Member State, together with the UK and Switzerland, which are listed on a recognised stock exchange of an EEA Member State or Switzerland. The Fund will not be restricted in choice of investment by either size or sector. The Fund may also invest in debt securities including government and corporate bonds, money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash and deposits. The purpose of any such investments in debt securities is for liquidity and cash management purposes. Any investment in bonds will be in corporate and government fixed or floating rate instruments which may be rated or unrated (up to 15% of the net assets of the Fund may be invested in below investment grade and/or unrated bonds). The Fund may pledge or charge its investments in debt securities as collateral for the total return swaps further details of which are set out under the heading "Financial Derivative Instrument Types". In addition the Fund may seek to achieve its investment policy by investment in or with reference to exchange traded funds (which are classified as collective investment schemes) and open-ended collective investment schemes to gain exposure to equities and through the use of derivatives as described further below in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. No more than 10% of the net assets of the Fund will be invested in aggregate in other collective investment schemes. Any short exposure will only be generated through the use of derivatives.

### **Use of Derivatives**

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes. The use of derivatives may also create leverage or synthetic long or short positions (i.e. positions which are in economic terms equivalent to long or short positions). The Fund may create synthetic long or short positions by, for example, the use of futures, options and swaps. The Investment Adviser will take long and short positions through the use of derivatives to gain exposure to equities and equity-related securities (such as rights and warrants, convertible bonds and partly paid securities) and to seek both to protect and to enhance the absolute returns achieved. The synthetic short positions allow the Fund to benefit from downwards movement in prices or overpricing of securities or market factors by having short or negative position in the underlying security. The Fund may actively manage downside risk through the use of short positions via equity derivatives and equity index based derivatives and a substantial portion of the Fund's assets may be invested in cash and near cash assets such as short term government debt.

The Fund will use financial derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management subject to the conditions and limits set out in the Regulations to manage risk and invest more efficiently. Where the Investment Adviser has decided to increase or reduce security specific and / or market risk in response to the Investment Adviser's views on market prospects, prices and values it may be more efficient to do so using financial derivatives as well as purchasing units or shares in collective investment schemes (including ETFs). For example, the Investment Adviser might reduce the Fund's exposure to market risk through the use of equity index futures, or may increase the Fund's exposure to a market sector through purchasing an appropriate ETF. The total exposure to collective investment schemes (including ETFs) including those used for cash management purposes will not exceed 10% of its Net Asset Value.

The Fund may use derivative instruments including contracts for difference, swaps, forwards, options and equity index swaps, which may be used for efficient portfolio management or for investment purposes as set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Investment Powers and Restrictions". Any derivative instrument in which the Fund enters will be in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements and the Regulations and limits in respect of derivative counterparties. The underlying exposure to the derivatives will be to equities, equity indices, open-ended collective investment schemes (for collateral management/liquidity purposes), Money Market Instruments, fixed income instruments and foreign exchange rates and currencies. Further details on the different derivative types can be found below. Derivatives may be traded by the Fund either on exchange or over-the-counter.

Although the Base Currency of the Fund is Euros, the Investment Adviser anticipates holding securities denominated in currencies other than Euros and reserves the right to enter into foreign exchange and/or derivative transactions selectively with the aim of enhancing, hedging or maintaining the value of the Fund in absolute terms. The Fund may utilise forwards, futures, options and swaps to hedge against currency fluctuations at a Fund level, but there can be no assurance that such hedging transactions will be undertaken and, if undertaken, will be effective or beneficial.

Forward foreign exchange contracts may also be used to hedge the value of certain classes of Shares in the Fund ("Share Class Hedging") against changes in the exchange rate between the currency of



denomination of the class of Shares and the Base Currency of the Fund, which is Euros. In respect of the Hedged Classes outlined above, such Share Class Hedging does not protect any of the Share classes from any non-Euro exposure that might be held in the Fund.

Further information is set out in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management". It should be noted that the successful execution of a hedging strategy which mitigates this currency risk exactly cannot be assured.

Where a class is unhedged, a currency conversion will take place on subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and distributions at prevailing exchange rates. In such circumstances, the value of the Share expressed in the class currency will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency.

## **Financial Derivative Instrument Types**

The Fund may use the following financial derivative instruments:

#### **Forwards**

Forwards, such as forward foreign exchange contracts, are an obligation to purchase or sell a specific asset at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. In currency forward contracts, the contract holders are obligated to buy or sell the currency at a specified price, at a specified quantity and on a specified future date. The Fund may also use non deliverable forwards ("NDF") where the difference between the contracted NDF price or rate and the prevailing spot price or rate on an agreed notional amount is settled in an agreed currency. The Fund may use Forwards for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

### Swap agreements

Swap agreements are two party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than a year. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realised on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," (i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency or security, or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index). For example, a single contract for difference may allow a view to be taken on the price movement of individual equity securities. They can be used to express both positive and negative views on securities (by creating a synthetic long or short position). Swap agreements may be used to allow the general market risk to be neutralised (or adjusted) from the Investment Adviser's view of a particular equity securities or equity index provided such indices meet the requirements of the Central Bank. Swap agreements may be used either individually or in combinations. The Fund may use swap agreements for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or equity securities, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

## **Futures**

Futures are contracts to buy or sell a standard quantity of a specific asset (or, in some cases, receive or pay cash based on the performance of an underlying asset, instrument or index) at a pre-determined future date and at a price agreed through a transaction undertaken on an exchange. The Fund may also use futures on equity indexes. These would be used by the Fund to manage cash inflows and outflows whereby the Fund can gain efficiency by using futures as compared to equity securities. The Fund may use futures for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

## Options



There are two forms of options, put and call options. Put options are contracts sold for a premium that gives one party (the buyer) the right, but not the obligation, to sell to the other party (the seller) of the contract, a specific quantity of a particular product or financial instrument at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Call options are similar contracts sold for a premium that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy from the seller of the option at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Options may also be cash settled. Options may also be used to take a positional view on the volatility of individual securities, baskets of securities, interest rates, equity indices and/or equity index sectors, or to sell exposure to volatility. The Fund may use options for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

#### Embedded Derivatives

Some financial instruments and other contracts combine, in a single contract, both a derivative and a non-derivative with the effect that some of the cash flows of the contract vary in a way similar to a standalone derivative. The embedded derivative may modify the value of the contract in relation to changes in a variable, such as an interest rate or yield, security, index or commodity price, credit rating, or foreign exchange rate. Embedded derivatives may provide leveraged exposure to the variable or the variable may itself be leveraged. The Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives which do not have significant leverage or hidden leverage, i.e. the Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives where the market value or notional value is accurately captured using the conversion methodologies for the commitment approach as laid out in the RMP.

Instruments with embedded derivatives that may be used by the Fund include the following:

Convertible shares including callable / convertible preference shares

A type of share issued by a company that includes an option for the holder to convert the shares into a fixed number of common shares of the issuing company, usually any time after a predetermined date and sometimes at a price fixed on issue. These shares may also give the holder rights to a fixed rate dividend (sometimes cumulative). If callable, the company has the right to buy back the shares at an agreed price under certain conditions.

Convertible bonds or other exchangeable bonds / credit instruments

A convertible bond or convertible note (or a convertible debenture if it has a maturity of greater than 10 years) is a type of bond that the holder can convert into a fixed number of common shares of the issuing company or other agreed asset such as cash usually any time after a predetermined date and sometimes at a price fixed on issue. These bonds may also give the holder rights to a fixed rate coupon (sometimes cumulative).

Equity Linked Notes whose performance is linked to the performance of an equity instrument

An Equity-Linked Note (ELN) is a debt instrument, usually a bond that differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of a single equity security, a basket of equity securities, or an equity index. A typical ELN is principal-protected, i.e. the investor is guaranteed to receive 100% of the original amount invested at maturity but receives no interest. The Equity linked note may include leverage.

FX structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of an underlying exchange rate

An FX structured instrument is a debt instrument, usually a bond, which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of an exchange rate or a combination of exchange rates. The FX structured instrument may include leverage.

Index structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of an underlying market index or a basket of market indices



An Index structured instrument is a debt instrument, usually a bond, which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of an underlying market index (such as a commodity index) or a combination of market indices (such as a commodity index and a property index). Any financial indices used should be UCITS compliant. The Index structured instrument may include leverage.

Hybrid structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of a combination of asset classes or a combination of asset class indices

A Hybrid structured instrument is a debt instrument, usually a bond, which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of a combination of underlying eligible assets or eligible indices such as the combined return of an interest rate swap and a FX swap in the same instrument. The Hybrid structured instrument may include leverage.

# Partly Paid Securities;

A partly paid share in a company is one where only a partial payment (or deposit) has been made for a share, with the expectation that as the company requires more fund, calls are made one a time until the shares are fully paid and the calls cease.

Callable bonds (including callable step-up notes) and puttable bonds

A callable bond (also called redeemable bond) is a type of debt security that allows the issuer of the bond to retain the privilege of redeeming the bond at some point before the bond reaches its date of maturity. A puttable bond allows the investor the privilege of redeeming the bond at some point before the bond reaches its date of maturity. In other words, on the call / put date(s), the issuer / the investor has the right, but not the obligation, to buy / sell the bonds at a defined price. The callable and puttable bonds have an embedded derivative, an option, which is not independently contractually transferable.

ETFs or other Collective Investment Schemes with leverage and/or embedded derivatives

ETFs or other CIS may generate synthetic exposure to an index using a swap, or may use derivatives such as futures and options either for efficient portfolio management or for investment purposes. Liontrust will classify the level of leverage within an ETF or other CIS as either (a) significant or (b) de minimis. The Fund will only invest where the level of leverage within an ETF or other CIS with embedded derivatives is de minimis.

Warrants and Rights (including covered warrants)

A warrant gives the holder the right, but not the obligation, to buy ('call' warrant) or to sell ('put' warrant) an underlying asset at a specified price by a predetermined date. Warrants are frequently attached to bonds or preferred stock allowing the issuer to pay lower interest rates or dividends. The price paid for this right is the 'premium' and with covered warrants you cannot lose more than this initial premium paid. They are limited liability instruments so there are no further payments or margin calls required to maintain a covered warrant position.

The Fund may use embedded derivatives for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or equity securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

## **Risk Management**

The Company is required under the UCITS Regulations to employ a risk management process which will enable it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the risks attached to financial derivatives instruments that it uses and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the Fund. The "Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach" method used by the Investment Adviser is one of the two methods explicitly permitted under the UCITS Regulations for this purpose, and details of this process have been provided to the Central Bank in the risk management process statement the Company has filed with the Central Bank. The Company will, upon request, provide supplementary information to shareholders relating to the risk



management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk characteristics of the main category of investments.

VaR is an estimate of the maximum potential loss due to market risk rather than leverage. The VaR approach estimates the maximum potential loss at a given confidence level, or probability, over a specific time period under normal market conditions. The Fund will use the Absolute VaR approach, the VaR calculation will be carried out in accordance with the following parameters:

- i. one-tailed confidence interval of 99 %;
- ii. holding period equivalent to 1 month (20 business days);
- iii. effective observation period (history) of risk factors of at least 1 year (250 business days) unless a shorter observation period is justified by a significant increase in price volatility (for instance extreme market conditions);
- iv. quarterly data set updates, or more frequent when market prices are subject to material changes;
- v. at least daily calculation.

Below are details of an estimate of the expected leverage of the Fund, under normal market conditions, calculated for this purpose as the sum of all notional derivative positions including currency hedging positions.

Liontrust GF European Strategic	Sum of notional	Commitment Approach
Equity Fund	derivatives	
Expected leverage under normal	150% of the NAV of the Fund	100% of the NAV of the
market conditions		Fund
Maximum leverage levels	350% of the NAV of the Fund	250% of the NAV of the
_		Fund

Shareholders should be aware that there is a possibility of higher leverage levels than those under normal market conditions, and in this regard, the maximum leverage levels for the fund is also shown.

Potential investors in the Fund are also referred to the general policies applicable to each Fund of the Company which appear under "THE COMPANY - Investment Objectives and Policies" in the Prospectus.

# **Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs")**

SFTs include total return swaps; repurchase transactions; securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing; buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions; and margin lending transactions.

With the exception of total return swaps and securities lending, the Fund does not currently engage in SFTs. Securities lending transactions/agreements are transactions by which the Fund transfers securities to another counterparty subject to a commitment that the borrower will return equivalent securities on a future date or when requested to do so by the Fund. Where a Fund engages in SFTs, all revenue, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the Fund. The costs arising from these include any costs payable to the administrator of the securities lending programme. The Supplement will be updated prior to entry into any other SFTs.

The Fund's expected exposure to securities lending is less than 20% of the assets under management of the Fund, with a maximum of 95% lent for each individual equity position depending on the liquidity of the underlying market. The Fund, although permitted to do so, does not currently use total return swaps but should this change, the Investment Adviser anticipates that the Fund's expected exposure to total return swaps would be 100% of the assets under management of the Fund and the maximum exposure of the Fund in respect of total return swaps shall be 350% of the assets under management of the Fund. Higher levels of exposure in respect to total return swaps may be encountered, for example, where the Fund has higher than normal exposures to sectors or countries where it is more efficient to hold total return swaps than the underlying equities, or where the total return swaps are netting or hedging other investments within the Fund. Where assets subject to Securities Financing Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2015/2365) are received by the Fund they will be safe-kept by the Depositary.



Further information in relation to SFTs including collateral management and eligible counterparties are set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions and Efficient Portfolio Management". Further information on the risks associated with SFTs and collateral management is set out under the heading "Risk Management".

# **Investment Strategy**

A summary of the Investment Adviser's stock selection process and investment strategy is set out below.

The Investment Adviser believes that an investment process must take advantage of recurring behaviour in investment markets to be consistently successful. The approach developed by the Investment Adviser is designed to exploit the inaccuracy of profit forecasting made by company managers. Company managers make common mistakes in forecasting profit returns from investments. These errors create our investment opportunities since errors in company profit forecasts are magnified in stock markets as investors adopt unreliable company forecasts to value future profits.

## **Investment Process**

The Investment process focuses on the investment decisions made by company managers to achieve their profit forecasts. Companies willing to spend large sums relative to their size are frequently too optimistic about their forecasts. When they are proved wrong, the misguided investment often causes profits to collapse. Companies that reduce their spending to meet their forecasts for growth often produce better than expected profits and returns on capital. At the extremes of these forecasting biases, the following apparent contradictions can catch a lot of investors by surprise – more investment doesn't lead to more profit, and less investment can lead to greater profit. The change in valuation after such a 'surprise' is often dramatic and very rewarding if you can spot it before it occurs.

The aim of the investment process is to buy companies with strong cash flows that deploy cash prudently and which we consider to be relatively cheap and sell expensive companies with weak cash flows that overspend. The Investment Adviser uses published report and accounts to find companies generating lots of cash and investing prudently. The Fund invests in these businesses because in the experience of the Investment Adviser strong company cash flows after investment spending provides a valuable margin of safety that is often undervalued and underappreciated by investors, most of whom tend to be more focused on forecasting future profits. The Fund takes short positions in businesses with weak cash generation because in the experience of the Investment Adviser weak company cash flows with overinvestment causes profits to collapse.

The process can best be described as focused on the forensic analysis of cash flows as presented by companies in their annual report and accounts. With such a large universe it is necessary to find a way to highlight companies that are more likely than not to have the required characteristics.

To achieve this, two cash flow measures are used: cash flow relative to capital and cash flow relative to market capitalization.

# Cash flow relative to capital

Companies with strong returns on this measure are defined as 'good cash' companies. 'Good cash' companies spend cautiously on operating assets and book profits prudently. They generate high returns on any cash invested and do not need to back their forecasts with substantial investments – their financial risk is low.

## Cash flow relative to market capitalization

The second ratio ranks companies according to how investors value a company's cash flow. Companies that score well on this measure are priced cheaply because investors have low expectations for profits growth. High relative cash flows on this measure suggest that company managers have set cautious forecasts that can be realistically beaten.



The two cash flow measures are combined and ranked to generate a list of companies with the stocks cheaper than the market (as measured by cash flow yield) with cash returns on capital which are better than the market at the top and expensive stocks with cash returns on capital lower than the market at the bottom. Stocks in the top 20% ranked by these measures often combine a realistic assessment of the risk in forecasting with a prudent approach to spending shareholders' cash. They make cautious profit forecasts that can be realistically beaten, and generate significantly more cash than they need to sustain their planned growth. Stocks in the bottom 20% ranked by these measures often combine an overly ambitious assessment of the risk in forecasting with a incautious approach to spending shareholders' cash.

Once a list of companies is produced, the Investment Adviser spends considerable time sifting through the list by scrutinising the companies' annual report and accounts. The Investment Adviser wants to understand each business the Fund invests in. A detailed knowledge of accounting is often required to identify the sort of companies looked for, to make sure that the cash flow data is indicative of the type of forecast errors the Investment Adviser wants to exploit.

## Summary

The best way to exploit these investment opportunities is to focus on company cash flow. Cash flows reveal valuable information about the scale of a company's investment decisions.

Strong company cash flows (after investment spending) are a good indicator of strong growth in future reported profits. Conversely, weak cash flows often predict a collapse in reported profits. The Fund buys companies generating strong cash flows and sells those with weak cash flows.

Focusing on the cash flows of companies enables the Investment Adviser to identify companies that can surprise investors with their profits, without falling into the trap of trying to forecast to achieve this aim.

The Investment Adviser creates a list of companies which the Investment Adviser believes are likely to either beat investors' low profit expectations or fail to meet investor's high profit expectations. The Investment Adviser then uses its own judgement to select the best investments for portfolios.

## Implementation of the Investment Process and Portfolio Construction

The investment process is a stock-picking approach; the portfolio created for the Fund (the "Portfolio") will have a limited number of long and short positions with individual weights within the Portfolio. The Investment Adviser has developed some general rules of portfolio construction to ensure a consistent application of the process for clients.

# These rules are:

- 1. The Portfolio will only enter into new long positions in companies from the top quintile (best 20%) of the process;
- 2. The Portfolio will only enter into new short positions in companies from the bottom quintile of the process;
- 3. Portfolio turnover will be kept as low as possible; and
- 4. The Portfolio is reviewed every quarter reflecting new fundamental information as it is reported.

The Investment Adviser will alter the ratio of long and short exposures depending on the Investment Adviser's confidence in the Investment Process's ability to generate positive returns from the short positions. When optimism is high and a large number of companies are over-investing into their businesses resulting in weak cash flows the Fund will take a broadly market neutral approach with a similar level of exposure to long and short positions. When optimism is low and there are few companies over-investing into their businesses (typically these are periods when most companies are retrenching, re-building their balance sheets and more focused on generating cash flow) then the opportunities to find good short positions are reduced and thus the Fund will hold a smaller number of short positions resulting in the Fund having a greater exposure to long positions, i.e. the Fund may have a significant net long bias. The sum of the notional value of the equity long positions is expected to be 50% to 100%



of Net Asset Value, with a maximum exposure of 200%. The sum of the notional value of the equity short positions is expected to be 50% to 100% of Net Asset Value with a maximum exposure of 100%.

The Investment Adviser, using appropriate risk models, will set limits on, and monitor; the expected volatility, the beta and both the gross and net market exposure of the Portfolio as a whole.

## INVESTMENT AND BORROWING POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

The investment and borrowing powers and restrictions to which the Fund is subject are described under "THE COMPANY - Investment Powers and Restrictions" and the following sections on Restrictions on Borrowing, Lending and Dealing, Financial Derivative Instruments and Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management and Changes to Investment and Borrowing Restrictions in the Prospectus.

## **INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES**

The Investment Adviser is entitled to receive a monthly Investment Advisory Fee in respect of the Shares of the Fund calculated as set out under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Investment Advisory Charges" in the Prospectus.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A, A4, B and C4 is 1.50% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A3, B3, C3 and CF is 1.00% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

#### Performance Fee:

In addition the Investment Adviser is entitled to receive a performance fee out of the assets attributable to each class of Shares in the Fund (the "Performance Fee"). The Performance Fee will accrue on each Valuation Point and the accrual will be reflected in the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class. The Performance Fee is payable on the last Dealing Day in each Performance Period, or if the relevant class is terminated before the end of a Performance Period, the Dealing Day on which the final redemption of Shares takes place (each a "Payment Date").

The performance periods of the Fund comprise successive quarterly periods ending on the last Business Day in each calendar quarter (the "Performance Period").

Performance Fee - Classes A3, A4, B3, C3, C4 and CF

For Classes A3, A4, B3, C3, C4 and CF the Performance Fee shall be equal in aggregate to 20% of the amount by which the Net Asset Value of each Class exceeds the Hurdle Rate (defined below) and the Adjusted Prior Net Asset Value of the relevant Class as at the Payment Date, plus any Performance Fee realised in relation to the Class in respect of redemptions during the Performance Period.

The hurdle rate for Classes A3, A4, B3, C3, C4 and CF is 1% of the Net Asset Value of each Class per calendar quarter and will be applied to these classes effective from the launch date of these classes.

The Adjusted Prior Net Asset Value of a Fund class is the Net Asset Value of the class as at the beginning of the Performance Period increased on each Dealing Day by the value of any subscriptions or decreased pro rata by the value of any redemptions dealt on the previous Dealing Day. For the first Performance Period in which Shares in the Fund class are first issued, the Initial Offer Price multiplied by the number of shares of the Class of Shares issued during the Initial Offer Period is taken as the starting point for the calculation of the Performance Fee. For the purposes of the Performance Fee calculation, the Net Asset Value shall be calculated before the deduction of any accrual for Performance Fee for that Performance Period, other than Performance Fee realised in relation to the class in respect of redemptions during the Performance Period but not yet paid.

If the performance of the Fund class in respect of a Performance Period is less than zero, such underperformance, will be carried forward. No Performance Fee will be payable with respect to a Fund class in any Performance Period unless such class has recovered any accumulated underperformance



for previous Performance Periods i.e. where there is a High Water Mark or a Hurdle Rate (Classes A3, A4, B3, C3, C4 and CF), any performance fees are only payable on the positive difference between the NAV and the HWM and Hurdle.

Each Class will use a High Water Mark Per Share defined as the highest Net Asset Value per Share of a Class on the last Payment Date for which a performance fee was charged other than the Performance Fee accrued in relation to redemptions during the Performance Period. If the Net Asset Value per Share for the Class having calculated the Performance Fee as outlined above is less than the High Water Mark Per Share, the Performance Fee will be capped such that the Net Asset Value per Share for the Class will equal the High Water Mark Per Share.

The Performance Fee will accrue and be taken into account in the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share of each currency class on each Dealing Day. In the event that the Fund suffers a redemption of Shares on a Dealing Day within a Performance Period, the Investment Adviser shall be entitled to receive the Performance Fee per Share accrued in respect of such redemption.

If the Investment Advisory Agreement is terminated during a Performance Period, the Performance Fee in respect of the then current Performance Period will be calculated and paid as though the date of termination were the end of the relevant Performance Period.

**General Investment Advisory Fee and Performance Fee matters:** The Depositary shall verify the calculation and payment of the Performance Fee.

The Investment Advisory Fee and the Performance Fee are exclusive of value added tax (if any).

Performance Fees are payable on realised and unrealised capital gains taking into account realised and unrealised losses. Consequently, Performance Fees may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised.

## **OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES**

## **Fixed Operating Fee**

The Fund shall be subject to a Fixed Operating Fee, which includes inter alia, the fees and expenses of the Administrator, Depositary, sub-custodial fees and transaction charges, Directors and Auditors fees and expenses, and fees paid to the Investment Adviser for administrative and related expenses. A description of the Fixed Operating Fee is set out in the Prospectus under "Charges and Expenses".

The current amount of Fixed Operating Fee by Share Class is listed below. The Fixed Operating Fee is payable out of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each Share Class.

Share Class	Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Class A3	0.25%
Class A4	0.25%
Class B3	0.25%
Class C3	0.25%
Class C4	0.25%
Class CF	0.25%

For the avoidance of doubt, the Fixed Operating Fees set out above apply when the assets of the Fund do not exceed £500 million. See below for the discount to be applied where the assets of the Fund do exceed £500 million.

The Fixed Operating Fee shall accrue daily based on the prior day Net Asset Value of each Share Class and the Fixed Operating Fee accrued during a calendar month shall be paid to the Investment Adviser out of the assets of the Fund on or as soon as is practicable after the last business day of that calendar



month. The Fixed Operating Fee will be calculated taking account of any discount to be applied, as indicated in the table below, based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund on the last business day of the previous month. In the event that the assets of the Fund exceed £500 million, in order to pass on any savings which may be made through economies of scale, the following discounts will be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee of all Share Classes of the Fund:

Net asset value of the Fund	Discount to be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Below £500 million	0.000%
£500 million to £1 billion	0.010%
£1 billion to £2 billion	0.020%
£2 billion to £3 billion	0.030%
£3 billion to £4 billion	0.040%
£4 billion to £5 billion	0.050%
Over £5 billion	0.060%

The above discounts will not apply in circumstances that the Fixed Operating Fee after the applicable discount would be below 0.10%. For example, if the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.12% then the lowest it can go with the application of a volume discount is 0.10%. If the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.08% then the volume discounts will not apply as the Fixed Operating Fee is already below 0.10%.

Where an applicable threshold level of net asset value is achieved by the Fund on the last business day of any month, the relevant discount above will apply to the Fund in relation to the following month.

The Fixed Operating Fee is not currently subject to VAT, but in the event of Value Added Tax (or any equivalent tax) being imposed this may be levied against the property of the Fund.

Further details of the Fixed Operating Fees relating to the Fund and the Company appear under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus.

## SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

# Subscription Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund are available for purchase on each subscription Dealing Day. The Dealing Days for the Fund shall be each Business Day. The subscription price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus) plus any initial charge payable to the Investment Adviser. The Valuation Point in respect of each subscription Dealing Day is currently midnight in Dublin on the subscription Dealing Day. The last traded price in each relevant market will be used.

Application Forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 11.59 a.m. (Dublin time) on the relevant Dealing Day (the "Subscription Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders or in respect of specific applications provided that Application Forms received after the Subscription Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Subscription Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point. Settlement should be made in accordance with the Prospectus and the instructions in the Application Form.

# Minimum Investment Levels for Subscriptions

The minimum initial and additional investment in Shares of the Fund is as follows:-



Share Class	Minimum Investments	
	Initial	Additional
Class A3	€5,000,000	€1,000
Class A4	€1,000	€1,000
Class B3	US\$5,000,000	US\$1,000
Class C3	£5,000,000	£1,000
Class C4	£1,000	£1,000
Class CF	Nil	Nil

Class A3, B3 and C3 shares, are available to professional investors.

Class CF Shares are only available for investment to Liontrust Asset Management plc.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to waive these Minimum Initial Investment and Minimum Subsequent Investment requirements in accordance with the principle of fair treatment of all Shareholders.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to decline to accept any application for Shares in any Class of the Fund, in particular applications into Classes that have not yet issued any Shares.

# Subscription Charges

An initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Net Asset Value per Share is payable in respect of subscriptions for Shares of the Fund.

The initial charge may be waived in whole or in part by the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser may, in its sole discretion, (i) pay commission to financial intermediaries including but not limited to the Distributors, sub-distributors, intermediaries and introducing agents who refer prospective investors out of the initial charge and the Investment Advisory Fee and/or (ii) waive the initial charge for certain prospective investors based on factors deemed appropriate by the Investment Adviser including, but not limited to, the amount of the proposed investment by a prospective investor. The Investment Adviser will only pay commission to regulated financial intermediaries.

## **REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

## Redemption Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund class may be redeemed on each Dealing Day. The redemption price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus).

A redemption Dealing Day in respect of each class of Shares of the Fund is each Business Day. The Valuation Point in respect of each Dealing Day is currently midnight in Dublin on the redemption Dealing Day.

Redemption forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11.59 a.m. (Dublin time) on the relevant redemption Dealing Day ("Redemption Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders or in respect of specific applications provided that redemption forms received after the Redemption Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Settlement of the redemption proceeds will be made in accordance with the procedures set out under "SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING - Redemptions" in the Prospectus.

# Minimum Redemptions and Holdings

The minimum redemption amount and minimum residual holding for Shares of the Fund (net of redemption charges) is as follows:-



Share Class	Minimum Redemptions and Holdings	
	Redemption Amount	Residual Holding
Class A3	€1,000	€5,000,000
Class A4	€1,000	€1,000
Class B3	US\$1,000	US\$5,000,000
Class C3	£1,000	£5,000,000
Class C4	£5,000	£1,000
Class CF	Nil	Nil

If the holding in any Class falls below the "Residual Holding" amount specified in the above table, the Board of Directors reserves the right to compulsorily redeem the holding.

## **SWITCHING**

Shares of the Fund may be switched into Shares of other Funds in the Company on each Dealing Day on which Shares of both classes are available for subscription and redemption. The Company does not currently propose to charge a switching fee although it reserves the right to levy such a charge generally or in respect of specific Funds. Details of any such switching fees will be disclosed in the relevant Supplements of the Funds concerned. An initial charge may however be made as described above in relation to a transaction which the Company is instructed by Shareholders or their authorised agents to treat as a separate redemption and subscription.

A switch will also be treated as a crystallisation event and any performance fee accrued will crystallise at the time of the switch. Shareholders should contact their financial advisors before taking a decision to switch.

Switching forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11.59 a.m. (Dublin time) on the relevant redemption and subscription Dealing Day ("Switching Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders or in respect of specific applications provided that switch forms received after the Switching Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day.

# **SHARE PRICES**

The most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund is published following calculation on the following internet website: www.Liontrust.co.uk. In addition, the most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (in each currency) may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours and may also be published in such newspaper or journal as the Directors in their sole discretion may determine.

# **DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY**

This Fund operates income equalisation.

The Directors do not anticipate that any dividends or other distributions will be paid to the holders of any Classes of the Fund out of the earnings and profits of the Fund attributable to such classes.

Investors are referred to "DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY" in the Prospectus for further details on the dividend and reinvestment policy of the Fund.

# **UK Reporting Fund Status**

Classes A4, B3, C3 and C4 have UK Reporting Fund status, the remaining class(es) do not have UK Reporting Fund Status. The Investment Adviser may apply for UK Reporting Fund status for further classes, as required. The full current list of Classes which have UK Reporting Fund status can be found on the <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds">www.gov.uk</a> website at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds</a>

Investors are referred to "DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY" in the Prospectus for further details on the dividend and reinvestment policy of the Fund.



## **COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS**

The attention of prospective investors is drawn to "COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS" in the Prospectus.

## **RISK FACTORS**

The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

Prospective investors should in addition take into account the Risk Factors referred to under "RISK FACTORS" in the Prospectus when considering whether to invest in Shares of the Fund.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Class CF Shares are participating shares in the Company and have equal voting rights with all other Share Classes in the Fund.

Investors in the Fund should note that Class CF Shares will be held exclusively by employees/representatives of Liontrust Asset Management plc an affiliate of the Investment Adviser. However, Class CF Shareholders will abstain from voting in any general meeting of the Company or the Fund.

If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser duly authorised in this regard. Shares are available for subscription on the basis of the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus and the documents referred to therein.



# LIONTRUST GLOBAL FUNDS plc

(an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds incorporated with a limited liability under the laws of Ireland, registered number 459084 authorised in Ireland as an investment company pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011)

#### SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROSPECTUS

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## LIONTRUST GF SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Liontrust GF Special Situations Fund (the "Fund"), the second Fund of Liontrust Global Funds plc (the "Company"). It forms part of and must be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus of the Company dated 1 October, 2019 and in particular the information contained therein relating to:-

- the Company, its Funds and Shares;
- charges and expenses (including those for investment, administration and custody);
- subscription, redemption and switching of Shares; and
- Taxation, conflicts of interest and risk factors.

Distribution of this Supplement is only authorised if accompanied by the Prospectus of the Company. In addition, distribution of this Supplement and the Prospectus is not authorised in any jurisdiction unless accompanied by the most recent annual and/or, if more recent, semi-annual report of the Company.

The Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments for hedging or for investment purposes. This may have the effect of increasing volatility.

Dated 1 October, 2019



## **BASE CURRENCY OF FUND**

The Base Currency of the Fund is Sterling.

#### SHARES AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Shares of the Fund are currently available for subscription in the following denominations:-

Shares	Currency of Share Denomination
Class A1	Euro Accumulating
Class A2	Euro Accumulating
Class C1	Sterling Accumulating
Class C3	Sterling Accumulating
Class C6	Sterling Distributing (Institutional)
Class C7	Sterling Accumulating (Institutional)

The net asset value per Share will be calculated in the currency of the relevant Share Class.

# **Hedged Classes**

Other than Class A2 ("Hedged Class"), all classes that are not designated in the Base Currency of the Fund will be un-hedged. Further information on Share Class Hedging is set out below at the section entitled "Use of Derivatives" and in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management".

## PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INVESTOR

The Fund is considered to be suitable for investors seeking long-term capital growth over a medium to long term investment horizon (at least 5 years) and who understand and are prepared to accept the risks and a medium to medium/high level of volatility, particularly given the Fund's equity investment.

# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

The investment objective of Liontrust GF Special Situations Fund is to provide long-term capital growth. The Investment Adviser believes the best way to achieve this growth is by investing in equities of companies in a special situation. These companies are in a special situation because they have certain special characteristics that are difficult to replicate, distinct from their competitors and that enables them to sustain a higher level of profitability for longer than expected which often surprises the market and typically leads to strong share price appreciation. Examples of the characteristics that identify a company in a special situation are: (i) protected intellectual property rights, (ii) strong distribution networks or (iii) significant recurring income, which is defined as at least 70% of the company's annual turnover.

Although the Fund may invest in equities in all economic sectors in all parts of the world, it is intended that it will invest primarily in securities in companies listed on the Stock Exchanges of the UK and Ireland. The Fund may also invest in shares issued by companies incorporated in any European Economic Area ("EEA") Member State other than Ireland which are listed on a recognised stock exchange of an EEA Member State. The Fund will not be restricted in choice of investment by either size or sector and at times the Investment Adviser may decide to hold a more concentrated portfolio. The Fund may also invest in debt securities including government and corporate bonds, exchange traded funds, money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash and deposits for ancillary cash management purposes. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its property in units or shares in collective investment schemes (including exchange traded funds). The Fund is permitted to use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes as set out below.

The Fund continuously invests at least 51 % of its' Net Asset Value in equity securities, which are listed on a stock exchange or traded on an organized market and which for this purpose are not investments



in shares in investment funds. Investments in Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) are not eligible equity securities for this purpose.

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

Although the focus of the Fund's investment is in equities, it may also be invested in equity-related securities including, without limitation, in preferred stocks, convertibles or may also be invested in bonds for ancillary cash management purposes. Investment in bonds will be in corporate, government, fixed or floating rate bonds which may be rated or unrated (up to 10% in unrated bonds). In addition the Fund may seek to achieve its investment policy by investment in exchange traded funds and other collective investment schemes in order to gain exposure to equities and through the use of derivatives in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. Derivative instruments which may be used by the Fund are described below.

Potential investors in the Fund are also referred to the general policies applicable to each Fund of the Company which appear under "THE COMPANY - Investment Objectives and Policies" in the Prospectus.

## INVESTMENT AND BORROWING POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

The investment and borrowing powers and restrictions to which the Fund is subject are described under "THE COMPANY - Investment Powers and Restrictions" and the following sections on Restrictions on Borrowing, Lending and Dealing, Financial Derivative Instruments and Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management, Changes to Investment and Borrowing Restrictions in the Prospectus. However, while the Company is generally authorised to invest in other open-ended collective investment schemes, as described in the section of the Prospectus referred to above, the Fund itself will not invest more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in such schemes.

The use of financial derivative instruments and of repurchase and stock lending agreements, which (in the case of repurchase and stock lending agreements) will be utilised for efficient portfolio management purposes only, is permitted for the Fund subject to the conditions and limits set out under "THE COMPANY - Investment Objectives and Policies", in the Prospectus and in accordance with the Regulations. These conditions include, for example, a requirement to ensure that any short positions are covered by holding the underlying security or an equivalent amount of cash, and the position exposure to underlying assets of derivative instruments (other than index based derivatives) (whether used for hedging and/or for investment purposes), when combined with positions resulting from direct investments, will not exceed the investment limits to which the Company is subject. The Fund will use the commitment approach to measure global exposure to derivatives. The Fund's global exposure will be limited to 100% of NAV. Although the use of derivatives (whether for hedging and/or for investment purposes) may give rise to an additional leveraged exposure, the leveraged exposure of the Fund to derivatives in normal market conditions will be zero but will never exceed 100% of its Net Asset Value. The Company employs a risk management process which enables it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the various risks associated with derivatives. The Company will, upon request, provide supplementary 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 category of investments.

The Base Currency of account of the Fund is Sterling. The net asset value per Share will be calculated in the currency of the relevant Share Class.

# **Use of Derivatives and Risk Management**

The Fund is permitted to use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes. The Investment Adviser may take long positions through the use of derivatives to gain exposure to equities and equity-related securities (such as rights and warrants, convertible bonds and partly paid securities) and to seek both to protect and to enhance the returns achieved. The Fund may use derivative instruments including contracts for difference, swaps, forwards, futures, options and equity index swaps, which may be used for efficient portfolio management, hedging or for investment purposes.



Forward foreign exchange contracts is an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. In currency forward contracts, the contract holders are obligated to buy or sell the currency at a specified price, at a specified quantity and on a specified future date. Spot and forward foreign exchange contracts are also used more specifically to hedge the value of certain classes of Shares in the Company's Funds against changes in the exchange rate between the currency of denomination of the class of Shares and the Base Currency of the Fund, which is Sterling ("Share Class Hedging").

Although the Base Currency of the Fund is Sterling and while the Investment Adviser expects the majority of the assets held to be in Sterling, the Investment Adviser reserves the right to enter into spot and forward foreign exchange transactions selectively with the aim of enhancing, hedging or maintaining the value of the Fund in absolute terms. In respect of the Hedged Class outlined above, such Share Class Hedging does not protect any of the Share classes from any non-Sterling exposure that might be held in the Fund.

Further information is set out in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management". It should be noted that the successful execution of a hedging strategy which mitigates this currency risk exactly cannot be assured.

Where a class is unhedged, a currency conversion will take place on subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and distributions at prevailing exchange rates. In such circumstances, the value of the Share expressed in the class currency will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency.

The Fund may also use swaps and contracts for differences. A swap is an agreement negotiated between two parties to exchange the return on a single equity, baskets of equities, index or an index sector. A contract for difference is a type of derivative contract that allows the Fund to achieve exposure to an underlying asset on a synthetic basis, without the need for ownership of the underlying asset. For example, single equity swaps may allow a positional view to be taken on the price movement of an individual equity. They can be used to express both positive and negative views on stocks (by creating a synthetic short position). Equity index or equity sector swaps may be used to allow the general market risk to be neutralized (or adjusted) from the Investment Adviser's view of a particular equity, provided such indices meet the requirements of the Central Bank. Equity, equity index and equity sector swaps may be used either individually or in combinations.

Futures are contracts to buy or sell a standard quantity of a specific asset (or, in some cases, receive or pay cash based on the performance of an underlying asset, instrument or index) at a pre-determined future date and at a price agreed through a transaction undertaken on an exchange. The Fund may also use futures on equity indexes. These would be used by the Fund to manage cash inflows and outflows whereby the Fund can gain efficiency by using futures as compared to equities.

There are two forms of options, put and call options. Put options are contracts sold for a premium that gives one party (the buyer) the right, but not the obligation, to sell to the other party (the seller) of the contract, a specific quantity of a particular product or financial instrument at a specified price. Call options are similar contracts sold for a premium that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy from the seller of the option at a specified price. Options may also be cash settled. Options may also be used to take a positional view on the volatility of individual stocks, baskets of equities, indices and/or index sector, or to sell exposure to volatility.

The underlying exposure to the derivatives will be to equities, equity indices, collective open-ended investment schemes (for collateral management/liquidity purposes), Money Market Instruments, fixed income instruments and foreign exchange rates and European currencies as appropriate.

Further details can be found in the Prospectus under the heading "THE COMPANY - Derivative Instruments and Techniques."



#### Investors in France

For investors in France, the Liontrust GF Special Situations Fund is an eligible investment for a PEA (plan d'epargne en actions). This means the Fund has at least 75% of its Assets invested at all times in the equity of corporate issuers with their registered office in an EEA country (excluding Liechtenstein).

The Investment Adviser reserves the right to cease managing the above Fund so that it is eligible for investment through a PEA should it determine that doing so would no longer enable the Fund to comply with its investment objectives, not be in the interests of all shareholders in the Fund or be impractical due to changing market conditions. Should the Investment Adviser decide to cease managing the Fund so that it is eligible for investment through a PEA, the registered shareholders resident in France will be notified at least one month in advance of the Fund ceasing to be managed to be eligible for investment through a PEA.

# **Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs")**

SFTs include total return swaps; repurchase transactions; securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing; buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions; and margin lending transactions.

With the exception of total return swaps and securities lending, the Fund does not currently engage in SFTs. Securities lending transactions/agreements are transactions by which the Fund transfers securities to another counterparty subject to a commitment that the borrower will return equivalent securities on a future date or when requested to do so by the Fund. Where a Fund engages in SFTs, all revenue, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the Fund. The costs arising from these include any costs payable to the administrator of the securities lending programme. The Supplement will be updated prior to entry into any other SFTs.

The Fund's expected exposure to securities lending will be less than 20% of the assets under management of the Fund, with a maximum of 95% lent for each individual equity position depending on the liquidity of the underlying market. The Fund, although permitted to do so, does not currently use total return swaps but should this change, the Investment Adviser anticipates that the Fund's expected exposure to total return swaps will be less than 10% of the assets under management of the Fund and the maximum exposure of the Fund in respect of total return swaps shall be 100% of the assets under management of the Fund. Higher levels of exposure in respect to total return swaps may be encountered, for example, where the Fund has higher than normal exposures to sectors or countries where it is more efficient to hold total return swaps than the underlying equities, or where the total return swaps are netting or hedging other investments within the Fund. Where assets subject to Securities Financing Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2015/2365) are received by the Fund they will be safe-kept by the Depositary.

Further information in relation to SFTs including collateral management and eligible counterparties are set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions and Efficient Portfolio Management". Further information on the risks associated with SFTs and collateral management is set out under the heading "Risk Management".

# **Investment Strategy**

The Fund is managed in accordance with the Liontrust Economic Advantage investment process. This is a proprietary process researched and documented by the Investment Adviser.

Economic theory suggests that whenever a company has above average levels of profitability in a competitive market, new companies will enter the market and cause the company's above average profits to fall. This fundamental principle of competitive markets is known as reversion to the mean or regression to the mean. The Investment Adviser believes that the key to a successful investment strategy is to identify those few companies in a special situation that can defy this principle and sustain a higher than average level of profitability for longer than expected which often surprises the market and typically leads to strong share price appreciation.



Such companies in a special situation have characteristics that competitors struggle to reproduce even if they have understood the benefits arising from those characteristics. These characteristics thereby provide a barrier to competition and thus protect profitability.

In the experience of the Investment Adviser, the hardest to replicate of these particular characteristics fall into the following three categories of intangible assets:

- Intellectual property.
- Strong distribution networks.
- Significant recurring income (which is defined as at least 70% of annual turnover).

A company must have at least one of these characteristics to be included in the Fund. Occasionally companies have all three. Other less powerful but nonetheless important intangible strengths include: franchises and licenses; extraction rights; good customer databases and relationships; effective procedures and formats; strong brands and company culture.

The portfolio is constructed from stocks in a Special Situation, i.e. with compelling Economic Advantage taking into account the current economic conditions. If a company held within the portfolio retains its Economic Advantage and strong barriers to entry, the Investment Adviser will continue to hold it for the long term.

Each company is then graded for financial and industry risk and valuations to determine appropriate position sizes for each holding in the portfolio.

The portfolio as a whole is reviewed on a regular basis to ensure the bottom up stock selection process has not resulted in any unwanted portfolio biases.

# **INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES**

The Investment Adviser is entitled to receive a monthly Investment Advisory Fee in respect of the Shares of the Fund calculated as set out under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Investment Advisory Charges" in the Prospectus.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A1, A2 and C1 is 1.75% per annum and for Classes C3, C6 and C7 is 0.75% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each class.

The fees and expenses relating to the establishment of the Fund are estimated not to exceed €30,000. Such fees and expenses will be amortised over the first five accounting periods of the Fund or such other period as the Directors may determine.

# **OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES**

# **Fixed Operating Fee**

The Fund shall be subject to a Fixed Operating Fee, which includes inter alia, the fees and expenses of the Administrator, Depositary, sub-custodial fees and transaction charges, Directors and Auditors fees and expenses, and fees paid to the Investment Adviser for administrative and related expenses. A description of the Fixed Operating Fee is set out in the Prospectus under "Charges and Expenses".

The current amount of Fixed Operating Fee by Share Class is listed below. The Fixed Operating Fee is payable out of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each Share Class.

Share Class	Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Class A1	0.30%



Class A2	0.30%
Class C1	0.30%
Class C3	0.30%
Class C6	0.075%
Class C7	0.075%

For the avoidance of doubt, the Fixed Operating Fees set out above apply when the assets of the Fund do not exceed £500 million. See below for the discount to be applied where the assets of the Fund do exceed £500 million.

The Fixed Operating Fee shall accrue daily based on the prior day Net Asset Value of each Share Class and the Fixed Operating Fee accrued during a calendar month shall be paid to the Investment Adviser out of the assets of the Fund on or as soon as is practicable after the last business day of that calendar month. The Fixed Operating Fee will be calculated taking account of any discount to be applied, as indicated in the table below, based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund on the last business day of the previous month. In the event that the assets of the Fund exceed £500 million, in order to pass on any savings which may be made through economies of scale, the following discounts will be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee of all Share Classes of the Fund:

Net asset value of the Fund	Discount to be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Below £500 million	0.000%
£500 million to £1 billion	0.010%
£1 billion to £2 billion	0.020%
£2 billion to £3 billion	0.030%
£3 billion to £4 billion	0.040%
£4 billion to £5 billion	0.050%
Over £5 billion	0.060%

The above discounts will not apply in circumstances that the Fixed Operating Fee after the applicable discount would be below 0.10%. For example, if the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.12% then the lowest it can go with the application of a volume discount is 0.10%. If the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.08% then the volume discounts will not apply as the Fixed Operating Fee is already below 0.10%.

Where an applicable threshold level of net asset value is achieved by the Fund on the last business day of any month, the relevant discount above will apply to the Fund in relation to the following month.

The Fixed Operating Fee is not currently subject to VAT, but in the event of Value Added Tax (or any equivalent tax) being imposed this may be levied against the property of the Fund.

Further details of the Fixed Operating Fees relating to the Fund and the Company appear under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus.

# SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

# Subscription Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund are available for purchase on each subscription Dealing Day. The Dealing Days for the Fund shall be each Business Day. The subscription price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus) plus any initial charge payable to the Investment Adviser.



The Valuation Point in respect of each subscription Dealing Day is currently midday in Dublin on the subscription Dealing Day. The last traded price in each relevant market will be used.

Application Forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 11:59am (Dublin time) on the relevant Dealing Day (the "Subscription Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that Application Forms received after the Subscription Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Subscription Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point. Settlement should be made in accordance with the Prospectus and the instructions in the Application Form.

## Minimum Investment Levels for Subscriptions

The minimum initial and additional investment in Shares of the Fund is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Investments	
	Initial	Additional
Class A1, A2	€1,000	€1,000
Class C1	£1,000	£1,000
Class C3, C6, C7	£5,000,000	£1,000

Class C3 shares, are available to professional investors.

Class C6 and Class C7 shares, are available to professional investors with a minimum investment of £75,000,000 combined across all sub-funds within the Company.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to waive these Minimum Initial Investment and Minimum Subsequent Investment requirements in accordance with the principle of fair treatment of all Shareholders.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to decline to accept any application for Shares in any Class of the Fund, in particular applications into Classes that have not yet issued any Shares.

## Subscription Charges

An initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Net Asset Value per Share is payable in respect of subscriptions for Shares of the Fund.

The initial charge may be waived in whole or in part by the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser may, in its sole discretion, (i) pay commission to financial intermediaries including but not limited to the Distributors, sub-distributors, intermediaries and introducing agents who refer prospective investors out of the initial charge and the Investment Advisory Fee and/or (ii) waive the initial charge for certain prospective investors based on factors deemed appropriate by the Investment Adviser including, but not limited to, the amount of the proposed investment by a prospective investor. The Investment Adviser will only pay commission to regulated financial intermediaries.

# **REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

# Redemption Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund class may be redeemed on each Dealing Day. The redemption price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus).

A redemption Dealing Day in respect of each class of Shares of the Fund is each Business Day.

The Valuation Point in respect of each Dealing Day is currently midday in Dublin on the redemption Dealing Day.



Redemption forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11:59am (Dublin time) on the relevant redemption Dealing Day ("Redemption Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that redemption forms received after the Redemption Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Redemption Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point. Settlement of the redemption proceeds will be made in accordance with the procedures set out under "SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING - Redemptions" in the Prospectus.

# Minimum Redemptions and Holdings

The minimum redemption amount and minimum residual holding for Shares of the Fund (net of redemption charges) is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Redemptions and Holdings	
	Redemption Amount	Residual Holding
Class A1, A2	€1,000	€1,000
Class C1	£1,000	£1,000
Class C3, C6, C7	£1,000	£5,000,000

If the holding in any Class falls below the "Residual Holding" amount specified in the above table, the Board of Directors reserves the right to compulsorily redeem the holding.

## **SWITCHING**

Shares of the Fund may be switched into Shares of other Funds in the Company on each Dealing Day on which Shares of both classes are available for subscription and redemption. The Company does not currently propose to charge a switching fee although it reserves the right to levy such a charge generally or in respect of specific Funds. Details of any such switching fees will be disclosed in the relevant Supplements of the Funds concerned. An initial charge may however be made as described above in relation to a transaction which the Company is instructed by Shareholders or their authorised agents to treat as a separate redemption and subscription.

Switching forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11:59am (Dublin time) on the relevant redemption and subscription Dealing Day ("Switching Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders or in respect of specific applications provided that switch forms received after the Switching Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Switching Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point.

# **SHARE PRICES**

The most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund is published following calculation on the following internet website: www.Liontrust.co.uk. In addition, the most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (for each class) may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours and may also be published in such newspaper or journal as the Directors in their sole discretion may determine.

# **DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY**

This Fund operates income equalisation.

Income distributing shares

The Directors' current intention is to distribute in respect of each accounting period substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) of Fund attributable to the distributing class(es), (the "Distributing Class(es)") in respect of each accounting period. At the Directors' discretion,



where there is insufficient income available in the Fund, dividends may be declared and paid from net realised gains (i.e. realised gains net of realised and unrealised losses; and/or net realised and unrealised losses (i.e. realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses).

The Directors intend to make distributions to holders of the Distributing Class(es) on or before 31 January with the relevant Share class going ex-dividend on 1 January, (Allocation Date) respectively in each year.

# Income accumulating shares

The Directors do not anticipate that any dividends or other distributions will be paid to the holders of accumulating classes of the Fund (the "Accumulating Classes") out of the earnings and profits of the Fund attributable to such classes of the Accumulating Classes. The amount of net income attributable to a class of the Accumulating Classes on 1 January (Allocation Date) shall become part of the capital property of the Fund.

Investors are referred to "DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY" in the Prospectus for further details on the dividend and reinvestment policy of the Fund.

## **UK Reporting Fund Status**

Classes A1, A2, C1, C3. C6 and C7 have UK Reporting Share Classes, the remaining class(es) do not have UK Reporting Fund Status. The Investment Adviser may apply for UK Reporting Fund status for further classes, as required. The full current list of Classes which have UK Reporting Fund status can be found on the <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds</a>

## **COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS**

The attention of prospective investors is drawn to "COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS" in the Prospectus.

## **RISK FACTORS**

An investor who realises Shares of the Fund after a short period may, in addition, not realise the amount originally invested in view of any initial charge made on the issue of Shares of the Fund. The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

Prospective investors should in addition take into account the Risk Factors referred to under "RISK FACTORS" in the Prospectus when considering whether to invest in Shares of the Fund.



If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser duly authorised in this regard. Shares are available for subscription on the basis of the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus and the documents referred to therein.

# LIONTRUST GLOBAL FUNDS plc

(an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds incorporated with a limited liability under the laws of Ireland, registered number 459084 authorised in Ireland as an investment company pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011)

# SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROSPECTUS for

#### LIONTRUST GF MACRO EQUITY INCOME FUND1

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Liontrust GF Macro Equity Income Fund (the "Fund"), the third fund of Liontrust Global Funds plc (the "Company"). It forms part of and must be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus of the Company dated 1 October, 2019 and in particular the information contained therein relating to:-

- the Company, its Funds and Shares;
- charges and expenses (including those for investment, administration and custody);
- subscription, redemption and switching of Shares; and
- Taxation, conflicts of interest and risk factors.

Distribution of this Supplement is only authorised if accompanied by the Prospectus of the Company. In addition, distribution of this Supplement and the Prospectus is not authorised in any jurisdiction unless accompanied by the most recent annual and/or, if more recent, semi-annual report of the Company.

In accordance with the UCITS Regulations, the Fund has been established as a feeder fund which invests at least 85% of its assets on a permanent basis in the Liontrust Macro Equity Income Fund, an UCITS Authorised Unit Trust (the "Master Fund").

The Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments for hedging purposes. This may have the effect of increasing volatility.

Shareholders should note that the Investment Advisory Fees, and other charges and expenses of the Fund are charged to capital. Thus on redemption of holdings, Shareholders may not receive back the full amount invested. As such fees, charges and expenses are charged to capital, investors should note the greater risk of capital erosion and the likelihood that due to capital erosion, the value of future capital returns in the Fund could be diminished. Investors should also note that income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth.

Dated 1 October, 2019

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Fund has terminated and is no longer available for investment. Application will be made to the Central Bank for withdrawal of approval of the Fund.



# **BASE CURRENCY OF FUND**

The Base Currency of the Fund is Sterling.

#### SHARES AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Shares of the Fund are currently available for subscription in the following denominations:-

Snares		Currency of Snare Denomination
Class C1	-	Sterling Distributing
Class C3	-	Sterling Distributing (Institutional)
Class C4	-	Sterling Accumulating
Class C5	-	Sterling Accumulating (Institutional)
Class C7	-	Sterling Accumulating (Institutional)

The net asset value per Share will be calculated in the currency of the relevant Share Class.

Class C1 and Class C4 shares are available to the general public with a minimum investment of €1,000 \$1,000 and £1,000 respectively. Class C3 and Class C5 shares, are available to professional investors with a minimum investment of £5,000,000. Class C7 shares, are available to professional investors with a minimum investment of £75,000,000 (or equivalent in other currencies) combined across all sub-funds within the company.

#### **RISK PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INVESTOR**

The Fund, and the Master Fund, is considered to be suitable for investors seeking a regular and rising income together with long-term capital growth over a medium to long term investment horizon (at least 5 years) with a medium to high level of volatility, particularly given the Master Fund will be predominantly invested in equities.

# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

The investment objective of the Fund is to invest at least 85% of its assets in the Master Fund, the investment objective of which is to provide investors with "a rising level of income, together with capital growth" over a medium to long term investment horizon.

It is the policy of the Fund to achieve its objective by aiming to invest all available assets (at least 85%) into the Master Fund. The Fund may hold up to 15% of its assets in ancillary liquid assets (including commercial paper, certificates of deposit and money market instruments such as treasury bills) for liquidity management purposes (i.e. to ensure the Fund meets its liquidity requirements) and to finance derivatives for hedging purposes. The Fund may use derivatives instruments for efficient portfolio management, derivative instruments which may be used by the Fund are described below.

# **Investment Policy of the Master Fund**

In providing an above average level of income, particular attention will be paid towards capital security and maintenance. The Master Fund will not be restricted in choice of investment by size, economic sectors or geographical areas, however, the investments will be predominantly in ordinary shares of UK companies although the Master Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, collective investment schemes, warrants, money market instruments and deposits.

The Master Fund may also use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes.

There can be no guarantee that the Master Fund, will achieve its investment objective.



# Additional information on the Investment Policy of the Master Fund

Although the focus of the Master Fund's investments is in equities, it may also be invested in equity-related securities including, without limitation, in preferred stocks, convertibles or may also be invested in bonds and money market instruments for short term tactical capital protection, income or ancillary cash management purposes. Investment in bonds will be in corporate, government, fixed or floating rate bonds which may be rated or unrated (up to 10% in unrated bonds). In addition the Master Fund may seek to achieve its investment policy by investment in exchange traded funds and other collective investment schemes in order to gain exposure to equities and through the use of derivatives. Derivative instruments which may be used by the Master Fund are described below. At times the Investment Adviser may decide to hold a more concentrated portfolio.

#### **Investment Process of the Master Fund**

The Master Fund is managed in accordance with the Liontrust Macro-Thematic process, the process involves a combination of "top-down" and "bottom-up" analysis, with volatility constrained by diversification and tight limits on stock-specific exposure. This is a proprietary process researched and documented by the Investment Adviser.

At the core of the investment philosophy is the belief that 'macro-thematic' analysis offers the potential to identify the development of political, social and economic macro-themes at an early stage that confer the potential to generate strong long-term investment returns for the Master Fund.

#### Identification of Themes

The Investment Adviser actively seeks sources of asymmetric information, views and opinion to support the identification and evaluation of potential investment themes. The Investment Adviser considers an extensive and diverse range of material but avoids devoting time and resource to the analysis of information which it believes is likely to be already reflected in asset valuations. The Investment Adviser has constructed and refined a core list of media sources which it believes meet the criteria of delivering asymmetric information. The constituents of this core information portfolio have evolved, and will continue to develop over time as macro conditions change and new sources are identified.

Once a potential investment theme has been identified, the fund managers will discuss its characteristics to determine whether it might be applicable to the funds they manage. A relatively small proportion of potential themes come to fruition in the form of new investments, with the majority set aside as immaterial or 'uninvestable'. The Investment Adviser continues to monitor 'uninvestable' macro-themes as they emerge, reviewing both the core sources and any new sources that may acquire relevance as the analysis may have read-across implications for other investments held within the portfolio or may evolve into a new theme in the future.

### Stock Selection within Themes

Stock selection within themes is driven by a thorough analysis of business models and financial results of the companies impacted by each theme. Fundamental valuation analysis is then conducted to determine whether the shares trade at a price that implies an attractive valuation. This, by and large, involves standard analytical metrics that are widely used throughout the investment industry – such as balance sheet strength, margin history, asset base, gearing (both operational and financial), cash-flow and earnings multiples. The relative importance of individual financial metrics tends to vary by theme. Importance is placed upon balance sheet strength, dividend coverage and the short term financial security of an investment for capital security and maintenance. The final exposures to individual stocks within a theme is then determined using the valuation-adjusted ranking of macro-theme exposure. The Investment Adviser may also invest in debt securities where it believes the debt securities will benefit from a particular theme and provides additional income and/or capital security.

# Overall Portfolio Construction

The Investment Adviser constructs a portfolio that ensures that the majority of the risk within a fund comes from exposure to themes and stock selection within those themes. Diversification is achieved within a fund through exposure to a selection of major themes, as well as a range of smaller themes.



Themes are particularly effective in mitigating specific risk, since different themes have different drivers, and the timing of the evolution of individual themes varies. The Investment Adviser aims to manage the portfolio so that it will pay to investors an income that is above the average level of the UK market and so that the absolute level of income paid out rises over the investment horizon.

There are clear 'relative valuation' targets which are applied to individual holdings within a fund, based upon analysis outlined above and a company's share price valuation rating relative to its peers. Once the team believe that a company's relative valuation fully reflects its prospects, or the macro-theme has played out, the team will look to close out the position.

# Investment by the Fund in Derivatives and Ancillary Liquid Assets

The Fund may invest up to 15% of net assets in ancillary liquid assets and/or for funding financial derivative instruments for hedging purpose. Ancillary liquid assets include commercial paper, certificates of deposit and money market instruments such as treasury bills.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments such as futures, options and swap agreements and may also enter into currency forward contracts. The underlying exposure to the derivatives will be to foreign exchange rates and currencies. Further details on the different derivative types can be found below. Such derivative instruments will be used for hedging purposes. A further description of the derivative instruments which may be used by the Fund is set out under the heading "Financial Derivative Instrument Types". Any derivative instrument in which the Fund enters will be in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements and the Regulations and limits in respect of derivative counterparties.

The Fund will use forward exchange contracts for hedging. The financial derivative instruments may be used to hedge the value of certain classes of Shares in the Fund ("Share Class Hedging") against changes in the exchange rate between the currency of denomination of the class of Shares and the base currency of the Fund, which is Sterling. Such Share Class Hedging does not protect any of the share classes from any non-Sterling exposure that might be held in the Fund. Any financial instruments used to implement hedging of any hedged Classes shall be assets/liabilities of the Fund as a whole but will be attributable to the relevant Class(es) and the gains/losses on and the costs of the relevant financial instruments will accrue solely to the relevant Class(es). Any currency exposure of a Class may not be combined with or offset against that of any other Class of a Fund There can be no assurance that such hedging transactions will be undertaken and, if undertaken, will be effective or beneficial. It is not the intention to over-hedge or under-hedge positions, but this may occur due to factors outside the control of the Fund. Over-hedged positions will not exceed more than 105% of the Net Asset Value of the Class and under-hedged positions will not fall short of 95% of the portion of the Net Asset Value of the Hedged Share Class which is to be hedged. Hedged positions will be kept under review daily by the Investment Adviser to ensure that over-hedged positions and under-hedged positions of any hedged Class do not exceed or fall short of the permitted levels outlined above and are not carried forward from month to month. To the extent that such hedging is successful, the performance of the Class is likely to move in line with the performance of the underlying assets and that investors in a hedged Class will not benefit if the Class currency falls against the base currency and/or the currency in which the assets of the Fund are denominated

Further details can be found in the Prospectus under the heading "Further Details on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management".

As a result of the direct investments which may be made by the Fund as detailed above and the different fee structures the performance of the Fund and the Master Fund may not be identical.

## **Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs")**

SFTs include repurchase transactions; securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing; buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions; and margin lending transactions.

The Fund does not currently engage in SFTs, but may in the future undertake securities (equities) lending, i.e. transactions by which the Fund transfers securities to another counterparty subject to a commitment that the borrower will return equivalent securities on a future date or when requested to do so by the Fund. Where a Fund engages in SFTs, all revenue, net of direct and indirect operational costs



will be returned to the Fund. The costs arising from these include any costs payable to the Investment Adviser (a small percentage to cover administration costs) and the administrator of the securities lending programme.

As set out under the heading "Use of Derivatives", the Fund may engage in total return swaps, equity swaps and contracts for differences.

# Exposure to SFTs and total return swaps

The Fund's exposure to securities lending will not exceed 20% of the assets under management of the Fund, with an expected maximum of 95% lent for each individual equity position depending on the liquidity of the underlying market. The Fund, although permitted to do so, does not currently use total return swaps but should this change, the Investment Adviser does not anticipate that the Fund's exposure to total return swaps would exceed 20% of the assets under management of the Fund and the maximum exposure of the Fund in respect of total return swaps shall be 100% of assets under management of the Fund. Higher levels of exposure in respect to total return swaps may be encountered, for example, where the Fund has higher than normal exposures to sectors or countries where it is more efficient to hold total return swaps than the underlying equities, or where the total return swaps are netting or hedging other investments within the Fund. Where assets subject to Securities Financing Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2015/2365) including total return swaps are received by the Fund they will be safe-kept by the Depositary.

Further information in relation to SFTs and total return swaps including collateral management, eligible counterparties are set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions and Efficient Portfolio Management". Further information on the risks associated with SFTs, total return swaps and collateral management is set out under the heading "Risk Management".

# **Investment by the Master Fund in Derivatives**

The Master Fund may engage in transactions in financial derivative instruments (including leveraged derivative instruments) for efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes as set out in the Master Fund Prospectus under the heading "Investment Restrictions".

The financial derivative instruments which may be invested in by the Master Fund to provide exposure to equity, bond and currency markets to achieve the Master Fund's investment objective and policy include forwards, swaps, futures, options and embedded derivatives. Further details on the different derivative types can be found below. Derivatives may be traded by the Master Fund either on exchange or over-the-counter. Any derivative instrument in which the Master Fund enters will be in accordance with the UCITS Regulations and limits in respect of derivative counterparties.

The Master Fund will use financial derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management subject to the conditions and limits set out in the UCITS regulations to manage risk and invest more efficiently. Where the Investment Adviser has decided to increase or reduce security specific and / or market risk in response to the Investment Adviser's views on market prospects, prices and values it may be more efficient to do so using financial derivatives (including derivatives with leverage) or purchasing units or shares in collective investment schemes (including ETFs). For example, the Investment Adviser might reduce the Master Fund's exposure to market risk through the use of an equity index total return swap, or may increase the Master Fund's exposure to a market sector through purchasing an appropriate ETF. The total exposure to collective investment schemes (including ETFs) including those used for cash management purposes will not exceed 10% of its Net Asset Value.

The Master Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes. The use of derivatives may also create leverage or synthetic long positions (i.e. positions which are in economic terms equivalent to long positions). The Master Fund may create synthetic long positions by, for example, the use of futures, options and swaps.

When hedging market risk in the Master Fund's portfolio, the Investment Adviser may occasionally use derivatives on bonds (including bond indices) and other asset classes besides equities and currencies, when in the Investment Adviser's opinion, the extent of the correlation between the asset class involved



and specific risk factors present in the Master Fund's portfolio justifies such market hedging to avoid adverse market movements.

Further details can be found in the Prospectus of the Master Fund under the heading "Derivatives – Efficient Portfolio Management" and "Derivatives – Investment Purposes"

# **Financial Derivative Instrument Types**

The following financial derivative instruments may be used in the Fund and the Master Fund as detailed above:

#### Forwards

Forwards, such as forward foreign exchange contracts, are an obligation to purchase or sell a specific asset at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. In currency forward contracts, the contract holders are obligated to buy or sell the currency at a specified price, at a specified quantity and on a specified future date. The Master Fund may also use non deliverable forwards ("NDF") where the difference between the contracted NDF price or rate and the prevailing spot price or rate on an agreed notional amount is settled in an agreed currency. The Fund may use Forwards for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

# Swap agreements

Swap agreements are two party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than a year. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realised on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," (i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency or security, or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index). For example, a single total return equity swap may allow a view to be taken on the price movement of individual debt securities. They can be used to express both positive and negative views on securities (by creating a synthetic long or short position). Swap agreements may be used either individually or in combinations. The Fund may use Swap agreements for hedging, the Master Fund may use Swap agreements for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

# **Futures**

Futures are contracts to buy or sell a standard quantity of a specific asset (or, in some cases, receive or pay cash based on the performance of an underlying asset, instrument or index) at a pre-determined future date and at a price agreed through a transaction undertaken on an exchange. These would be used by a fund to manage cash inflows and outflows whereby a fund can gain efficiency by using futures as compared to other securities. The Fund may use Futures for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

# **Options**

There are two forms of options, put and call options. Put options are contracts sold for a premium that gives one party (the buyer) the right, but not the obligation, to sell to the other party (the seller) of the contract, a specific quantity of a particular product or financial instrument at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Call options are similar contracts sold for a premium that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy from the seller of the option at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Options may also be cash settled. Options may also be used to take a positional view on the volatility of individual securities, baskets of securities, interest rates, indices, or to sell exposure to volatility. The Fund may use Options for hedging, the Master Fund may use Options for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.



#### Embedded Derivatives

Some financial instruments and other contracts combine, in a single contract, both a derivative and a non-derivative with the effect that some of the cash flows of the contract vary in a way similar to a standalone derivative. The embedded derivative may modify the value of the contract in relation to changes in a variable, such as an interest rate or yield, security, index or commodity price, credit rating, or foreign exchange rate. The embedded derivatives may also provide leveraged exposure to the variable or the variable may itself be leveraged. Examples of instruments with embedded derivatives include Convertible Bonds, Credit Linked Notes, Equity Linked Notes, warrants and rights. The Master Fund may use Embedded Derivatives for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

ETFs in respect of which the Master Fund may invest, may be classified as transferable securities and may generate synthetic exposure to an index using a swap, or may use derivatives such as futures and options either for efficient portfolio management or for investment purposes. Therefore as these ETFs may be classified as transferable securities that contain an embedded derivative element, any leverage arising from investment in such instruments will be monitored, measured and managed in accordance with the risk management process of the Master Fund.

# **Risk Management**

The Investment Adviser operates a risk management process which enables it to accurately monitor, measure and manage as frequently as appropriate the risk of the Fund's positions and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the Fund. The Investment Adviser will notify the Central Bank and obtain clearance of the risk management process. The Company will, upon request, provide supplementary 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 category of investments.

The global exposure of the Fund and the Master Fund to derivatives is calculated using the commitment approach.

The Fund's global exposure to derivatives combined with the Master Fund's potential maximum exposure to derivatives (in proportion to Fund's investment in the Master Fund) will be limited to 100% of Net Asset Value of the Fund and the total exposure of the Fund will never exceed 200% of its Net Asset Value.

# INVESTMENT AND BORROWING POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

The investment and borrowing powers and restrictions to which the Fund is subject are described under "Investment Powers and Restrictions", "Restrictions on Borrowing, Lending and Dealing", "Further Details on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management", "Changes to Investment and Borrowing Restrictions" in the Prospectus.

The Master Fund is subject to the investment restrictions imposed by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") applicable to UCITS funds. Such investment restrictions are substantially similar to those imposed on the Fund given that both derive from the investment restrictions applicable to UCITS as set down in Directive 2009/65/EC.

## Additional Information in respect of the Master Fund

The Master Fund is an authorised unit trust domiciled in the UK under the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. The Master Fund is structured as a trust and is a UCITS scheme for the purposes of the categorisations of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook as published by the FCA. Investors in the Master Fund hold Units which reflect the value of the assets held by the Master Fund. Investors will in no event be liable for the debts, if any, of the Master Fund, beyond their initial investment. The Investment Adviser of the Master Fund is Liontrust Investment Partners LLP.



A copy of the Prospectus relating to the Master Fund ("Master Fund Prospectus") and further information in relation to the Master Fund is available free of charge upon request from the Liontrust Fund Partners LLP (the "Manager of the Master Fund" at 2 Savoy Court, London, WC2R 0EZ, United Kingdom).

The Company on behalf of the Fund and the Manager of the Master Fund have entered into a Master-Feeder Agreement which *inter alia* covers the basis of investment and divestment by the Fund, dealing arrangements and arrangements for the preparation of the audit reports of the Master Fund and the Fund. Copies of the Master-Feeder Agreement can be obtained free of charge from the Manager of the Master Fund.

# Master Fund Charges, Fees and Expenses

The Fund will invest in the Institutional Class Income Units of the Master Fund. The Manager's Periodic Charge for the Institutional Class Income Units of the Master Fund is 0.75% per annum, this will be rebated back to the Fund by the Manager of the Master Fund.

The Institutional Class Income Units of the Master Fund also bears other expenses (State Street Trustees Limited as trustee of the Master Fund's fees and expenses, custody fees and transaction charges, and other fees and expenses as set out in section 25, Charges, Fees and Expenses of the Master Fund Prospectus) of 0.16% (calculated as at 1 September 2018).

In connection with an investment in the Master Fund, if a distribution fee, commission or other monetary benefit is received by the Fund, the Company or any person acting on behalf of either the Fund or the Investment Adviser of the Fund, such fee, commission or other monetary benefit shall be paid into the assets of the Fund.

## **FUND FEES AND EXPENSES**

#### **INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES**

The Investment Advisor is entitled to receive a monthly Investment Advisory Fee in respect of the Shares of the Fund calculated as set out under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Investment Advisory Charges" in the Prospectus.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes C1 and C4 is 1.50% per annum and for Classes C3, C5, and C7 is 0.75% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each Class.

The fees and expenses relating to the establishment of the Fund are estimated not to exceed £25,000. Such fees and expenses will be amortised over the first five accounting periods of the Fund or such other period as the Directors may determine.

The Directors have decided to charge the Investment Advisory Fee and the fees and expenses relating to the establishment of the Fund out of capital. The rationale for the payment of such fees and expenses in this manner is that it will have the effect of increasing the distributable income for Classes C1, C3 and C6.

# **OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES**

Details of other charges and expenses relating to Fund and the Company appear under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus.

The Directors have decided to charge all other charges and expenses out of capital. The rationale for the payment of such fees and expenses in this manner is that it will have the effect of increasing the distributable income for Classes C1, C3 and C6.

# **OPERATING EXPENSES CAP**

For Classes C1, C3, C4 and C5 the administration, custody, registrar charges, directors remuneration



and general expenses ("Operating Expenses") on the Fund, as set out under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES – Administration, Custody and Registrar Charges, Directors' Remuneration and General Expenses" in the Prospectus, are subject to a voluntary expense cap of a maximum of 0.50% per annum ("Operating Expenses Cap I"). Should the Operating Expenses exceed the 0.50% limit on any daily valuation of the Fund, then the amount of Operating Expenses in excess of the Operating Expenses Cap I will be accrued against the Investment Advisory Fees due to the Investment Adviser. Where an accrual exists and the Operating Expenses are no longer in excess of the Operating Expenses Cap I on any daily valuation of the Fund, then the accrual will be reduced by the difference between the Operating Expenses Cap I and the Operating Expenses. Any accrued amounts will be crystallised at the investment advisor's discretion but no later than the first full reporting period following an initial twelve month period and then at each annual reporting period thereafter.

For Class C7 the Operating Expenses are subject to a voluntary expense cap of a maximum of 0.75% per annum ("Operating Expenses Cap II"). Should the Operating Expenses exceed the 0.75% limit on any daily valuation of the Fund, then the amount of Operating Expenses in excess of the Operating Expenses Cap II will be accrued against the Investment Advisory Fees due to the Investment Adviser. Where an accrual exists and the Operating Expenses are no longer in excess of the Operating Expenses Cap II on any daily valuation of the Fund, then the accrual will be reduced by the difference between the Operating Expenses Cap II and the Operating Expenses. Any accrued amounts will be crystallised at the Investment Adviser's discretion but no later than the first full reporting period following an initial twelve month period and then at each annual reporting period thereafter.

## SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

## Subscription Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund are available for purchase on each subscription Dealing Day. The Dealing Days for the Fund shall be any day which is a Business Day in both Ireland and the United Kingdom. The subscription price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus) plus any initial charge payable to the Investment Adviser.

The Valuation Point in respect of each subscription Dealing Day is currently midday in Dublin on the subscription Dealing Day. The last traded price in each relevant market will be used.

Application Forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 5.00pm (Dublin time) on the Business Day prior to the relevant Dealing Day (the "Subscription Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that Application Forms received after the Subscription Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day in both Ireland and the United Kingdom. Applications may be accepted after the Subscription Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point. Settlement should be made in accordance with the Prospectus and the instructions in the Application Form.

# **Minimum Investment Levels for Subscriptions**

The minimum initial and additional investment in Shares of the Fund is as follows:-



#### Class of Shares Minimum Investments

	Initial	Additional
Class C1, C4	£1,000	£1,000
Class C3, C5, C7	£5,000,000	£1,000

The Board of Directors reserves the right to waive these Minimum Initial Investment and Minimum Subsequent Investment requirements in accordance with the principle of fair treatment of all Shareholders.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to decline to accept any application for Shares in any Class of the Fund, in particular applications into Classes that have not yet issued any Shares.

# Subscription Charges

An initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Net Asset Value per Share is payable in respect of subscriptions for Shares of the Fund.

The initial charge may be waived in whole or in part by the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser may, in its sole discretion, (i) pay commission to financial intermediaries including but not limited to the Distributors, sub-distributors, intermediaries and introducing agents who refer prospective investors out of the initial charge and the Investment Advisory Fee and/or (ii) waive the initial charge for certain prospective investors based on factors deemed appropriate by the Investment Adviser including, but not limited to, the amount of the proposed investment by a prospective investor. The Investment Adviser will only pay commission to regulated financial intermediaries.

# **REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

# Redemption Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on each Dealing Day. The redemption price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus).

A redemption Dealing Day in respect of each class of Shares of the Fund is any day which is a Business Day in both Ireland and the United Kingdom.

The Valuation Point in respect of each Dealing Day is currently midday in Dublin on the redemption Dealing Day.

Redemption forms, duly completed must be received no later than 5.00pm (Dublin time) on the Business Day prior to the relevant redemption Dealing Day ("Redemption Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that redemption forms received after the Redemption Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day in both Ireland and the United Kingdom. Applications may be accepted after the Redemption Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point. Settlement of the redemption proceeds will be made in accordance with the procedures set out under "SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING - Redemptions" in the Prospectus.

# Minimum Redemptions and Holdings

The minimum redemption amount and minimum residual holding for Shares of the Fund (net of redemption charges) is as follows:-



## Class of Share

# Minimum Redemptions and Holdings

	Redemption Amount	Residual Holding
Class C1, C4	£1,000	£1,000
Class C3, C5, C7	£1,000	£5,000,000

If the holding in any Class falls below the "Residual Holding" amount specified in the above table, the Board of Directors reserves the right to compulsorily redeem the holding.

## **SWITCHING**

Shares of the Fund may be switched into Shares of other Funds in the Company on each Dealing Day on which Shares of both classes are available for subscription and redemption. The Company does not currently propose to charge a switching fee although it reserves the right to levy such a charge generally or in respect of specific Funds. Details of any such switching fees will be disclosed in the relevant Supplements of the Funds concerned. An initial charge may however be made as described above in relation to a transaction which the Company is instructed by Shareholders or their authorised agents to treat as a separate redemption and subscription.

Switching forms, duly completed must be received no later than 5.00 p.m. (Dublin time) on the Business day prior to the relevant redemption and subscription Dealing Day ("Switching Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders or in respect of specific applications provided that switch forms received after the Switching Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day in both Ireland and the United Kingdom. Applications may be accepted after the Switching Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point.

# SHARE PRICES

The most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund is published following calculation on the following internet website: www.Liontrust.co.uk. In addition, the most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (for each class) may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours and may also be published in such newspaper or journal as the Directors in their sole discretion may determine.

## **DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY**

This Fund operates income equalisation.

Income distributing shares

The Directors' current intention is to distribute in respect of each accounting period substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) of Fund attributable to the classes of Class C1, C3 and Class C6 of the Fund (the "Distributing Classes") in respect of each accounting period. At the Directors' discretion, where there is insufficient income available in the Fund, dividends may be declared and paid from net realised gains (i.e. realised gains net of realised and unrealised losses; and/or net realised and unrealised losses (i.e. realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses).

The Directors intend to make distributions to holders of the Distributing Classes on or before 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December with the relevant Share class going ex-dividend on 1 February, 1 May, 1 August and 1 November (each an Allocation Date) respectively in each year.

Unless a Shareholder elects otherwise, any distributions attributable to the Distributing Classes will be applied in the purchase of additional Shares (or fractions thereof) of the relevant Share class.



Payment of distributions will be made by electronic transfer in the currency of the relevant Share Class and sent to the account set out in the application form.

Any distributions unclaimed after a period of six years from the date of declaration of such distribution will lapse and shall revert to the property of the Fund.

# Income accumulating shares

The Directors do not anticipate that any dividends or other distributions will be paid to the holders of classes of Class C4, Class C5 and Class C7 of the Fund (the "Accumulating Classes") out of the net income (including interest and dividends) of the Fund attributable to such classes of the Accumulating Classes. The amount of net income attributable to a class of the Accumulating Classes on 1 February, 1 May, 1 August and 1 November (each an Allocation Date) shall become part of the capital property of the Fund.

# **UK Reporting Fund Status**

Classes C1, C3, C4, C5, and C7 have UK Reporting Fund status, the remaining class(es) do not have UK Reporting Fund Status. The Investment Adviser may apply for UK Reporting Fund status for further classes, as required. The full current list of Classes which have UK Reporting Fund status can be found on the www.gov.uk website at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds</a>

Investors are referred to "DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY" in the Prospectus for further details on the dividend and reinvestment policy of the Fund.

#### **COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS**

The attention of prospective investors is drawn to "COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS" in the Prospectus.

UK tax consequences of the Fund investing in the Master Fund

The Fund will not be liable to UK tax on the dividend distributions it receives from the Master Fund (but they will not carry UK tax credits). Similarly, the Fund will not be liable to UK tax on capital gains it realises on the disposal of shares in the Master Fund.

## **RISK FACTORS**

## General Risks

An investor who realises Shares of the Fund after a short period may, in addition, not realise the amount originally invested in view of any initial charge made on the issue of Shares of the Fund. The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

## Feeder Fund Risk

The Fund will invest substantially all of its assets in the Master Fund (excluding any holding in ancillary liquid assets and derivatives) and accordingly, will not be diversified. There is no assurance that the Master Fund or Fund will achieve their investment objective.

# Distribution Policy Risk

Potential investors should note that as part of the distribution policy of the classes of Class C1 and Class C3 of the Fund the Directors may distribute substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) and such part of any net realised and unrealised capital gains attributable to those classes as, in their opinion, is appropriate to maintain a satisfactory level of distribution.

Any increase in distributions as a result of this policy may consequently result in a proportional increase



in income for tax purposes although the potential for capital gains may correspondingly be lowered, and may have differing tax implications for investors. It is recommended that investors should seek independent professional advice with regards to distribution policy of the Fund.

Prospective investors should in addition take into account the Risk Factors referred to under "RISK FACTORS" in the Prospectus when considering whether to invest in Shares of the Fund.



If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser duly authorised in this regard. Shares are available for subscription on the basis of the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus and the documents referred to therein.

# LIONTRUST GLOBAL FUNDS plc

(an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds incorporated with a limited liability under the laws of Ireland, registered number 459084 authorised in Ireland as an investment company pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011)

## SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROSPECTUS

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#### LIONTRUST GF ASIA INCOME FUND

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Liontrust GF Asia Income Fund (the "Fund"), the fourth fund of Liontrust Global Funds plc (the "Company"). It forms part of and must be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus of the Company dated 1 October, 2019 and in particular the information contained therein relating to:-

- the Company, its Funds and Shares;
- charges and expenses (including those for investment, administration and custody);
- subscription, redemption and switching of Shares; and
- Taxation, conflicts of interest and risk factors.

Distribution of this Supplement is only authorised if accompanied by the Prospectus of the Company. In addition, distribution of this Supplement and the Prospectus is not authorised in any jurisdiction unless accompanied by the most recent annual and/or, if more recent, semi-annual report of the Company.

The Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments for hedging or for investment purposes. This may have the effect of increasing volatility.

Shareholders should note that the Investment Advisory Fees, and other charges and expenses of the Fund are charged to capital. On redemption of holdings, Shareholders may not receive back the full amount invested. As such fees, charges and expenses are charged to capital, investors should note the greater risk of capital erosion and the likelihood that due to capital erosion, the value of future capital returns in the Fund could be diminished. Investors should also note that income may be achieved by foregoing the potential for future capital growth.

Dated 1 October, 2019



## **BASE CURRENCY OF FUND**

The Base Currency of the Fund is US Dollar.

#### SHARES AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Shares of the Fund are currently available for subscription in the following denominations:-

Shares	Currency of Share Denomination
Class A1	Euro Accumulating
Class A2	Euro Accumulating
Class B4	US Dollar Accumulating
Class B5	US Dollar Accumulating (Institutional)
Class C3	Sterling Distributing (Institutional)
Class C6	Sterling Distributing (Institutional)

The net asset value per Share will be calculated in the currency of the relevant Share Class.

# **Hedged Classes**

Other than Class A2 ("Hedged Class"), all classes that are not designated in the Base Currency of the Fund will be un-hedged. Further information on Share Class Hedging is set out below at the section entitled "Use of Derivatives" and in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management".

## **RISK PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INVESTOR**

The Fund is considered to be suitable for investors seeking a high level of income together with long-term capital appreciation over a long term investment horizon (at least 5 years) with a high level of volatility, particularly given the Fund will be predominantly invested in Asia Pacific (excluding Japan) equities and equity-related derivatives.

# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide investors with a high level of income with long term capital appreciation.

# There can be no guarantee that the Fund, will achieve its investment objective.

Although the Fund may invest in all economic sectors in all parts of the world, it is intended that it will invest primarily in equities and equity-related derivatives (swaps, futures and options of equities and equity indices) in companies listed on Recognised Exchanges in Asia Pacific excluding Japan or in companies active in Asia Pacific excluding Japan. The Fund may also invest in equity-related securities (as described below), money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash and deposits. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its property in units or shares in collective investment schemes. The Fund is permitted to use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes.

The Fund continuously invests at least 51 % of its' Net Asset Value in equity securities, which are listed on a stock exchange or traded on an organized market and which for this purpose are not investments in shares in investment funds. Investments in Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) are not eligible equity securities for this purpose.

Although the focus of the Fund's investments is in equities, it may also be invested in equity-related securities including, without limitation, in preferred stocks, convertibles or may also be invested in bonds and money market instruments for short term tactical capital protection, income or ancillary cash management purposes. Investment in bonds will be in corporate, government, fixed or floating rate bonds which may be rated or unrated (up to 10% in unrated bonds). In addition the Fund may seek to achieve its investment policy by investment in exchange traded funds and other collective investment schemes in order to gain exposure to equities and through the use of derivatives. Derivative instruments



which may be used by the Fund are described below. At times the Investment Adviser may decide to hold a more concentrated portfolio.

The Fund may invest in and have direct access to certain eligible China A Shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (collectively, the "Stock Connects").

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

The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shanghai Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shenzen Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shanghai/Shenzhen Trading Links, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Fund), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong ("SEHK"), may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SSE ("SSE securities") by routing orders to SSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.

### **Investment Process of the Fund**

The Fund is managed according to a distinct investment process that is based on the premise that any single investment style is unlikely to deliver consistent outperformance when investing in Asian equities. This is because the region is subject to business and economic cycles despite attempts to dampen them by both governments and central banks. The Investment Adviser believes the secret to successful investing in Asia, therefore, is to choose the style of investment to suit the particular point in the cycle.

There are four main stages to the investment process:

- 1. Identifying the key drivers for Asian equities;
- 2. Incorporating these into a framework to determine the likely beneficiaries and losers of these drivers and to identify appropriate valuation methods;
- 3. Fundamental stock analysis to identify individual companies that will benefit the most from the drivers; and
- 4. Portfolio construction.

#### Identification of key drivers

The first stage of the investment process is to identify the key drivers of equity markets through a combination of proprietary and external research, analysing both top down and bottom up information. In addition to fundamental analysis, the Investment Adviser gains valuable information from management meetings, both about the company concerned and its competitors, suppliers, industry and market trends. These drivers will tend to be longer term and are unconstrained, enabling the Investment Adviser to reflect those ideas where we have the greatest conviction. They will be continually reviewed to evaluate whether they are likely to remain strong influences on equity markets.

Such drivers cover global, structural, sector and regional themes. They may be formed, for example, due to the position in the macro-economic cycle (globally and regionally), demographic trends, geopolitical developments, structural, regulatory, country and industry changes, innovation, movements in relative valuations or changes in supply and demand dynamics.

# Building a framework

The key drivers of Asian stock markets form the framework that shapes the Investment Adviser's research. The Investment Adviser determines which types of companies will be the potential



beneficiaries and losers of these drivers and therefore efficiently utilise the Investment Adviser's time and resources to analyse only the likely winners.

#### Stock Selection

The Investment Adviser does not automatically invest in stocks that will profit from one of the key drivers identified. For an investment, in general, companies must also have a high likelihood of providing higher yields than the region's average over the next six to 12 months.

In any analysis of companies, the Investment Adviser considers, among other factors, earnings drivers, the consensus view and catalysts for each business and the industries and countries they are in. The valuation measures used are determined by each key driver and include PER, PEG, P/CF, P/ BV, SOTP, EV/EBITDA and P/NAV. An additional bias will be towards companies with high prospective dividend yields supported by strong free cashflows, at appropriate valuations. The Investment Adviser uses this analysis to compare companies in different Asian countries where earnings are likely to be impacted by the same factors and then invest with those stocks that have the most attractive relative valuations.

#### Overall Portfolio Construction

The Fund is likely to hold between 50 and 70 positions in its portfolio. The portfolio construction of the Fund focuses on companies that tend to have higher than average prospective yields and strong cash flows, while reflecting the views derived from the Asia investment process.

In aggregate, the aim is for the portfolio to provide a yield 1.1 times that of the Asia Pacific (excluding Japan) markets' average. The Fund seeks to deliver both income (due to vigorous yield analysis) and long-term capital growth (driven by the region's strong growth profile).

Once stocks are identified for inclusion, sizes are determined by the Investment Adviser's outlook on stock markets and the confidence in each of the key drivers and individual stocks. A target price is established for each stock invested in.

While the geographical and sector exposures and portfolio construction reflect the key ideas, the Investment Adviser also ensures that there is sufficient diversification at country, sector, stock and driver level, which combine to seek to provide outperformance while mitigating risk. The prerequisite for yield means that the Fund's asset allocation varies significantly from those of any Asia Pacific ex-Japan indices

Changes in country and sector allocations result from changes in overall confidence in the drivers and the identification of attractive investment ideas within those areas, again requiring significant yields to be available.

## Investment by the Fund in Derivatives

The Fund may engage in transactions in financial derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes as set out in the Fund Prospectus under the heading "THE COMPANY - Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments".

The financial derivative instruments which may be invested in by the Fund to provide exposure to equity, bond and currency markets to achieve the Fund's investment objective and policy include forwards, swaps, futures, options and embedded derivatives. Further details on the different derivative types can be found below and under the heading "Financial Derivative Instrument Types". Derivatives may be traded by the Fund either on exchange or over-the-counter. Any derivative instrument in which the Fund enters will be in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements and the Regulations and limits in respect of derivative counterparties.

The Fund will use financial derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management subject to the conditions and limits set out in the UCITS regulations to manage risk and invest more efficiently. Where the Investment Adviser has decided to increase or reduce security specific and / or market risk in



response to the Investment Adviser's views on market prospects, prices and values it may be more efficient to do so using financial derivatives or purchasing units or shares in collective investment schemes (including ETFs). For example, the Investment Adviser might reduce the Fund's exposure to market risk through the use of an equity index total return swap, or may increase the Fund's exposure to a market sector through purchasing an appropriate ETF. The total exposure to collective investment schemes (including ETFs) including those used for cash management purposes will not exceed 10% of its Net Asset Value.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes. The use of derivatives may also create leverage or synthetic long positions (i.e. positions which are in economic terms equivalent to long positions). The Fund may create synthetic long positions by, for example, the use of futures, options and swaps.

The Fund may invest in the currencies of Asia Pacific markets, which may be through derivative positions (including currency forwards, swaps and futures) or deposits. The Investment Adviser may, at its discretion, and without restricting the ability to take currency positions, choose to hedge all or a proportion of the non-US Dollar denominated assets of the Fund into US Dollar, the Base Currency of the Fund, in order to mitigate the impact of currency fluctuations on the value of non-US Dollar denominated assets. Such hedging might incur costs, especially if forward interest rate levels are higher in non-US Dollar currencies. Any such hedging activity will be for the purposes of efficient portfolio management within the limits laid down by the Central Bank as set out in the Prospectus.

Forward foreign exchange contracts is an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. In currency forward contracts, the contract holders are obligated to buy or sell the currency at a specified price, at a specified quantity and on a specified future date. Spot and forward foreign exchange contracts are also used more specifically to hedge the value of certain classes of Shares in the Company's Funds against changes in the exchange rate between the currency of denomination of the class of Shares and the Base Currency of the Fund, which is US Dollar ("Share Class Hedging"). In respect of the Hedged Classes outlined above, such Share Class Hedging does not protect any of the Share classes from any non-US Dollar exposure that might be held in the Fund.

Further information is set out in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management". It should be noted that the successful execution of a hedging strategy which mitigates this currency risk exactly cannot be assured.

Where a class is unhedged, a currency conversion will take place on subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and distributions at prevailing exchange rates. In such circumstances, the value of the Share expressed in the class currency will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency.

# **Financial Derivative Instrument Types**

The following are descriptions of types of financial derivative instruments. The types and details of permitted asset classes which may be used in the Fund are specified in the **Investment by the Fund in Derivatives** section above.

# **Forwards**

Forwards are an obligation to purchase or sell a specific asset at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. In currency forward contracts, the contract holders are obligated to buy or sell the currency at a specified price, at a specified quantity and on a specified future date. The Fund may also use non deliverable forwards ("NDF") where the difference between the contracted NDF price or rate and the prevailing spot price or rate on an agreed notional amount is settled in an agreed currency. The Fund may use Forwards for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

#### Swap agreements



Swap agreements are two party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods typically ranging from a few weeks to more than a year. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realised on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," (i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency or security, or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index). For example, a single total return equity swap may allow a view to be taken on the price movement of individual equity securities. They can be used to express both positive and negative views on securities (by creating a synthetic long or short position). Swap agreements may be used either individually or in combinations. The Fund may use Swap agreements for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing. The Fund will not use swap agreements for synthetic short positions in equities or equity indices.

#### **Futures**

Futures are contracts to buy or sell a standard quantity of a specific asset (or, in some cases, receive or pay cash based on the performance of an underlying asset, instrument or index) at a pre-determined future date and at a price agreed through a transaction usually undertaken on an exchange. These would be used by a fund to manage cash inflows and outflows whereby a fund can gain efficiency by using futures as compared to other securities. The Fund may use Futures for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

## **Options**

There are two forms of options, put and call options. Put options are contracts sold for a premium that gives one party (the buyer) the right, but not the obligation, to sell to the other party (the seller) of the contract, a specific quantity of a particular product or financial instrument at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Call options are similar contracts sold for a premium that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy from the seller of the option at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Options may also be cash settled. Options may also be used to take a positional view on the volatility of individual securities, baskets of securities, interest rates, indices, or to sell exposure to volatility. The Fund may use Options for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

# **Embedded Derivatives**

Some financial instruments and other contracts combine, in a single contract, both a derivative and a non-derivative with the effect that some of the cash flows of the contract vary in a way similar to a standalone derivative. The embedded derivative may modify the value of the contract in relation to changes in a variable, such as an interest rate or yield, security, index, credit rating, or foreign exchange rate. Embedded derivatives may provide leveraged exposure to the variable or the variable may itself be leveraged. The Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives which do not have significant leverage or hidden leverage, i.e. the Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives where the market value or notional value is accurately captured using the conversion methodologies for the commitment approach as laid out in the RMP.

Instruments with embedded derivatives that may be used by the Fund include the following:

Convertible shares including callable / convertible preference shares

A type of share issued by a company that includes an option for the holder to convert the shares into a fixed number of common shares of the issuing company, usually any time after a predetermined date and sometimes at a price fixed on issue. These shares may also give the holder rights to a fixed rate dividend (sometimes cumulative). If callable, the company has the right to buy back the shares at an agreed price under certain conditions.

Convertible bonds or other exchangeable bonds / credit instruments



A convertible bond or convertible note (or a convertible debenture if it has a maturity of greater than 10 years) is a type of bond that the holder can convert into a fixed number of common shares of the issuing company or other agreed asset such as cash usually any time after a predetermined date and sometimes at a price fixed on issue. These bonds may also give the holder rights to a fixed rate coupon (sometimes cumulative).

Equity Linked Notes whose performance is linked to the performance of an equity instrument

An Equity-Linked Note (ELN) is a debt instrument, usually a bond that differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of a single equity security, a basket of equity securities, or an equity index. A typical ELN is principal-protected, i.e. the investor is guaranteed to receive 100% of the original amount invested at maturity but receives no interest. The Equity linked note may include leverage.

FX structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of an underlying exchange rate

An FX structured instrument is a debt instrument, usually a bond, which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of an exchange rate or a combination of exchange rates. The FX structured instrument may include leverage.

Index structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of an underlying market index or to the performance of an underlying basket of market indices

An Index structured instrument is a debt instrument, usually a bond, which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of an underlying market index or a combination of market indices. Any financial indices used should be UCITS compliant. The Index structured instrument may include leverage.

Hybrid structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of a combination of asset classes or a combination of asset class indices

A Hybrid structured instrument is a debt instrument, usually a bond, which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of a combination of underlying eligible assets or eligible indices such as the combined return of an interest rate swap and a FX swap in the same instrument. The Hybrid structured instrument may include leverage.

# Partly Paid Securities;

A partly paid share in a company is one where only a partial payment (or deposit) has been made for a share, with the expectation that as the company requires more funds, calls are made one a time until the shares are fully paid and the calls cease.

Callable bonds (including callable step-up notes) and puttable bonds

A callable bond (also called redeemable bond) is a type of debt security that allows the issuer of the bond to retain the privilege of redeeming the bond at some point before the bond reaches its date of maturity. A puttable bond allows the investor the privilege of redeeming the bond at some point before the bond reaches its date of maturity. In other words, on the call / put date(s), the issuer / the investor has the right, but not the obligation, to buy / sell the bonds at a defined price. The callable and puttable bonds have an embedded derivative, an option, which is not independently contractually transferable.

Warrants and Rights (including covered warrants)

A warrant gives the holder the right, but not the obligation, to buy ('call' warrant) or to sell ('put' warrant) an underlying asset at a specified price by a predetermined date. Warrants are frequently attached to bonds or preferred stock allowing the issuer to pay lower interest rates or dividends. The price paid for this right is the 'premium' and with covered warrants you cannot lose more than this initial premium



paid. They are limited liability instruments so there are no further payments or margin calls required to maintain a covered warrant position.

# **Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs")**

SFTs include total return swaps; repurchase transactions; securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing; buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions; and margin lending transactions.

With the exception of total return swaps and securities lending, the Fund does not currently engage in SFTs. Securities lending transactions/agreements are transactions by which the Fund transfers securities to another counterparty subject to a commitment that the borrower will return equivalent securities on a future date or when requested to do so by the Fund. Where a Fund engages in SFTs, all revenue, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the Fund. The costs arising from these include any costs payable to the administrator of the securities lending programme. The Supplement will be updated prior to entry into any other SFTs.

The Fund's expected exposure to securities lending will be less than 20% of the assets under management of the Fund, with a maximum of 95% lent for each individual equity position depending on the liquidity of the underlying market. The Fund, although permitted to do so, does not currently use total return swaps but should this change, the Investment Adviser anticipates that the Fund's expected exposure to total return swaps will be less than 10% of the assets under management of the Fund and the maximum exposure of the Fund in respect of total return swaps shall be 100% of the assets under management of the Fund. Higher levels of exposure in respect to total return swaps may be encountered, for example, where the Fund has higher than normal exposures to sectors or countries where it is more efficient to hold total return swaps than the underlying equities, or where the total return swaps are netting or hedging other investments within the Fund. Where assets subject to Securities Financing Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2015/2365) are received by the Fund they will be safe-kept by the Depositary.

Further information in relation to SFTs including collateral management and eligible counterparties are set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions and Efficient Portfolio Management". Further information on the risks associated with SFTs and collateral management is set out under the heading "Risk Management".

#### **Risk Management**

The Investment Adviser operates a risk management process which enables it to accurately monitor, measure and manage as frequently as appropriate the risk of the Fund's positions and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the Fund. The Investment Adviser will notify the Central Bank and obtain clearance of the risk management process. The Company will, upon request, provide supplementary 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 category of investments.

The global exposure of the Fund to derivatives is calculated using the commitment approach. The commitment approach requires the Fund to convert each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative. The Fund may take into account netting and hedging arrangements when calculating its global exposure, where these arrangements do not disregard obvious and material risks and result in a clear reduction in risk exposure.

The Fund's global exposure to derivatives will be limited to 100% of Net Asset Value of the Fund.

# INVESTMENT AND BORROWING POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

The investment and borrowing powers and restrictions to which the Fund is subject are described under "Investment Powers and Restrictions", "Restrictions on Borrowing, Lending and Dealing", "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management", "Changes to Investment and Borrowing Restrictions" in the Prospectus. However, while the Company is generally authorised to invest in other open-ended collective investment schemes, as



described in the section of the Prospectus referred to above, the Fund itself will not invest more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in such schemes.

The use of financial derivative instruments is permitted for the Fund subject to the conditions and limits set out under "Investment Objectives and Policies", in the Prospectus and in accordance with the Regulations. These conditions include, for example, a requirement to ensure that where a financial derivative instrument gives rise to a commitment for a fund it must be covered as follows: (i) in the case of cash settled financial derivative instruments, the fund must hold sufficient liquid assets at all times to cover the exposure; (2) in the case of financial derivative instruments which requires physical delivery, the asset must be held at all times, or with sufficient liquid assets if the underlying asset consists of highly liquid fixed income securities or the fund considers that the exposure can be adequately managed, and the position exposure to underlying assets of derivative instruments (other than index based derivatives) (whether used for hedging or for investment purposes), when combined with positions resulting from direct investments, will not exceed the investment limits to which the Fund is subject.

# **FUND FEES AND EXPENSES**

## **INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES**

The Investment Adviser is entitled to receive a monthly Investment Advisory Fee in respect of the Shares of the Fund calculated as set out under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Investment Advisory Charges" in the Prospectus.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A1, A2, B4 and C1 is 1.50% per annum and for Classes B5, C3, C6 and C7 is 0.75% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each class.

The fees and expenses relating to the establishment of the Fund are estimated not to exceed \$37,500. Such fees and expenses will be amortised over the first five accounting periods of the Fund or such other period as the Directors may determine.

The Directors have decided to charge the Investment Advisory Fee and the fees and expenses relating to the establishment of the Fund out of capital. The rationale for the payment of such fees and expenses in this manner is that it will have the effect of increasing the distributable income for Classes C1, C3 and C6.

# **OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES**

# **Fixed Operating Fee**

The Fund shall be subject to a Fixed Operating Fee, which includes inter alia, the fees and expenses of the Administrator, Depositary, sub-custodial fees and transaction charges, Directors and Auditors fees and expenses, and fees paid to the Investment Adviser for administrative and related expenses. A description of the Fixed Operating Fee is set out in the Prospectus under "Charges and Expenses".

The current amount of Fixed Operating Fee by Share Class is listed below. The Fixed Operating Fee is payable out of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each Share Class.

Share Class	Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Class A1	0.60%
Class A2	0.60%
Class B4	0.60%
Class B5	0.60%
Class C3	0.60%



Class C6	0.60%
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For the avoidance of doubt, the Fixed Operating Fees set out above apply when the assets of the Fund do not exceed £500 million. See below for the discount to be applied where the assets of the Fund do exceed £500 million.

The Fixed Operating Fee shall accrue daily based on the prior day Net Asset Value of each Share Class and the Fixed Operating Fee accrued during a calendar month shall be paid to the Investment Adviser out of the assets of the Fund on or as soon as is practicable after the last business day of that calendar month. The Fixed Operating Fee will be calculated taking account of any discount to be applied, as indicated in the table below, based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund on the last business day of the previous month. In the event that the assets of the Fund exceed £500 million, in order to pass on any savings which may be made through economies of scale, the following discounts will be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee of all Share Classes of the Fund:

Net asset value of the Fund	Discount to be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Below £500 million	0.000%
£500 million to £1 billion	0.010%
£1 billion to £2 billion	0.020%
£2 billion to £3 billion	0.030%
£3 billion to £4 billion	0.040%
£4 billion to £5 billion	0.050%
Over £5 billion	0.060%

The above discounts will not apply in circumstances that the Fixed Operating Fee after the applicable discount would be below 0.10%. For example, if the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.12% then the lowest it can go with the application of a volume discount is 0.10%. If the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.08% then the volume discounts will not apply as the Fixed Operating Fee is already below 0.10%.

Where an applicable threshold level of net asset value is achieved by the Fund on the last business day of any month, the relevant discount above will apply to the Fund in relation to the following month.

The Fixed Operating Fee is not currently subject to VAT, but in the event of Value Added Tax (or any equivalent tax) being imposed this may be levied against the property of the Fund.

Further details of the Fixed Operating Fees relating to the Fund and the Company appear under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus.

#### SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

# Subscription Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund are available for purchase on each subscription Dealing Day. The Dealing Days for the Fund shall be each Business Day. The subscription price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus) plus any initial charge payable to the Investment Adviser.

The Valuation Point in respect of each subscription Dealing Day is currently midday in Dublin on the subscription Dealing Day. The last traded price in each relevant market will be used.

Application Forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 11:59am (Dublin time) on the relevant Dealing Day (the "Subscription Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the



Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that Application Forms received after the Subscription Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Subscription Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point. Settlement should be made in accordance with the Prospectus and the instructions in the Application Form.

Minimum Investment Levels for Subscriptions

The minimum initial and additional investment in Shares of the Fund is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Investments	
Initial		Additional
Class A1, A2	€1,000	€1,000
Class B4	\$1,000	\$1,000
Class B5	\$5,000,000	\$1,000
Class C3, C6	£5,000,000	£1,000

Class C3 and B5 shares, are available to professional investors.

Class C6 shares, are available to professional investors with a minimum investment of £75,000,000 combined across all sub-funds within the Company.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to waive these Minimum Initial Investment and Minimum Subsequent Investment requirements in accordance with the principle of fair treatment of all Shareholders.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to decline to accept any application for Shares in any Class of the Fund, in particular applications into Classes that have not yet issued any Shares.

# Subscription Charges

An initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Net Asset Value per Share is payable in respect of subscriptions for Shares of the Fund.

The initial charge may be waived in whole or in part by the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser may, in its sole discretion, (i) pay commission to financial intermediaries including but not limited to the Distributors, sub-distributors, intermediaries and introducing agents who refer prospective investors out of the initial charge and the Investment Advisory Fee and/or (ii) waive the initial charge for certain prospective investors based on factors deemed appropriate by the Investment Adviser including, but not limited to, the amount of the proposed investment by a prospective investor. The Investment Adviser will only pay commission to regulated financial intermediaries.

# **REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

# Redemption Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on each Dealing Day. The redemption price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus).

A redemption Dealing Day in respect of each class of Shares of the Fund is each Business Day.

The Valuation Point in respect of each Dealing Day is currently midday in Dublin on the redemption Dealing Day.

Redemption forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11:59am (Dublin time) on the relevant redemption Dealing Day ("Redemption Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that redemption forms received after the Redemption Dealing Deadline will be processed on



the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Redemption Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point. Settlement of the redemption proceeds will be made in accordance with the procedures set out under "SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING - Redemptions" in the Prospectus.

# Minimum Redemptions and Holdings

The minimum redemption amount and minimum residual holding for Shares of the Fund (net of redemption charges) is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Redemptions and Holdings	
Redemption Amount		Residual Holding
Class A1, A2	€1,000	€1,000
Class B4	\$1,000	\$1,000
Class B5	\$1,000	\$5,000,000
Class C3, C6	£1,000	£5,000,000

If the holding in any Class falls below the "Residual Holding" amount specified in the above table, the Board of Directors reserves the right to compulsorily redeem the holding.

## **SWITCHING**

Shares of the Fund may be switched into Shares of other Funds in the Company on each Dealing Day on which Shares of both classes are available for subscription and redemption. The Company does not currently propose to charge a switching fee although it reserves the right to levy such a charge generally or in respect of specific Funds. Details of any such switching fees will be disclosed in the relevant Supplements of the Funds concerned. An initial charge may however be made as described above in relation to a transaction which the Company is instructed by Shareholders or their authorised agents to treat as a separate redemption and subscription.

Switching forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11:59am (Dublin time) on the Business Day to the relevant redemption and subscription Dealing Day ("Switching Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders or in respect of specific applications provided that switch forms received after the Switching Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Switching Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point.

# **SHARE PRICES**

The most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (for each class) are published following calculation on the following internet website: www.liontrust.co.uk. In addition, the most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (for each class) may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours and may also be published in such newspaper or journal as the Directors in their sole discretion may determine.

## **DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY**

This Fund operates income equalisation.

Income distributing shares

The Directors' current intention is to distribute in respect of each accounting period substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) of Fund attributable to the distributing classes, (the "Distributing Classes") in respect of each accounting period. At the Directors' discretion, where there is insufficient income available in the Fund, dividends may be declared and paid from net realised gains (i.e. realised gains net of realised and unrealised losses; and/or net realised and unrealised losses (i.e. realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses).



The Directors intend to make distributions to holders of the Distributing Classes on or before 31 May, 31 August, 30 November and last day of February with the relevant Share class going ex-dividend on 1 April, 1 July, 1 October and 1 January (each an Allocation Date) respectively in each year.

# Income accumulating shares

The Directors do not anticipate that any dividends or other distributions will be paid to the holders of classes of Class A1, Class A2, Class B4 and Class B5 of the Fund (the "Accumulating Classes") out of the net income (including interest and dividends) of the Fund attributable to such classes of the Accumulating Classes. The amount of net income attributable to a class of the Accumulating Classes on 1 April, 1 July, 1 October and 1 January (each an Allocation Date) shall become part of the capital property of the Fund.

# **UK Reporting Fund Status**

Class C1, C3, C6 and C7 have UK Reporting Fund status, the remaining class(es) do not have UK Reporting Fund Status. The Investment Adviser may apply for UK Reporting Fund status for further classes, as required. The full current list of Classes which have UK Reporting Fund status can be found on the <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds">www.gov.uk</a> website at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds</a>

Investors are referred to "DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY" in the Prospectus for further details on the dividend and reinvestment policy of the Fund.

## **COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS**

The attention of prospective investors is drawn to "COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS" in the Prospectus.

## **RISK FACTORS**

An investor who realises Shares of the Fund after a short period may, in addition, not realise the amount originally invested in view of any initial charge made on the issue of Shares of the Fund. The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

# **Distribution Policy Risk**

Potential investors should note that as part of the distribution policy of the classes of Class C1, Class C3 and Class C6 of the Fund the Directors may distribute substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) and such part of any net realised and unrealised capital gains attributable to those classes as, in their opinion, is appropriate to maintain a satisfactory level of distribution.

Any increase in distributions as a result of this policy may consequently result in a proportional increase in income for tax purposes although the potential for capital gains may correspondingly be lowered, and may have differing tax implications for investors. It is recommended that investors should seek independent professional advice with regards to distribution policy of the Fund.

Prospective investors should in addition take into account the Risk Factors referred to under "RISK FACTORS" in the Prospectus when considering whether to invest in Shares of the Fund.



If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser duly authorised in this regard. Shares are available for subscription on the basis of the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus and the documents referred to therein.

# LIONTRUST GLOBAL FUNDS plc

(an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds incorporated with a limited liability under the laws of Ireland, registered number 459084 authorised in Ireland as an investment company pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011)

#### SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROSPECTUS

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## LIONTRUST GF UK GROWTH FUND

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Liontrust GF UK Growth Fund (the "Fund"), the fifth fund of Liontrust Global Funds plc (the "Company"). It forms part of and must be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus of the Company dated 1 October, 2019 and in particular the information contained therein relating to:-

- the Company, its Funds and Shares;
- charges and expenses (including those for investment, administration and custody);
- subscription, redemption and switching of Shares; and
- Taxation, conflicts of interest and risk factors.

Distribution of this Supplement is only authorised if accompanied by the Prospectus of the Company. In addition, distribution of this Supplement and the Prospectus is not authorised in any jurisdiction unless accompanied by the most recent annual and/or, if more recent, semi-annual report of the Company.

The Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments for hedging or for investment purposes. This may have the effect of increasing volatility. Investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be suitable for all investors.

Investment in the Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is subject to the risk that the principal invested in the Fund is capable of fluctuation and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.

Dated 1 October, 2019



## **BASE CURRENCY OF FUND**

The Base Currency of the Fund is Sterling.

#### SHARES AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Shares of the Fund are currently available for subscription in the following denominations:-

Shares	Currency of Share Denomination
Class C3	Sterling Accumulating (Institutional)
Class C6	Sterling Distributing (Institutional)

The net asset value per Share will be calculated in the currency of the relevant Share Class.

# **Hedged Classes**

All classes that are not designated in the Base Currency of the Fund will be un-hedged. Further information on Share Class Hedging is set out below at the section entitled "Use of Derivatives" and in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management".

## **RISK PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INVESTOR**

The Fund is considered to be suitable for investors seeking long-term capital growth over a medium to long term investment horizon (at least 5 years) with a medium to high level of volatility, particularly given the Fund will be predominantly invested in equities.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide long term capital growth by investing predominantly in UK equities.

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

The Investment Adviser will seek to achieve the investment objective of the Fund by investing at least 80% of the Fund in equities of companies incorporated in the UK, or which are listed on a recognised stock exchange of the UK. The Fund may also invest up to 20% of its assets in all economic sectors in all parts of the world. The Investment Adviser may also use Foreign Exchange contracts (FX forwards) to hedge investments in non-base currency assets.

The focus of the Fund's investments is equities (including convertibles (up to a maximum of 20%) and preferred stocks) but it may also be invested in bonds and money market instruments (up to a maximum of 20% of its assets) for short term tactical capital protection, income generation or ancillary cash management purposes. Investment in bonds will be in corporate, government, fixed or floating rate bonds which may be rated or unrated (up to 10% in unrated bonds). In addition the Fund may invest in exchange traded funds (which are classified as collective investment schemes) and other open-ended collective investment schemes. Investment in closed-ended Alternative Investment Funds ("AIFs") will be considered as an investment in transferable securities and will be subject to the relevant UCITS investment restrictions relating to investment in transferable securities. Investments in Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) are not eligible transferable securities for this purpose. No more than 10% of the net assets of the Fund will be invested in aggregate in open-ended collective investment schemes including REITs.

The Fund is not expected to have any exposure to financial derivative instruments in normal circumstances, but the Investment Adviser may on occasion use financial derivative instruments (namely futures, options, total return swaps and embedded derivatives) for efficient portfolio management, for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes. The use of financial derivative instruments in these circumstances may, at times, result in the Fund being substantially invested in



short term Money Market Instruments (as described below) and/or cash to support such exposures. Further details are set out under the heading "Use of Derivatives" below.

In normal conditions, the Investment Adviser aims to hold a diversified portfolio. However, at times (i.e. where market factors dictate or at times of significant subscriptions and redemptions in the Fund) the Investment Adviser may decide to hold a more concentrated portfolio, and it is possible that a substantial portion of the Fund could be invested in cash or cash equivalents such as Money Market Instruments (i.e. short-term bonds, treasury bills, certificates of deposit and commercial paper).

#### **Investment Process**

The Fund is managed in accordance with the Liontrust Economic Advantage investment process as detailed below in this "Investment Process" section. This is a proprietary process researched and documented by the Investment Adviser.

Economic theory suggests that whenever a company has above average levels of profitability in a competitive market, new companies will enter the market and cause the company's above average profits to fall. This fundamental principle of competitive markets is known as reversion to the mean or regression to the mean. The Investment Adviser believes that the key to a successful investment strategy is to identify those few companies that can defy this principle and sustain a higher than average level of profitability for longer than expected which often surprises the market and typically leads to strong share price appreciation.

Such companies have characteristics that competitors struggle to reproduce even if they have understood the benefits arising from those characteristics. These characteristics thereby provide a barrier to competition and thus protect profitability.

In the experience of the Investment Adviser, the hardest to replicate of these particular characteristics fall into the following three categories of intangible assets:

- Intellectual property.
- Strong distribution networks.
- Significant recurring income (which is defined as at least 70% of annual turnover).

A company must have at least one of these characteristics to be included in the Fund. Occasionally companies have all three. Other less powerful but nonetheless important intangible strengths include: franchises and licenses; extraction rights; good customer databases and relationships; effective procedures and formats; strong brands and company culture.

# Portfolio Construction

The portfolio is constructed from stocks with compelling Economic Advantage taking into account the current economic conditions. If a company held within the portfolio retains its Economic Advantage and strong barriers to entry, the Investment Adviser will continue to hold it for the long term.

Each company is then graded for financial and industry risk and valuations to determine appropriate position sizes for each holding in the portfolio.

The portfolio as a whole is reviewed on a regular basis to ensure the bottom up stock selection process has not resulted in any unwanted portfolio biases. If appropriate, to ensure a balanced portfolio, the Fund can invest in other under-represented sectors that exhibit particularly strong Economic Advantage and low risk characteristics.

# **Cash and Currency Management**

Investments will predominately be made in assets denominated in Sterling, the base currency. The Investment Adviser may, at its discretion, choose to hedge all or a proportion of any non-Sterling denominated assets of the Fund into the Base Currency of the Fund, in order to mitigate the impact of



currency fluctuations on the value of non-Sterling denominated assets. Such hedging might incur costs, especially if forward interest rate levels are higher in non-Sterling currencies. Any such hedging activity will be for the purposes of efficient portfolio management within the limits laid down by the Central Bank as set out in the Prospectus.

It is possible that at certain times, a substantial portion of the Fund could be invested in cash, i.e. deposits with credit institutions (in accordance with the UCITS deposit risk spreading rules whereby no more than 20% on the Net Asset Value of the Fund may be invested with any one credit institution). The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in units or shares in collective investment schemes (including exchange traded funds ("ETF")), such as short term money market funds for cash management purposes.

Potential investors in the Fund are also referred to the general policies applicable to each Fund of the Company which appear under "Investment Objectives and Policies" in the Prospectus.

#### Use of Derivatives

The Fund may engage in transactions in financial derivative instruments (specifically currency forwards, total return swaps, futures, options and embedded derivatives) for efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes as set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Investment Powers and Restrictions".

Any derivative instrument in which the Fund enters will be in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements and the Regulations and limits in respect of derivative counterparties. Although the underlying exposure to the derivatives will usually be to equities and equity indices in line with the investment objective, the Fund may also have derivative exposure to bonds, foreign exchange rates or currencies for hedging purposes. Further details on the different derivative types can be found below and on the use of indices in the section "Permitted Financial Indices". Derivatives may be traded by the Fund either on exchange or over-the-counter.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes. The use of derivatives may create leverage or synthetic long positions (i.e. positions which are in economic terms equivalent to long positions). The Fund may create synthetic long positions through the use of futures, total return swaps or embedded derivatives. The Investment Adviser will take long positions through the use of derivatives to gain exposure to equities and currencies as described in this Supplement and to seek both to protect and to enhance the returns achieved. The synthetic long positions permit the Fund to gain exposure to assets where the Investment Adviser believes that a derivative exposure to the underlying asset represents better value or is more efficient than a direct exposure. The Fund is long-only and will not take short positions.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments (specifically forwards, total return swaps, and futures) for efficient portfolio management subject to the conditions and limits set out in the UCITS Regulations and Central Bank UCITS Regulations to manage risk and invest more efficiently. Where the Investment Adviser has decided to increase or reduce security specific and / or market risk in response to the Investment Adviser's views on market prospects, prices and values it may be more efficient to do so using financial derivatives as well as purchasing units or shares in collective investment schemes (including ETFs). For example, the Investment Adviser might reduce the Fund's exposure to market risk through the use of equity index futures, or may increase the Fund's exposure to a market sector through purchasing an appropriate ETF.

Although the base currency of the Fund is Sterling, the Investment Adviser may hold securities denominated in currencies other than Sterling and reserves the right to enter into foreign exchange and/or derivative transactions selectively with the aim of hedging or maintaining the value of the Fund in absolute terms. The Fund may utilise forwards, futures and total return swaps to hedge against currency fluctuations at a Fund level, but there can be no assurance that such hedging transactions will be undertaken and, if undertaken, will be effective or beneficial.

Forward foreign exchange contracts is an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. In currency forward contracts, the contract holders are obligated to buy or sell the currency at a specified price, at a specified quantity and on a specified future



date. Spot and forward foreign exchange contracts are also used more specifically to hedge the value of certain classes of Shares in the Company's Funds against changes in the exchange rate between the currency of denomination of the class of Shares and the Base Currency of the Fund, which is Sterling ("Share Class Hedging"). Where a class of Shares is hedged ("Hedged Classes"), such Share Class Hedging does not protect any of the Share classes from any non-Sterling exposure that might be held in the Fund.

Further information is set out in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management". It should be noted that the successful execution of a hedging strategy which mitigates this currency risk exactly cannot be assured.

Where a class is unhedged, a currency conversion will take place on subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and distributions at prevailing exchange rates. In such circumstances, the value of the Share expressed in the class currency will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency.

# **Financial Derivative Instrument Types**

The Fund may use the following financial derivative instruments.

#### Forwards

Forwards, such as forward foreign exchange contracts, are an obligation to purchase or sell a specific asset at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. In currency forward contracts, the contract holders are obligated to buy or sell the currency at a specified price, at a specified quantity and on a specified future date. The Fund may also use non deliverable forwards ("NDF") where the difference between the contracted NDF price or rate and the prevailing spot price or rate on an agreed notional amount is settled in an agreed currency. The Fund may use forwards for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

# Swap agreements

Swap agreements are two party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods typically ranging from a few weeks up to more than a year. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realised on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," (i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency or security, or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index). For example, a single total return equity swap may allow a view to be taken on the price movement of individual equity securities. They can be used to express both positive and negative views on securities (by creating a synthetic long or short position). Swap agreements may be used either individually or in combinations. The Fund may use Swap agreements for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing. The Fund will only enter into swap agreements with counterparties who are "Approved Institutions" as defined under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions – Eligible Counterparties".

#### **Futures**

Futures are contracts to buy or sell a standard quantity of a specific asset (or, in some cases, receive or pay cash based on the performance of an underlying asset, instrument or index) at a pre-determined future date and at a price agreed through a transaction usually undertaken on an exchange. These would be used by a fund to manage cash inflows and outflows whereby a fund can gain efficiency by using futures as compared to other securities. The Fund may use futures for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.



# **Options**

There are two forms of options, put and call options. Put options are contracts sold for a premium that gives one party (the buyer) the right, but not the obligation, to sell to the other party (the seller) of the contract, a specific quantity of a particular product or financial instrument at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Call options are similar contracts sold for a premium that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy from the seller of the option at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Options may also be cash settled. Options may also be used to take a positional view on the volatility of individual securities, baskets of securities, interest rates, indices, or to sell exposure to volatility. The Fund may use options for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

### **Embedded Derivatives**

Some financial instruments and other contracts combine, in a single contract, both a derivative and a non-derivative with the effect that some of the cash flows of the contract vary in a way similar to a standalone derivative. The embedded derivative may modify the value of the contract in relation to changes in a variable, such as an interest rate or yield, security, index or commodity price, credit rating, or foreign exchange rate. Embedded derivatives may provide leveraged exposure to the variable or the variable may itself be leveraged.

The Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives which do not have significant leverage or hidden leverage, i.e. the Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives where the market value or notional value is accurately captured using the conversion methodologies for the commitment approach as laid out in the risk management process of the Company.

Instruments with embedded derivatives that may be used by the Fund are listed below:

Convertible shares including callable / convertible preference shares

A type of share issued by a company that includes an option for the holder to convert the shares into a fixed number of common shares of the issuing company, usually anytime after a predetermined date and sometimes at a price fixed on issue. These shares may also give the holder rights to a fixed rate dividend (sometimes cumulative). If callable, the company has the right to buy back the shares at an agreed price under certain conditions.

Convertible bonds or other exchangeable bonds / credit instruments

A convertible bond or convertible note (or a convertible debenture if it has a maturity of greater than 10 years) is a type of bond that the holder can convert into a fixed number of common shares of the issuing company or other agreed asset such as cash usually anytime after a predetermined date and sometimes at a price fixed on issue. These bonds may also give the holder rights to a fixed rate coupon (sometimes cumulative).

Equity Linked Notes whose performance is linked to the performance of an equity instrument

An Equity-Linked Note (ELN) is a debt instrument, usually a bond that differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of a single equity security, a basket of equity securities, or an equity index. Any financial indices used will be UCITS compliant. A typical ELN is principal-protected, i.e. the investor is guaranteed to receive 100% of the original amount invested at maturity but receives no interest. The Equity linked note may include leverage.

FX structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of an underlying exchange rate

An FX structured instrument is a debt instrument, usually a bond, which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of an exchange rate or a combination of exchange rates. The FX structured instrument may include leverage. For example, the instrument may be structured to return the capital invested in 3 months adjusted for the total return of the Swiss Franc / Euro exchange rate and the 3 month Euribor interest rate over the investment period.



Index linked structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of an underlying market index or a basket of market indices

An Index linked structured instrument is a debt instrument, usually a bond, which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of an underlying financial index or a combination of financial indices. Any financial indices used will be UCITS compliant. The Index structured instrument may include leverage. For example, the instrument may be structured to give the total return of an equity index such as the FTSE 100 above a certain index level, i.e. if the index falls the value of the instrument is preserved, if the index value increases, so does the value of the instrument.

Hybrid structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of a combination of asset classes or a combination of asset class indices

A Hybrid structured instrument is a debt instrument which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of a combination of underlying eligible assets or eligible financial indices such as the combined return of an equity and a FX swap in the same instrument. Any financial indices used will be UCITS compliant. The Hybrid structured instrument may include leverage. For example, the instrument may be structured to give the total return of an Irish equity and the total return of the Sterling / Euro exchange rate to effectively provide a Sterling hedged investment in the underlying Irish equity.

# Partly Paid Securities;

A partly paid share in a company is one where only a partial payment (or deposit) has been made for a share, with the expectation that as the company requires more fund, calls are made one a time until the shares are fully paid and the calls cease.

Callable bonds (including callable step-up notes) and puttable bonds

A callable bond (also called a redeemable bond) is a type of debt security that allows the issuer of the bond to retain the privilege of redeeming the bond at some point before the bond reaches its date of maturity. A puttable bond allows the investor the privilege of redeeming the bond at some point before the bond reaches its date of maturity. In other words, on the call / put date(s), the issuer / the investor has the right, but not the obligation, to buy / sell the bonds at a defined price. The callable and puttable bonds have an embedded derivative, an option, which is not independently contractually transferable.

Warrants and Rights (including covered warrants)

A warrant gives the holder the right, but not the obligation, to buy ('call' warrant) or to sell ('put' warrant) an underlying asset at a specified price by a predetermined date. Warrants are frequently attached to bonds or preferred stock allowing the issuer to pay lower interest rates or dividends. The price paid for this right is the 'premium' and with covered warrants you cannot lose more than this initial premium paid. They are limited liability instruments so there are no further payments or margin calls required to maintain a covered warrant position.

The Fund may use embedded derivatives for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or equity securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

# **Permitted Financial Indices**

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments to obtain exposure to financial indices as described above. The indices selected by the Investment Adviser will meet the requirements for financial indices as laid out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. In particular they shall be sufficiently diversified, represent an adequate benchmark for the markets to which they refer, are published in an appropriate manner, and are independently managed from the management of the Fund.



Details of any indices used by the Fund will be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Adviser on request and will be set out in the Company's semi-annual and annual accounts. These indices include MSCI Indices, FTSE Indices and S&P Dow Jones Indices. Any indices will be cleared by the Central Bank or will meet its requirements.

The financial indices to which the Fund may gain exposure will be rebalanced on a quarterly or monthly basis (but not more frequently than monthly). As the Fund will invest in the financial indices using financial derivative instruments, there will be no material impact on its costs arising as a result of the re-balancing of a financial index. Where the weighting of a particular constituent in a financial index subsequently exceeds the UCITS investment restrictions, the Investment Adviser will as a priority objective look to remedy the situation taking into account the interests of Shareholders and the Fund.

## **Risk Management**

The Investment Adviser operates a risk management process which enables it to accurately monitor, measure and manage as frequently as appropriate the risk of the Fund's positions and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the Fund. The Investment Adviser will notify the Central Bank of the risk management process. The Company will, upon request, provide supplementary 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 category of investments.

The global exposure of the Fund to derivatives is calculated using the commitment approach. The commitment approach requires the Fund to convert each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative. The Fund may take into account netting and hedging arrangements when calculating its global exposure, where these arrangements do not disregard obvious and material risks and result in a clear reduction in risk exposure.

The Fund's global exposure to derivatives will be limited to 100% of Net Asset Value of the Fund.

# **Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs")**

SFTs include total return swaps; repurchase transactions; securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing; buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions; and margin lending transactions.

With the exception of total return swaps and securities lending, the Fund does not currently engage in SFTs. Securities lending transactions/agreements are transactions by which the Fund transfers securities to another counterparty subject to a commitment that the borrower will return equivalent securities on a future date or when requested to do so by the Fund. Where a Fund engages in SFTs, all revenue, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the Fund. The costs arising from these include any costs payable to the administrator of the securities lending programme. The Supplement will be updated prior to entry into any other SFTs.

The Fund's expected exposure to securities lending will be less than 20% of the assets under management of the Fund, with a maximum of 95% lent for each individual equity position depending on the liquidity of the underlying market. The Fund, although permitted to do so, does not currently use total return swaps but should this change, the Investment Adviser anticipates that the Fund's expected exposure to total return swaps will be less than 10% of the assets under management of the Fund and the maximum exposure of the Fund in respect of total return swaps shall be 100% of the assets under management of the Fund. Higher levels of exposure in respect to total return swaps may be encountered, for example, where the Fund has higher than normal exposures to sectors or countries where it is more efficient to hold total return swaps than the underlying equities, or where the total return swaps are netting or hedging other investments within the Fund. Where assets subject to Securities Financing Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2015/2365) are received by the Fund they will be safe-kept by the Depositary.

Further information in relation to SFTs including collateral management and eligible counterparties are set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions and Efficient Portfolio



Management". Further information on the risks associated with SFTs and collateral management is set out under the heading "Risk Management".

## INVESTMENT AND BORROWING POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

The investment and borrowing powers and restrictions to which the Fund is subject are described under "Investment Powers and Restrictions", "Restrictions on Borrowing, Lending and Dealing", "Further Details on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management", "Changes to Investment and Borrowing Restrictions" in the Prospectus.

## **FUND FEES AND EXPENSES**

## **INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES**

The Investment Adviser is entitled to receive a monthly Investment Advisory Fee in respect of the Shares of the Fund calculated as set out under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Investment Advisory Charges" in the Prospectus.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class C3 is 0.75% and for Class C6 is 0.75% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each Class.

The fees and expenses relating to the establishment of the Fund are estimated not to exceed £25,000. Such fees and expenses will be amortised over the first five accounting periods of the Fund or such other period as the Directors may determine.

#### OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES

Details of other charges and expenses relating to Fund and the Company appear under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus.

# **Fixed Operating Fee**

The Fund shall be subject to a Fixed Operating Fee, which includes inter alia, the fees and expenses of the Administrator, Depositary, sub-custodial fees and transaction charges, Directors and Auditors fees and expenses, and fees paid to the Investment Adviser for administrative and related expenses. A description of the Fixed Operating Fee is set out in the Prospectus under "Charges and Expenses".

The current amount of Fixed Operating Fee by Share Class is listed below. The Fixed Operating Fee is payable out of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each Share Class.

Share Class	Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Class C3	0.215%
Class C6	0.215%

For the avoidance of doubt, the Fixed Operating Fees set out above apply when the assets of the Fund do not exceed £500 million. See below for the discount to be applied where the assets of the Fund do exceed £500 million.

The Fixed Operating Fee shall accrue daily based on the prior day Net Asset Value of each Share Class and the Fixed Operating Fee accrued during a calendar month shall be paid to the Investment Adviser out of the assets of the Fund on or as soon as is practicable after the last business day of that calendar month. The Fixed Operating Fee will be calculated taking account of any discount to be applied, as indicated in the table below, based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund on the last business day of the previous month. In the event that the assets of the Fund exceed £500 million, in order to pass on any savings which may be made through economies of scale, the following discounts will be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee of all Share Classes of the Fund:



Net asset value of the Fund	Discount to be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Below £500 million	0.000%
£500 million to £1 billion	0.010%
£1 billion to £2 billion	0.020%
£2 billion to £3 billion	0.030%
£3 billion to £4 billion	0.040%
£4 billion to £5 billion	0.050%
Over £5 billion	0.060%

The above discounts will not apply in circumstances that the Fixed Operating Fee after the applicable discount would be below 0.10%. For example, if the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.12% then the lowest it can go with the application of a volume discount is 0.10%. If the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.08% then the volume discounts will not apply as the Fixed Operating Fee is already below 0.10%.

Where an applicable threshold level of net asset value is achieved by the Fund on the last business day of any month, the relevant discount above will apply to the Fund in relation to the following month.

The Fixed Operating Fee is not currently subject to VAT, but in the event of Value Added Tax (or any equivalent tax) being imposed this may be levied against the property of the Fund.

Further details of the Fixed Operating Fees relating to the Fund and the Company appear under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus.

#### SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

# Subscription Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund are available for purchase on each subscription Dealing Day. The Dealing Days for the Fund shall be any Business Day. The subscription price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus) plus any initial charge payable to the Investment Adviser.

The Valuation Point in respect of each subscription Dealing Day is currently midday in Dublin on the subscription Dealing Day. The last traded price in each relevant market will be used.

Application Forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 11.59a.m. (Dublin time) on the relevant Dealing Day (the "Subscription Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that Application Forms received after the Subscription Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Dealing Day. Settlement should be made in accordance with the Prospectus and the instructions in the Application Form.

# Minimum Investment Levels for Subscriptions

The minimum initial and additional investment in Shares of the Fund is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Investments	
	Initial	Additional
Class C3	£5,000,000	£1,000
Class C6	£5,000,000	£1,000

Class C3 shares, are available to professional investors.

Class C6 shares are available to professional investors with a minimum investment of £50,000,000



combined across all sub-funds within the Company.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to waive these Minimum Initial Investment and Minimum Subsequent Investment requirements in accordance with the principle of fair treatment of all Shareholders.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to decline to accept any application for Shares in any Class of the Fund, in particular applications into Classes that have not yet issued any Shares.

# Subscription Charges

An initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Net Asset Value per Share is payable in respect of subscriptions for Shares of the Fund.

The initial charge may be waived in whole or in part by the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser may, in its sole discretion, (i) pay commission to financial intermediaries including but not limited to the Distributors, sub-distributors, intermediaries and introducing agents who refer prospective investors out of the initial charge and the Investment Advisory Fee and/or (ii) waive the initial charge for certain prospective investors based on factors deemed appropriate by the Investment Adviser including, but not limited to, the amount of the proposed investment by a prospective investor. The Investment Adviser will only pay commission to regulated financial intermediaries.

## **REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

### Redemption Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on each Dealing Day. The redemption price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus).

A redemption Dealing Day in respect of each class of Shares of the Fund is any day which is a Business Day in both Ireland and the United Kingdom.

The Valuation Point in respect of each Dealing Day is currently midday in Dublin on the redemption Dealing Day.

Redemption forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11.59a.m. (Dublin time) on the relevant redemption Dealing Day ("Redemption Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that redemption forms received after the Redemption Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Dealing Day. Settlement of the redemption proceeds will be made in accordance with the procedures set out under "SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING – Redemptions" in the Prospectus.

# Minimum Redemptions and Holdings

The minimum redemption amount and minimum residual holding for Shares of the Fund (net of redemption charges) is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Redemptions and Holdings	
	Redemption Amount	Residual Holding
Class C3	£1,000	£5,000,000
Class C6	£1,000	£5,000,000

If the holding in any Class falls below the "Residual Holding" amount specified in the above table, the Board of Directors reserves the right to compulsorily redeem the holding.

# **SWITCHING**



Shares of the Fund may be switched into Shares of other Funds in the Company on each Dealing Day on which Shares of both classes are available for subscription and redemption. The Company does not currently propose to charge a switching fee although it reserves the right to levy such a charge generally or in respect of specific Funds. Details of any such switching fees will be disclosed in the relevant Supplements of the Funds concerned. An initial charge may however be made as described above in relation to a transaction which the Company is instructed by Shareholders or their authorised agents to treat as a separate redemption and subscription.

Switching forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11.59a.m. (Dublin time) on the relevant redemption and subscription Dealing Day ("Switching Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders or in respect of specific applications provided that switch forms received after the Switching Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Dealing Day.

### SHARE PRICES

The most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund is published following calculation on the following internet website: www.liontrust.co.uk. In addition, the most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (for each class) may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours and may also be published in such newspaper or journal as the Directors in their sole discretion may determine.

## **DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY**

This Fund operates income equalisation.

Income distributing shares

The Directors' current intention is to distribute in respect of each accounting period substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) of the Fund attributable to the Fund distributing classes, (the "Distributing Classes") in respect of each accounting period. At the Directors' discretion, where there is insufficient income available in the Fund, dividends may be declared and paid from net realised gains (i.e. realised gains net of realised and unrealised losses; and/or net realised and unrealised losses (i.e. realised and unrealised and unrealised losses).

The Directors intend to make distributions to holders of the Distributing Class on or before the last day of January with the relevant Share class going ex-dividend on 1 January (Allocation Date) respectively in each year.

Income accumulating shares

The Directors do not anticipate that any dividends or other distributions will be paid to the holders of accumulating classes of the Fund (the "Accumulating Classes") out of the earnings and profits of the Fund attributable to such classes of the Accumulating Classes. The amount of net income attributable to a class of the Accumulating Classes on 1 January (Allocation Date) shall become part of the capital property of the Fund.

# **UK Reporting Fund Status**

Classes C3 and C6 have UK Reporting Fund status, the remaining class(es) do not have UK Reporting Fund Status. The Investment Adviser may apply for UK Reporting Fund status for further classes, as required. The full current list of Classes which have UK Reporting Fund status can be found on the <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds">www.gov.uk</a> website at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds</a>

Investors are referred to "DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY" in the Prospectus for further details on the dividend and reinvestment policy of the Fund.

# **COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS**



The attention of prospective investors is drawn to "COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS" in the Prospectus.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

#### General Risks

Potential investors should note that the investments of the Fund are subject to market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities and there can be no assurance that any appreciation in value will occur. The value of investments and the income from them, and therefore the value of, and income from, the Shares of the Fund can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount he/she invests. Changes in exchange rates between currencies may also cause the value of the investments to diminish or increase. An investor who realises Shares of the Fund after a short period may, in addition, not realise the amount originally invested in view of any initial charge made on the issue of Shares of the Fund. The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

#### Currencies and Share Class Risk

Prospective investors should note that as the Base Currency of the Fund is Sterling, the Net Asset Value of any non-Sterling denominated Shares in the Fund will be affected by movements in the exchange rate. The Fund may undertake currency hedging transactions to seek to mitigate these movements but there can be no assurance that such currency hedging transactions, if any, will be successful. The Fund may therefore be exposed to a foreign exchange risk/currency risk. The benefits, losses and expenses relating to such hedging transactions shall be for the account of the relevant currency class of Shares.

In addition, the Fund may enter into transactions which alter the currency exposure of underlying assets in which the Fund is invested from time to time. The Fund's performance may thus be strongly influenced by movements in foreign exchange rates because currency positions held by a Fund may not correspond with the securities positions held

### **Distribution Policy Risk**

Potential investors should note that as part of the distribution policy of Class C6 of the Fund the Directors may distribute substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) and such part of any net realised and unrealised capital gains attributable to this class as, in their opinion, is appropriate to maintain a satisfactory level of distribution.

Any increase in distributions as a result of this policy may consequently result in a proportional increase in income for tax purposes although the potential for capital gains may correspondingly be lowered, and may have differing tax implications for investors. It is recommended that investors should seek independent professional advice with regards to distribution policy of the Fund.

Prospective investors should in addition take into account the Risk Factors referred to under "RISK FACTORS" in the Prospectus when considering whether to invest in Shares of the Fund.



If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser duly authorised in this regard. Shares are available for subscription on the basis of the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus and the documents referred to therein.

# LIONTRUST GLOBAL FUNDS plc

(an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between its sub-funds incorporated with a limited liability under the laws of Ireland, registered number 459084 authorised in Ireland as an investment company pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011)

#### SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROSPECTUS

for

# LIONTRUST GF EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Liontrust GF European Smaller Companies Fund (the "Fund"), the eighth fund of Liontrust Global Funds plc (the "Company"). It forms part of and must be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus of the Company dated 1 October, 2019 and in particular the information contained therein relating to:-

- the Company, its Funds and Shares:
- charges and expenses (including those for investment, administration and custody);
- · subscription, redemption and switching of Shares; and
- Taxation, conflicts of interest and risk factors.

Distribution of this Supplement is only authorised if accompanied by the Prospectus of the Company. In addition, distribution of this Supplement and the Prospectus is not authorised in any jurisdiction unless accompanied by the most recent annual and/or, if more recent, semi-annual report of the Company.

Investment in the Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is subject to the risk that the principal invested in the Fund is capable of fluctuation and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.

Due to the higher than average degree of risk because of its focus on smaller companies and the ability to invest in financial derivative instruments for investment purposes which may increase the volatility of the Fund, an investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.

Dated 1 October, 2019



## **BASE CURRENCY OF FUND**

The Base Currency of the Fund is Euros.

## SHARES AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Shares of the Fund are currently available for subscription in the following denominations:-

Shares	Currency of Share Denomination
Class A3*	Euro Accumulating (Launch Institutional)
Class A4	Euro Accumulating
Class A5	Euro Accumulating (Institutional)
Class B4	US Dollar Accumulating
Class B5	US Dollar Accumulating (Institutional)
Class C4	Sterling Accumulating
Class C5	Sterling Accumulating (Institutional)
Class CF	Sterling Accumulating (Founder)
Class X**	Euro Seed Accumulating (Institutional)

<sup>\*</sup> Note that Classes A3 Shares are available to professional investors who invest within the first six months of the launch of the Fund. Six months after the launch of the Fund, only existing shareholders in Classes A3 will be able to subscribe for additional shares; otherwise these Classes will be closed to new investors.

The net asset value per Share will be calculated in the currency of the relevant Share Class.

# **Hedged Classes**

All classes that are not designated in the Base Currency of the Fund will be un-hedged. Further information on Share Class Hedging is set out below at the section entitled "Use of Derivatives" and in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management".

## **RISK PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INVESTOR**

The Fund is considered to be suitable for investors seeking capital growth over a long term investment horizon (at least 5 years) and who are prepared to accept a medium to high level of volatility.

# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long term capital growth by investing primarily in European smaller companies.

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

The Investment Adviser will seek to achieve the investment objective of the Fund through exposure to equities either by direct investment or through the use of financial derivatives instruments linked to equities (CFDs or total return swaps, futures and embedded derivatives). The Investment Adviser may also use Foreign Exchange contracts (FX forwards) to hedge the portfolio or to adjust the Fund's currency exposures. Further details on how the investments are selected and the portfolio constructed are below in the section "Investment Process".

The Fund continuously invests at least 51 % of its' Net Asset Value in equity securities, which are listed on a stock exchange or traded on an organized market and which for this purpose are not investments in shares in investment funds. Investments in Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) are not eligible equity securities for this purpose.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class X is limited to a maximum of 3 million shares for this class. Additionally, investments in this Class is limited to distributors who have entered into a sub-distribution agreement with the Distributor.



The Investment Adviser may use financial derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management, for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes, further details are set out under the heading "Use of Derivatives" below. The use of financial derivative instruments may result in the Fund being substantially invested in short term money market instruments and/or cash to support such exposures.

In normal conditions, the Investment Adviser aims to hold a diversified portfolio. However, at times the Investment Adviser may decide to hold a more concentrated portfolio, and it is possible that a substantial portion of the Fund could be invested in cash or cash equivalents. In addition the Fund may invest in exchange traded funds (which are classified as collective investment schemes) and other open-ended collective investment schemes. Investment in closed-ended funds will be considered as an investment in transferable securities and will be subject to the relevant UCITS investment restrictions relating to investment in transferable securities. No more than 10% of the net assets of the Fund will be invested in aggregate in open-ended collective investment schemes.

Although the Fund may invest in all economic sectors in all parts of the world, it is intended that it will invest primarily in equities and equity related derivatives (i.e. CFDs, total return swaps, futures and embedded derivatives as described below) in companies incorporated in any European Economic Area ("EEA") Member State, together with Switzerland, or which are listed on a recognised stock exchange of an EEA Member State or Switzerland as set out in Appendix I.

The Fund may also invest in debt securities including government and corporate bonds, Money Market Instruments (including treasury bills, certificates of deposit, bankers acceptances and commercial paper), warrants, cash and near cash and deposits. The purpose of any such investments in debt securities is for liquidity and cash management purposes. Any investment in bonds will be in corporate and government fixed or floating rate instruments which may be rated or unrated (up to 15% of the net assets of the Fund may be invested in below investment grade and/or unrated bonds).

# **Investment Strategy**

The Investment Adviser believes that an investment process must take advantage of recurring behaviour in investment markets to be consistently successful. The approach developed by the Investment Adviser is designed to exploit the inaccuracy of profit forecasting made by company managers. Company managers make common mistakes in forecasting profit returns from investments. These errors create investment opportunities since errors in company profit forecasts are magnified in stock markets as investors adopt unreliable company forecasts to value future profits.

# Investment Process

The aim of the investment process is to invest in companies with strong cash flows that deploy cash prudently and which the Investment Adviser considers to be relatively cheap against other European smaller companies. The Investment Adviser aims to avoid companies with weak cash flows that overspend that are considered to be expensive versus other European smaller companies. The Investment Adviser uses published report and accounts to find companies generating high levels of cash and investing prudently. The process can best be described as focused on the forensic analysis of cash flows as presented by companies in their annual report and accounts.

The Fund invests in these businesses because in the experience of the Investment Adviser strong company cash flows after investment spending provides a valuable margin of safety that is often undervalued and underappreciated by investors, most of whom tend to be more focused on forecasting future profits.

As there are a large number of European smaller companies, it is necessary to find a way to highlight companies that are more likely than not to have the required characteristics (as outlined above). The Investment Adviser uses two cash flow measures to help identify potential investment opportunities: cash flow relative to capital and cash flow relative to market capitalization.

# Cash flow relative to capital



Companies with strong returns on this measure are defined as 'good cash' companies. 'Good cash' companies spend cautiously on operating assets and book profits prudently. They generate high returns on any cash invested and do not need to back their forecasts with substantial investments – their financial risk is low.

# Cash flow relative to market capitalisation

The second ratio ranks companies according to how investors value a company's cash flow. A company's cash flow divided by its market capitalisation (i.e. the company's value) allows a direct comparison of how investors value cash flow between companies. Companies that score well on this measure are priced cheaply because investors have low expectations for profits growth. High relative cash flows on this measure suggest that company managers have set cautious forecasts that can be realistically beaten.

The two cash flow measures are combined and ranked to generate a list of companies with the stocks cheaper than the market (as measured by cash flow yield) with cash returns on capital which are better than the market at the top and expensive stocks with cash returns on capital lower than the market at the bottom. Companies in the top 20% ranked by these measures often combine a realistic assessment of the risk in forecasting with a prudent approach to spending shareholders' cash. These top companies make cautious profit forecasts that can be realistically beaten, and generate significantly more cash than they need to sustain their planned growth.

Once a list of companies is produced, the Investment Adviser spends considerable time scrutinising the annual report and accounts of the identified companies. The Investment Adviser wants to understand each business the Fund invests in. A detailed knowledge of accounting is required to identify the sort of companies looked for, to make sure that the cash flow data is indicative of the type of forecast errors the Investment Adviser wants to exploit. The Investment Adviser then uses its own judgement to select the best investments from this list for the Fund.

## Portfolio Construction

The investment process is a stock-picking approach; the Fund will have a limited number of long positions. In normal market conditions, the Fund typically contains investments in 35 to 55 companies in total and whilst most of these positions are likely to be in direct investments in physical equities, a number of these positions may be held as synthetic long positions using derivatives (namely CFDs or total return swaps, futures and embedded derivatives) to gain the exposure as it may be more efficient to do so. The portfolio will not be constructed on a market cap weighted basis, i.e. the Fund will not invest in companies in proportion to their size.

Once an initial portfolio has been constructed as above, the Investment Adviser will examine the portfolio as a whole using appropriate risk models, and will set limits on, and monitor, various portfolio characteristics as laid out in the risk management process. The Investment Adviser will also review the resultant currency exposure of the Fund and may decide to hedge some or all of the currency exposures.

Positions in the Fund are sold when the Investment Adviser believes that the original investment thesis is no longer valid, the company is no longer in the top 20% of the list, or the investment reaches fair value

# **Cash and Currency Management**

The Investment Adviser may, at its discretion, and without restricting the ability to take currency positions, choose to hedge all or a proportion of the non-Euro denominated assets of the Fund into Euro, the Base Currency of the Fund, in order to mitigate the impact of currency fluctuations on the value of non-Euro denominated assets. Such hedging might incur costs, especially if forward interest rate levels are higher in non-Euro currencies. The instruments used will be forwards, non deliverable forwards ("NDF") and currency futures. Any such hedging activity will be for the purposes of efficient portfolio management within the limits laid down by the Central Bank as set out in the Prospectus.



The Fund may also hold and/or invest in, significant amounts of cash and cash equivalents (such as certificates of deposit), debt securities including government and corporate bonds and Money Market Instruments. The purpose of any such investments in cash and cash equivalents, debt securities and Money Market instruments may be for liquidity, short term tactical capital protection, collateral, income or ancillary cash management purposes or in situations where the Investment Adviser deems an appropriate investment opportunity is not available. Deposits with credit institutions will be in accordance with the UCITS deposit risk spreading rules whereby no more than 20% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund may be invested with any one credit institution. Any investment in bonds will be in corporate and government fixed or floating rate instruments which may be rated or unrated (up to 15% of the net assets of the Fund may be invested in below investment grade and/or unrated bonds). The Fund may pledge or charge its investments in debt securities as collateral for financial derivative instruments.

#### **Use of Derivatives**

The Fund may engage in transactions in financial derivative instruments (specifically forwards, CFDs or total return swaps, futures and embedded derivatives) for efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes as set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Investment Powers and Restrictions". Any derivative instrument in which the Fund enters will be in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements, the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and limits in respect of derivative counterparties. Although the underlying exposure to the derivatives will usually be to equities and equity indices in line with the investment objective, the Fund may also have derivative exposure to foreign exchange rates or currencies for hedging purposes. Further details on the different derivative types can be found below. Derivatives may be traded by the Fund either on exchange or over-the-counter.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes. The use of derivatives may create leverage or synthetic long positions (i.e. positions which are in economic terms equivalent to long positions). The Fund may create synthetic long positions through the use of futures, CFDs or total return swaps and embedded derivatives. The Investment Adviser will take long positions through the use of derivatives to gain exposure to equities and currencies as described in this Supplement and to seek both to protect and to enhance the returns achieved. The synthetic long positions permit the Fund to gain exposure to assets where the Investment Adviser believes that a derivative exposure to the underlying asset represents better value or is more efficient than a direct exposure.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments (specifically forwards, CFDs or total return swaps, futures and embedded derivatives) for efficient portfolio management subject to the conditions and limits set out in the UCITS Regulations and Central Bank UCITS Regulations to manage risk and invest more efficiently. Where the Investment Adviser has decided to increase or reduce security specific and / or market risk in response to the Investment Adviser's views on market prospects, prices and values it may be more efficient to do so using financial derivatives as well as purchasing units or shares in collective investment schemes (including ETFs). For example, the Investment Adviser might reduce the Fund's exposure to market risk through the use of equity index futures, or may increase the Fund's exposure to a market sector through purchasing an appropriate ETF.

Although the Base Currency of the Fund is Euro, the Investment Adviser anticipates holding securities denominated in currencies other than Euro and reserves the right to enter into foreign exchange and/or derivative transactions selectively with the aim of hedging or maintaining the value of the Fund in absolute terms. The Fund may utilise forwards, futures and total return swaps to hedge against currency fluctuations at a Fund level, but there can be no assurance that such hedging transactions will be undertaken and, if undertaken, will be effective or beneficial.

Forward foreign exchange contracts may also be used to hedge the value of certain classes of Shares in the Fund ("Share Class Hedging") against changes in the exchange rate between the currency of denomination of the class of Shares and the Base Currency of the Fund, which is Euro. Where a class of Shares is hedged ("Hedged Classes"), such Share Class Hedging does not protect any of the Share classes from any non-Euro exposure that might be held in the Fund.

Further information is set out in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management". It should be



noted that the successful execution of a hedging strategy which mitigates this currency risk exactly cannot be assured.

Where a class is unhedged, a currency conversion will take place on subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and distributions at prevailing exchange rates. In such circumstances, the value of the Share expressed in the class currency will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency.

# **Financial Derivative Instrument Types**

The Fund may use the following financial derivative instruments:

#### **Forwards**

Forwards, such as forward foreign exchange contracts, are an obligation to purchase or sell a specific asset at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. In currency forward contracts, the contract holders are obligated to buy or sell the currency at a specified price, at a specified quantity and on a specified future date. The Fund may also use NDFs where the difference between the contracted NDF price or rate and the prevailing spot price or rate on an agreed notional amount is settled in an agreed currency. The Fund may use Forwards for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

#### Total Return Swap agreements

Swap agreements are two party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than a year. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realised on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," (i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency or security, or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index). For example, a single total return swap may allow a view to be taken on the price movement of individual equity securities. They can be used to express both positive and negative views on securities (by creating a synthetic long or short position). Swap agreements may be used to allow the general market risk to be neutralised (or adjusted) from the Investment Adviser's view of a particular equity security or equity index provided such indices meet the requirements of the Central Bank. Swap agreements may be used either individually or in combinations. The Fund will only enter into swap agreements with counterparties who are "Approved Institutions" as defined under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions". The Fund may use swap agreements for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or equity securities, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

#### **Futures**

Futures are contracts to buy or sell a standard quantity of a specific asset (or, in some cases, receive or pay cash based on the performance of an underlying asset, instrument or index) at a pre-determined future date and at a price agreed through a transaction undertaken on an exchange. Futures may be used, for example, by the Fund to manage cash inflows and outflows whereby the Fund can gain efficiency by using futures as compared to equity securities. The Fund may use futures for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

## **Embedded Derivatives**

Some financial instruments and other contracts combine, in a single contract, both a derivative and a non-derivative with the effect that some of the cash flows of the contract vary in a way similar to a standalone derivative. The embedded derivative may modify the value of the contract in relation to changes in a variable, such as an equity price, financial index price, or foreign exchange rate. Embedded derivatives may provide leveraged exposure to the variable or the variable may itself be leveraged. The Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives which do not have significant leverage or hidden leverage, i.e. the Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives where the market value or notional



value is accurately captured using the conversion methodologies for the commitment approach as laid out in the risk management process of the Company.

Instruments such as convertible bonds may be used where it may be more efficient for the Fund to gain exposure to a company via a derivatives structured as a note or other debt instrument as listed below. It may also be more beneficial for the Fund to hold convertible bonds or other exchangeable bonds during periods of uncertainty when the Fund holds a higher proportion of cash or cash equivalent assets. This is because convertible or exchangeable bonds may provide more protection to investors as bondholders are more likely than shareholders to have some capital returned in the event of the failure of a company. The value of the convertible bond should also be less volatile than an equity in the same company and still provide upside to investors upon conversion to an equity if the company does perform well.

Instruments with embedded derivatives that may be used by the Fund are listed below:

Convertible shares including callable / convertible preference shares

A type of share issued by a company that includes an option for the holder to convert the shares into a fixed number of common shares of the issuing company, usually any time after a predetermined date and sometimes at a price fixed on issue. These shares may also give the holder rights to a fixed rate dividend (sometimes cumulative). If callable, the company has the right to buy back the shares at an agreed price under certain conditions.

Convertible bonds or other exchangeable bonds / credit instruments

A convertible bond or convertible note (or a convertible debenture if it has a maturity of greater than 10 years) is a type of bond that the holder can convert into a fixed number of common shares of the issuing company or other agreed asset such as cash usually any time after a predetermined date and sometimes at a price fixed on issue. These bonds may also give the holder rights to a fixed rate coupon (sometimes cumulative).

Equity Linked Notes whose performance is linked to the performance of an equity instrument

An Equity-Linked Note (ELN) is a debt instrument that differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of a single equity security, a basket of equity securities, or an equity index. Any financial indices used will be UCITS compliant. A typical ELN is principal-protected, i.e. the investor is guaranteed to receive 100% of the original amount invested at maturity but receives no interest. The Equity linked note may include leverage.

FX structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of an underlying exchange rate

An FX structured instrument is a debt instrument which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of an exchange rate or a combination of exchange rates. The FX structured instrument may include leverage. For example, the instrument may be structured to return the capital invested in 3 months adjusted for the total return of the Swiss Franc / Euro exchange rate and the 3 month Euribor interest rate over the investment period.

Index structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of an underlying financial index or a basket of financial indices

An Index structured instrument is a debt instrument which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of an underlying financial index or a combination of financial indices. Any financial indices used will be UCITS compliant. The Index structured instrument may include leverage. For example, the instrument may be structured to give the total return of a small cap equity index such as the FTSE Small Cap index above a certain index level, i.e. if the index falls the value of the instrument is preserved, if the index value increases, so does the value of the instrument.



Hybrid structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of a combination of asset classes or a combination of asset class indices

A Hybrid structured instrument is a debt instrument which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of a combination of underlying eligible assets or eligible financial indices such as the combined return of an equity and a FX swap in the same instrument. Any financial indices used will be UCITS compliant. The Hybrid structured instrument may include leverage. For example, the instrument may be structured to give the total return of a Swiss equity and the total return of the Swiss Franc / Euro exchange rate to effectively provide a Euro hedged investment in the underlying Swiss equity.

## Partly Paid Securities;

A partly paid share in a company is one where only a partial payment (or deposit) has been made for a share, with the expectation that as the company requires more funds, calls are made one a time until the shares are fully paid and the calls cease.

Warrants and Rights (including covered warrants)

A warrant gives the holder the right, but not the obligation, to buy ('call' warrant) or to sell ('put' warrant) an underlying asset at a specified price by a predetermined date. Warrants are frequently attached to bonds or preferred stock allowing the issuer to pay lower interest rates or dividends. The price paid for this right is the 'premium' and with covered warrants you cannot lose more than this initial premium paid. They are limited liability instruments so there are no further payments or margin calls required to maintain a covered warrant position.

The Fund may use embedded derivatives for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or equity securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

# **Permitted Financial Indices**

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments to obtain exposure to financial indices as described above. The indices selected by the Investment Adviser will meet the requirements for financial indices as laid out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. In particular they shall be sufficiently diversified, represent an adequate benchmark for the markets to which they refer, are published in an appropriate manner, and are independently managed from the management of the Fund. The equity indices selected will offer exposure to companies listed or traded on Recognised Exchanges listed from time to time under "RECOGNISED EXCHANGES" in the Prospectus.

Details of any indices used by the Fund will be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Adviser on request and will be set out in the Company's semi-annual and annual accounts. These indices include MSCI Indices, FTSE Indices and S&P Dow Jones Indices. Any indices will be cleared by the Central Bank or will meet its requirements.

The financial indices to which the Fund may gain exposure will be rebalanced on a quarterly or monthly basis (but not more frequently than monthly). As the Fund will invest in the financial indices using financial derivative instruments, there will be no material impact on its costs arising as a result of the re-balancing of a financial index. Where the weighting of a particular constituent in a financial index subsequently exceeds the UCITS investment restrictions, the Investment Adviser will as a priority objective look to remedy the situation taking into account the interests of Shareholders and the Fund.

# **Risk Management**

The Company is required under the UCITS Regulations to employ a risk management process which will enable it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the risks attached to financial derivatives instruments that it uses and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the Fund. The commitment method used by the Investment Adviser is one of the two methods explicitly permitted under the UCITS Regulations for this purpose, and details of this process have been provided to the Central Bank in the risk management process statement the Company has filed with the Central Bank. The Company will,



upon request, provide supplementary information to shareholders relating to the risk management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk characteristics of the main category of investments.

The global exposure of the Fund to derivatives is calculated using the commitment approach. The commitment approach requires the Fund to convert each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative. The Fund may take into account netting and hedging arrangements when calculating its global exposure, where these arrangements do not disregard obvious and material risks and result in a clear reduction in risk exposure.

The Fund's global exposure to derivatives will be limited to 100% of Net Asset Value of the Fund.

# **Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs")**

SFTs include total return swaps; repurchase transactions; securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing; buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions; and margin lending transactions.

With the exception of total return swaps and securities lending, the Fund does not currently engage in SFTs. Securities lending transactions/agreements are transactions by which the Fund transfers securities to another counterparty subject to a commitment that the borrower will return equivalent securities on a future date or when requested to do so by the Fund. Where a Fund engages in SFTs, all revenue, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the Fund. The costs arising from these include any costs payable to the administrator of the securities lending programme. The Supplement will be updated prior to entry into any other SFTs.

The Fund's expected exposure to securities lending will be less than 20% of the assets under management of the Fund, with a maximum of 95% lent for each individual equity position depending on the liquidity of the underlying market. The Fund, although permitted to do so, does not currently use total return swaps but should this change, the Investment Adviser anticipates that the Fund's expected exposure to total return swaps will be less than 20% of the assets under management of the Fund and the maximum exposure of the Fund in respect of total return swaps shall be 100% of the assets under management of the Fund. Higher levels of exposure in respect to total return swaps may be encountered, for example, where the Fund has higher than normal exposures to sectors or countries where it is more efficient to hold total return swaps than the underlying equities, or where the total return swaps are netting or hedging other investments within the Fund. Where assets subject to Securities Financing Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2015/2365) are received by the Fund they will be safe-kept by the Depositary.

Further information in relation to SFTs including collateral management and eligible counterparties are set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions and Efficient Portfolio Management". Further information on the risks associated with SFTs and collateral management is set out under the heading "Risk Management".

# INVESTMENT AND BORROWING POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

The investment and borrowing powers and restrictions to which the Fund is subject are described under "Investment Powers and Restrictions", "Restrictions on Borrowing, Lending and Dealing", "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management", "Changes to Investment and Borrowing Restrictions" in the Prospectus. However, while the Company is generally authorised to invest in other open-ended collective investment schemes, as described in the section of the Prospectus referred to above, the Fund itself will not invest more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in such schemes.

The use of financial derivative instruments is permitted for the Fund subject to the conditions and limits set out under "Investment Objectives and Policies", in the Prospectus and in accordance with the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. These conditions include, for example, a requirement to ensure that where a financial derivative instrument gives rise to a commitment for a Fund it must be covered as follows: (i) in the case of cash settled financial derivative instruments, the Fund must hold sufficient liquid assets at all times to cover the exposure; (2) in the case of financial



derivative instruments which requires physical delivery, the asset must be held at all times, or with sufficient liquid assets if the underlying asset consists of highly liquid fixed income securities or the Fund considers that the exposure can be adequately managed, and the position exposure to underlying assets of derivative instruments (other than index based derivatives) (whether used for hedging or for investment purposes), when combined with positions resulting from direct investments, will not exceed the investment limits to which the Fund is subject.

## **FUND FEES AND EXPENSES**

#### **INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES**

The Investment Advisor is entitled to receive a monthly Investment Advisory Fee in respect of the Shares of the Fund calculated as set out under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Investment Advisory Charges" in the Prospectus.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A4, B4 and C4 is 1.50% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class A5, B5 and C5 is 1.00% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class A3 and CF is 0.75% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class X is 0.50% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

#### Performance Fee:

In addition to the Investment Advisory Fee, the Investment Adviser is entitled to a performance fee (the "Performance Fee") in relation to the Fund. The Performance Fee will be paid out of the net assets attributable to each Class of the Fund.

The Performance Fee shall be calculated and shall accrue at the Valuation Point and the accrual will be reflected in the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund. The performance period of the Fund is every 12 months ending on the last Business Day of each calendar year (the "Performance Period"). The first Performance Fee Period shall begin at the end of the Initial Offer Period of the Fund and shall finish on 31 December 2017. Subsequent Performance Fee Periods shall be calculated in respect of each period of twelve months beginning on 1 January and ending on the following 31 December.

The Performance Fee will be paid annually in arrears as soon as practicable after the close of business on the Business Day following the end of the relevant Performance Period.

The Performance Fee for all Classes for each Performance Period shall be equal to 10% of the amount, if any, by which the Net Asset Value before Performance Fee accrual of the Fund exceeds the Indexed Net Asset Value of the Fund on the last Business Day of the Performance Period. In addition, the Performance Fee with respect to any redemptions of Shares during the Performance Period will crystallise and become payable within 14 days of redemption date.

"Indexed Net Asset Value" means in respect of the initial Performance Period for the Fund the Initial Offer Price of the Fund multiplied by the number of Shares of the Fund issued during the Initial Offer Period, increased on each Dealing Day by the value of any subscriptions or decreased pro rata by the value of any redemptions which have taken place since the Initial Offer Period, increased or decreased by the total return of the Benchmark over the course of the Performance Period. For each subsequent Performance Period for the Fund the "Indexed Net Asset Value" means either (i) where a Performance Fee was payable in respect of the prior Performance Period, the Net Asset Value of the Fund, increased on each Dealing Day by the value of any subscriptions or decreased pro rata by the value of any redemptions which have taken place since the beginning of such Performance Period, increased or decreased by the total return of the Benchmark over the course of the Performance Period; or (ii) where no Performance Fee was payable in respect of the prior Performance Period, the Indexed Net Asset



Value of the Fund at end of the prior Performance Period, increased on each Dealing Day by the value of any subscriptions or decreased pro rata by the value of any redemptions which have taken place since the beginning of such Performance Period, increased or decreased by the total return of the Benchmark over the course of the Performance Period.

For the avoidance of doubt any underperformance versus the benchmark will be clawed back and must be recouped before any additional performance fee will accrue in subsequent Performance Periods. Further, a Performance Fee will only be paid on the amount by which the Net Asset Value exceeds the Indexed Net Asset Value of the Fund.

"Benchmark" means the MSCI Europe Small Cap Index net total return (the "Index"). Bloomberg id: M7EUSC<sup>1</sup>

As at the date of this Supplement, the administrator of the Index, namely MSCI appears on the register of administrators and benchmarks maintained by ESMA pursuant to Article 36 of the Benchmark Regulation

**General Investment Advisory Fee and Performance Fee matters:** The Depositary shall verify the calculation and payment of the Performance Fee.

The Investment Advisory Fee and the Performance Fee are exclusive of value added tax (if any).

Performance Fees are payable on realised and unrealised capital gains taking into account realised and unrealised losses. Consequently, Performance Fees may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised.

## OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES

## **Fixed Operating Fee**

The Fund shall be subject to a Fixed Operating Fee, which includes inter alia, the fees and expenses of the Administrator, Depositary, sub-custodial fees and transaction charges, Directors and Auditors fees and expenses, and fees paid to the Investment Adviser for administrative and related expenses. A description of the Fixed Operating Fee is set out in the Prospectus under "Charges and Expenses".

The current amount of Fixed Operating Fee by Share Class is listed below. The Fixed Operating Fee is payable out of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each Share Class.

Share Class	Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Class A3	0.50%
Class A4	0.50%
Class A5	0.50%
Class B4	0.50%
Class B5	0.50%
Class C4	0.50%
Class C5	0.50%
Class CF	0.50%
Class X	0.50%

For the avoidance of doubt, the Fixed Operating Fees set out above apply when the assets of the Fund

<sup>1</sup> Note: In accordance with the EU Benchmark Regulations, the Fund is a "user" of a benchmark and is required to disclose the Index administrator's registration with ESMA. The position should be confirmed with the Benchmark Administrator.



do not exceed £500 million. See below for the discount to be applied where the assets of the Fund do exceed £500 million.

The Fixed Operating Fee shall accrue daily based on the prior day Net Asset Value of each Share Class and the Fixed Operating Fee accrued during a calendar month shall be paid to the Investment Adviser out of the assets of the Fund on or as soon as is practicable after the last business day of that calendar month. The Fixed Operating Fee will be calculated taking account of any discount to be applied, as indicated in the table below, based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund on the last business day of the previous month. In the event that the assets of the Fund exceed £500 million, in order to pass on any savings which may be made through economies of scale, the following discounts will be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee of all Share Classes of the Fund:

Net asset value of the Fund	Discount to be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Below £500 million	0.000%
£500 million to £1 billion	0.010%
£1 billion to £2 billion	0.020%
£2 billion to £3 billion	0.030%
£3 billion to £4 billion	0.040%
£4 billion to £5 billion	0.050%
Over £5 billion	0.060%

The above discounts will not apply in circumstances that the Fixed Operating Fee after the applicable discount would be below 0.10%. For example, if the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.12% then the lowest it can go with the application of a volume discount is 0.10%. If the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.08% then the volume discounts will not apply as the Fixed Operating Fee is already below 0.10%.

Where an applicable threshold level of net asset value is achieved by the Fund on the last business day of any month, the relevant discount above will apply to the Fund in relation to the following month.

The Fixed Operating Fee is not currently subject to VAT, but in the event of Value Added Tax (or any equivalent tax) being imposed this may be levied against the property of the Fund.

Further details of the Fixed Operating Fees relating to the Fund and the Company appear under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus.

#### SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

# Subscription Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund are available for purchase on each subscription Dealing Day. The Dealing Days for the Fund shall be each Business Day. The subscription price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus) plus any initial charge payable to the Investment Adviser.

The Valuation Point in respect of each subscription Dealing Day is currently midnight in Dublin on the subscription Dealing Day. The last traded price in each relevant market will be used.

Application Forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 11:59 a.m. (Dublin time) on the relevant Dealing Day (the "Subscription Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that Application Forms received after the Subscription Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Subscription Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the



Valuation Point. Settlement should be made in accordance with the Prospectus and the instructions in the Application Form.

## Minimum Investment Levels for Subscriptions

The minimum initial and additional investment in Shares of the Fund is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Investments	
	Initial	Additional
Class A3, A5	€5,000,000	€1,000
Class A4	€1,000	€1,000
Class B4	US\$1,000	US\$1,000
Class B5	US\$5,000,000	US\$1,000
Class C4	£1,000	£1,000
Class C5	£5,000,000	£1,000
Class CF	Nil	Nil
Class X	€5,000,000	€1,000

Class A3, A5, B5 and C5 shares, are available to professional investors.

Class X shares are available to distributors who have entered into a sub-distribution agreement with the Distributor.

Class CF Shares are only available for investment by Liontrust Asset Management plc.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to waive these Minimum Initial Investment and Minimum Subsequent Investment requirements in accordance with the principle of fair treatment of all Shareholders.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to decline to accept any application for Shares in any Class of the Fund, in particular applications into Classes that have not yet issued any Shares.

## Subscription Charges

An initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Net Asset Value per Share is payable in respect of subscriptions for Shares of the Fund.

The initial charge may be waived in whole or in part by the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser may, in its sole discretion, (i) pay commission to financial intermediaries including but not limited to the Distributors, sub-distributors, intermediaries and introducing agents who refer prospective investors out of the initial charge and the Investment Advisory Fee and/or (ii) waive the initial charge for certain prospective investors based on factors deemed appropriate by the Investment Adviser including, but not limited to, the amount of the proposed investment by a prospective investor.

# **REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

# Redemption Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on each Dealing Day. The redemption price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus).

A Dealing Day in respect of each class of Shares of the Fund is each Business Day.

The Valuation Point in respect of each Dealing Day is currently midnight in Dublin on the redemption Dealing Day.

Redemption forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11:59 a.m. (Dublin time) on the relevant redemption Dealing Day ("Redemption Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as



the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that redemption forms received after the Redemption Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Redemption Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point. Settlement of the redemption proceeds will be made in accordance with the procedures set out under "SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING - Redemptions" in the Prospectus.

# Minimum Redemptions and Holdings

The minimum redemption amount and minimum residual holding for Shares of the Fund (net of redemption charges) is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Redemptions and Holdings	
	Redemption Amount	Residual Holding
Class A3, A5, X	€1,000	€5,000,000
Class A4	€1,000	€1,000
Class B4	\$1,000	\$5,000,000
Class B5	\$1,000	\$1,000
Class C4	£1,000	£1,000
Class C5	£1,000	£5,000,000
Class CF	Nil	Nil

If the holding in any Class falls below the "Residual Holding" amount specified in the above table, the Board of Directors reserves the right to compulsorily redeem the holding.

### **SWITCHING**

Shares of the Fund may be switched into Shares of other Funds in the Company on each Dealing Day on which Shares of both classes are available for subscription and redemption. The Company does not currently propose to charge a switching fee although it reserves the right to levy such a charge generally or in respect of specific Funds. Details of any such switching fees will be disclosed in the relevant Supplements of the Funds concerned. An initial charge may however be made as described above in relation to a transaction which the Company is instructed by Shareholders or their authorised agents to treat as a separate redemption and subscription.

Switching forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11:59 a.m. (Dublin time) on the relevant redemption and subscription Dealing Day ("Switching Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders or in respect of specific applications provided that switch forms received after the Switching Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Switching Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point.

#### **SHARE PRICES**

The most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund is published following calculation on each Business Day on the following internet website: www.liontrust.co.uk. In addition, the most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (in each currency) may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours and may also be published in such newspaper or journal as the Directors in their sole discretion may determine.

## **DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY**

This Fund operates income equalisation.

The Directors do not anticipate that any dividends or other distributions will be paid to the holders of accumulating classes of the Fund (the "Accumulating Classes") out of the earnings and profits of the Fund attributable to such classes of the Accumulating Classes. The amount of net income attributable



to a class of the Accumulating Classes on 1 July and 1 January (each an Allocation Date) shall become part of the capital property of the Fund.

Investors are referred to "DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY" in the Prospectus for further details on the dividend and reinvestment policy of the Fund.

## **COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS**

The attention of prospective investors is drawn to "COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS" in the Prospectus.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

## General Risks

Potential investors should note that the investments of the Fund are subject to market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities and there can be no assurance that any appreciation in value will occur. The value of investments and the income from them, and therefore the value of, and income from, the Shares of the Fund can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount he/she invests. Changes in exchange rates between currencies may also cause the value of the investments to diminish or increase. An investor who realises Shares of the Fund after a short period may, in addition, not realise the amount originally invested in view of any initial charge made on the issue of Shares of the Fund. The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of Shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

Securities of smaller capitalisation companies may, from time to time, and especially in falling markets, become illiquid and experience short-term price volatility and wide spreads between bid and offer prices. Investment in smaller capitalisation companies may involve higher risk than investment in larger companies.

The securities of smaller companies may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than larger, more established companies or the market average in general. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or they may be dependent on a limited management group. Full development of those companies takes time. In addition, many small company stocks trade less frequently and in smaller volume, and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than stocks of large companies. The securities of small companies may also be more sensitive to market changes than the securities of large companies. These factors may result in above-average fluctuations in the price of a Fund's shares.

# Currencies and Share Class Risk

Prospective investors should note that as the Base Currency of the Fund is the Euro, the Net Asset Value of the Sterling and US Dollar denominated Shares in the Fund will be affected by movements in the exchange rate of Sterling and US Dollar against the Euro. The Fund may undertake currency hedging transactions to seek to mitigate these movements but there can be no assurance that such currency hedging transactions, if any, will be successful. The Fund may therefore be exposed to a foreign exchange risk/currency risk. The benefits, losses and expenses relating to such hedging transactions shall be for the account of the relevant currency class of Shares.

In addition, the Fund may enter into transactions which alter the currency exposure of underlying assets in which the Fund is invested from time to time. The Fund's performance may thus be strongly influenced by movements in foreign exchange rates because currency positions held by a Fund may not correspond with the securities positions held.

## Risk of Investment in Deposits

Potential Investors should note an investment in the Fund is not a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available



to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. As a result an investment in the Fund is subject to possible fluctuation in its value.

The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

Prospective investors should in addition take into account the Risk Factors referred to under "RISK FACTORS" in the Prospectus when considering whether to invest in Shares of the Fund.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Class CF Shares are participating shares in the Company and have equal voting rights with all other Share Classes in the Fund.

Investors in the Fund should note that Class CF Shares will be held exclusively by employees/representatives of Liontrust Asset Management plc an affiliate of the Investment Adviser. However, Class CF Shareholders will abstain from voting in any general meeting of the Company or the Fund.

The performance of the Fund will be benchmarked against the MSCI Europe Small Cap Index net total return (the "Benchmark"). The Benchmark captures a representation of smaller companies across the developed market countries in Europe.



If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser duly authorised in this regard. Shares are available for subscription on the basis of the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus and the documents referred to therein.

# LIONTRUST GLOBAL FUNDS plc

(an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between its sub-funds incorporated with a limited liability under the laws of Ireland, registered number 459084 authorised in Ireland as an investment company pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011) as amended

#### SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROSPECTUS

for

## LIONTRUST GF STRATEGIC BOND FUND

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Liontrust GF Strategic Bond Fund (the "Fund"), the ninth fund of Liontrust Global Funds plc (the "Company"). It forms part of and must be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus of the Company dated 1 October, 2019 and in particular the information contained therein relating to:-

- the Company, its Funds and Shares;
- charges and expenses (including those for investment, administration and custody);
- subscription, redemption and switching of Shares; and
- Taxation, conflicts of interest and risk factors.

Distribution of this Supplement is only authorised if accompanied by the Prospectus of the Company. In addition, distribution of this Supplement and the Prospectus is not authorised in any jurisdiction unless accompanied by the most recent annual and/or, if more recent, semi-annual report of the Company.

The Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments for hedging or for investment purposes. This may have the effect of increasing volatility. Investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be suitable for all investors.

Investment in the Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is subject to the risk that the principal invested in the Fund is capable of fluctuation and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.

Dated 1 October, 2019



## **BASE CURRENCY OF FUND**

The Base Currency of the Fund is US Dollar.

# SHARES AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Shares of the Fund are currently available for subscription in the following denominations:-

Shares	Currency of Denomination
Class A1 Accumulating	Euro
Class A1 Distributing	Euro
Class A5 Accumulating	Euro
Class A5 Distributing	Euro
Class A8 Accumulating	Euro
Class A8 Distributing	Euro
Class A9 Accumulating	Euro
Class A9 Distributing	Euro
Class B1 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B1 Distributing	US Dollar
Class B5 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B5 Distributing	US Dollar
Class B8 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B8 Distributing	US Dollar
Class B9 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B9 Distributing	US Dollar
Class C1 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C1 Distributing	Sterling
Class C5 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C5 Distributing	Sterling
Class C8 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C8 Distributing	Sterling
Class C9 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C9 Distributing	Sterling
Class D1 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D1 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class D5 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D5 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class D8 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D8 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class D9 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D9 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class CF Accumulating	Sterling (Founder)

The net asset value per Share will be calculated in the currency of the relevant Share Class.

# **Hedged Classes**

Other than Class CF, all classes that are not designated in the Base Currency of the Fund will be hedged ("Hedged Classes"). Further information on Share Class Hedging is set out below at the section entitled "Use of Derivatives" and in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management".

# **RISK PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INVESTOR**

The Fund is considered to be suitable for investors seeking to maximise total return over a long term investment horizon (at least 5 years) and who are prepared to accept a medium level of volatility. The



Fund's potential use of derivatives may lead to a higher risk in the management of its assets.

# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

The investment objective of the Fund is to maximise total returns over the long term through a combination of income and capital. The Fund will invest in bond and credit markets worldwide (including developed and emerging markets).

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

The Investment Adviser will seek to achieve the investment objective of the Fund by investing directly in bond and credit instruments (as described below) or through the use of derivatives (specifically currency forwards, total return swaps, credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, futures, options and embedded derivatives as described further below).

The Fund's investments will be broadly diversified, however at times the Investment Adviser may choose to hold a portfolio with concentrated exposure to certain instrument types, issuer types, creditworthiness, duration or geography. In normal market conditions, the majority of the Fund's investments will be in bond and credit markets, although it is possible that at certain times, (i.e. where market factors dictate or at times of significant subscription and redemptions in the Fund), a substantial portion, or the entire Fund could be invested in cash or cash equivalents such as Money Market Instruments (i.e. short-term bonds, treasury bills, certificates of deposit and commercial paper).

The Fund will invest in government bond and credit markets through investments in debt securities, namely bonds which may be fixed or floating rate, corporate or sovereign, inflation or index linked bonds and other forms of securitised debt (including embedded derivatives as outlined in greater detail below) such as credit linked notes, mortgage or other asset backed debt instruments.

Investments will be made in debt securities of differing creditworthiness (including sovereign debt, investment grade instruments, high yield or speculative grade instruments, or unrated instruments) issued by governments, corporate issuers and borrowers in developed and emerging market countries and those of, or guaranteed by, supranational, national and local governments and government related entities in such countries. There are no formal limits or restrictions on credit rating, maturity or duration of the debt securities which may be held by the Fund.

Investment will be made in debt securities denominated in hard currencies (including the US Dollar, Euro and the currencies of the developed countries) and may invest up to 25% of the fund in soft currencies (for example, emerging markets). The majority of currency exposure will be hedged using currency forwards with a 10% aggregate unhedged limit.

Investment may be made in debt securities (either directly or through derivative positions) in developed or emerging markets. The Fund may invest up to 40% of its net assets in what the Investment Adviser considers to be emerging markets. For the purposes of the Fund, emerging market countries can be defined as all the countries in the world other than those classified as "advanced" by the International Monetary Fund ("IMF"). Due to the constantly changing definition and perception of what is an emerging or developing economy, the definition of an emerging market country may change as the position of previously developing market countries approach or equate, in the Investment Adviser's opinion, to that of advanced economies in terms of development factors such as size, liquidity, risk profile and such countries will not be treated as emerging market countries. The Fund's investment in emerging markets will be on a worldwide basis and, due to the constantly changing definition and perception of what is an emerging or developing economy, such investment will not have a particular geographic focus but will encompass countries with relatively low gross national product per capita and with the potential for rapid economic growth. Emerging market countries are generally located in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and the developing countries of Europe. There are no formal limits on the investment in any one region or country. With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities or in units of open ended collective investment schemes, investment by the Fund in securities is restricted to securities listed or dealt in on the Recognised Exchanges listed in the Prospectus.

The Fund will use derivatives for both investment purposes, for efficient portfolio management and for hedging purposes. This may include using derivatives to produce synthetic short positions, in order to



achieve the desired exposures as detailed below.

## **Investment Strategy**

The investment process used by the Investment Adviser adopts a fundamental approach to investing in the bond and credit markets, based on the premise that fixed income markets are not efficient. The investment process is designed to capture these inefficiencies through a top-down analysis for making strategic decisions and detailed bottom-up analysis. The investment process uses the same tools to examine both top down and bottom up factors. For each investment, fundamental, valuation and technical factors are considered to ensure consistency in decision making and to provide a flexible approach to bond investment. This means that the level of interest rate and credit risk within the portfolio can be expected to vary materially within the cycle.

## Strategic top-down analysis

This is used to assess the attractiveness of different areas of the global bond and credit markets as well as regions, countries and currencies (on a hedged basis). Factors in the top-down analysis include the political environment and macro-economic variables such as real GDP growth, inflation, budget and current account deficits, monetary and fiscal policy, foreign exchange reserves and debt burden, as well as forward looking surveys (such as surveys of investor sentiment) and indicators (such as inflation expectations and business capital expectations).. The fundamentals, absolute and relative valuations, and technical factors of each market that the Fund is invested in are assessed. The output from this part of the investment process determines the top down shape of the Fund. The Investment Adviser will position the Fund in accordance with its opinion on the relative attractiveness and accessibility of each of the different areas of the exposure of the Fund to issuer type (e.g. sovereign versus corporate), creditworthiness (e.g. investment grade versus speculative grades), geography (e.g. developed versus emerging markets) and currency (e.g. developed currencies versus emerging currencies).

Judgements are made not only about absolute value but also about relative value - for example between sovereign and corporate bonds, one country and another, or one currency bloc and another.

## Bottom-up analysis

On an ongoing basis, each of the holdings of the Fund is reviewed to ensure that it is still an appropriate investment for the portfolio given the prevailing macroeconomic backdrop, i.e. that the balance between risk and reward of the individual security remains in line with the investment objective of the Fund when considered as part of the overall portfolio; it also provides a valuable feedback loop to challenge the top down view.

As part of this bottom-up analysis, creditworthiness of the issuers of debt securities is assessed. The aim is to assess an issuer's creditworthiness, with respect to both ability and willingness to pay commitments in a timely manner. Factors in the bottom-up analysis of corporates include the quality of management, financial variables such as interest coverage (a measure of the number of times a company is able to pay (or cover) its interest payment obligations) and debt ratios, and the sensitivity of the business to changes in the environment for its products. The analysis of sovereigns is generally based upon macro, top-down, factors although at an individual country sovereign level, the political environment and macro-economic variables mentioned above may be considered also as bottom-up factors.

## Security selection

The attractiveness of various bonds whether sovereign or corporate, in developed or emerging markets, is judged after consideration of a number of factors such as:

- The expected total return relative to the assessed risk
- The contribution from income and capital, to the expected return
- Issue size and liquidity
- Currency of denomination
- Outstanding term to maturity
- Duration



Sustainability of cashflows

#### Portfolio construction

A portfolio is constructed that, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, best meets the objectives of the Fund as to expected total return, income yield, duration, risk to capital, volatility and leverage.

In constructing the portfolio, the Investment Adviser will consider the most efficient way of achieving the investment objective using the securities identified in the selection process and any other instruments required, namely through the use of financial derivative instruments (including derivative instruments with leverage). The Investment Adviser may also create synthetic short positions to allow the Fund to benefit from downwards movement in prices or overpricing of securities or market factors by taking short or negative exposures as further described under "Use of Derivatives" below.

# **Cash and Currency Management**

Investments will be made in assets denominated in a number of currencies. The Investment Adviser may, at its discretion, choose to hedge all or a proportion of the non-US Dollar denominated assets of the Fund into US Dollar, the Base Currency of the Fund, in order to mitigate the impact of currency fluctuations on the value of non-US Dollar denominated assets. Such hedging might incur costs, especially if forward interest rate levels are higher in non-US Dollar currencies. Any such hedging activity will be for the purposes of efficient portfolio management within the limits laid down by the Central Bank as set out in the Prospectus.

Generally any non-US Dollar denominated investments will be hedged back to US Dollar; however, at times, up to 10% of Fund net assets may be denominated in non-US currencies that are not hedged back to US dollars.

It is possible that at certain times, a substantial portion of the Fund could be invested in cash, i.e. deposits with credit institutions (in accordance with the UCITS deposit risk spreading rules whereby no more than 20% on the Net Asset Value of the Fund may be invested with any one credit institution). The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in units or shares in collective investment schemes (including exchange traded funds ("ETF")) such as short term money market funds for cash management purposes.

Potential investors in the Fund are also referred to the general policies applicable to each Fund of the Company which appear under "Investment Objectives and Policies" in the Prospectus.

#### **Use of Derivatives**

The Fund may engage in transactions in financial derivative instruments (specifically currency forwards, total return swaps, futures, options and embedded derivatives) for efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes as set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Investment Powers and Restrictions".

Any derivative instrument in which the Fund enters will be in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements, the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and limits in respect of derivative counterparties.

The financial derivative instruments which may be invested in by the Fund to provide exposure to government bond, credit and currency markets to achieve the Fund's investment objective and policy include forwards, credit default swaps ("CDS") (on single names and/or indices), swaps (including interest rate swaps and total return swaps (on single names (i.e. underlying reference obligation or company) or indices), futures and options (including options on CDS). Further details on the different derivative types can be found below. Derivatives may be traded by the Fund either on exchange or over-the-counter. The Fund may also have derivative exposure to foreign exchange rates or currencies for hedging purposes.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes. The use of derivatives will create leverage or synthetic long positions (i.e. positions which are in economic terms equivalent to



long positions). The Fund may create synthetic long or short positions by, for example, the use of futures, options and swaps. The synthetic short positions allow the Fund to benefit from downwards movement in prices or overpricing of securities or market factors by having short or negative position in the underlying security. The Fund's exposure to synthetic short positions will be limited to 100% of Net Asset Value. The synthetic long positions permit the Fund to gain exposure to assets where the Investment Adviser believes that a derivative exposure to the underlying asset represents better value or is more efficient than a direct exposure. The Fund's exposure to synthetic long positions will be limited to 100% of Net Asset Value.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments (specifically currency forwards, total return swaps, CDS, futures and embedded derivatives) for efficient portfolio management subject to the conditions and limits set out in the UCITS Regulations and Central Bank UCITS Regulations to manage risk and invest more efficiently. Where the Investment Adviser has decided to increase or reduce debt security specific and / or market risk in response to the Investment Adviser's views on market prospects, prices and values it may be more efficient to do so using financial derivatives as well as purchasing units or shares in collective investment schemes (including ETFs). For example, the Investment Adviser might reduce the Fund's exposure to credit risk through the use of CDS instruments, or may increase the Fund's exposure to US Treasuries through purchasing shares/units in an appropriate ETF. The total exposure to collective investment schemes (including ETFs) including those used for cash management purposes will not exceed 10% of its Net Asset Value.

Although the Base Currency of the Fund is US Dollar, the Investment Adviser anticipates holding securities denominated in currencies other than US Dollar and reserves the right to enter into foreign exchange and/or derivative transactions selectively with the aim of hedging or maintaining the value of the Fund in absolute terms. The Fund may utilise forwards, futures and total return swaps to hedge against currency fluctuations at a Fund level, but there can be no assurance that such hedging transactions will be undertaken and, if undertaken, will be effective or beneficial.

Forward foreign exchange contracts may also be used to hedge the value of certain classes of Shares in the Fund ("Share Class Hedging") against changes in the exchange rate between the currency of denomination of the class of Shares and the Base Currency of the Fund, which is US Dollar. In respect of the Hedged Classes outlined above, such Share Class Hedging does not protect any of the Share classes from any non-US Dollar exposure that might be held in the Fund.

Further information is set out in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management". It should be noted that the successful execution of a hedging strategy which mitigates this currency risk exactly cannot be assured.

Where a class is unhedged, a currency conversion will take place on subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and distributions at prevailing exchange rates. In such circumstances, the value of the Share expressed in the class currency will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency.

# **Financial Derivative Instrument Types**

The Fund may use the following financial derivative instruments:

# Forwards

Forwards, such as forward foreign exchange contracts, are an obligation to purchase or sell a specific asset at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. In currency forward contracts, the contract holders are obligated to buy or sell the currency at a specified price, at a specified quantity and on a specified future date. The Fund may also use non deliverable forwards ("NDF") where the difference between the contracted NDF price or rate and the prevailing spot price or rate on an agreed notional amount is settled in an agreed currency. The Fund may use Forwards for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

Swap agreements



Swap agreements are two party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than a year. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realised on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," (i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency or security, or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index). For example, a single total return swap may allow a view to be taken on the price movement of individual fixed income securities. They can be used to express both positive and negative views on securities (by creating a synthetic long or short position). Swap agreements may be used to allow the general market risk to be neutralised (or adjusted) from the Investment Adviser's view of a particular fixed income security or index provided such indices meet the requirements of the Central Bank. Swap agreements may be used either individually or in combinations. The Fund will only enter into swap agreements with counterparties who are "Approved Institutions" as defined under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions". The Fund may use swap agreements for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

# Credit Default Swaps (CDS)

The "buyer" in a CDS contract is obligated to pay the "seller" a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract in return for a contingent payment upon the occurrence of a credit event with respect to an underlying reference obligation. Generally, a credit event means bankruptcy, failure to pay or obligation acceleration. If a credit event occurs, the seller typically must pay the contingent payment to the buyer, which is typically the "par value" (full notional value) of the reference obligation. The contingent payment may be a cash settlement or by physical delivery of the reference obligation in return for payment of the face amount of the obligation. The Fund may be either the buyer or seller in the transaction. If the Fund is a buyer and no credit event occurs, the Fund may lose its investment and recover nothing. However, if a credit event occurs, the buyer typically receives full notional value for a reference obligation that may have little or no value. If the Fund is a seller, the Fund receives a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the contract, which typically is between one month and five years, provided that no credit event occurs. If a credit event occurs, the seller may pay the buyer the full notional value of the reference obligations. CDS involve greater risks than if the Fund had invested in the reference obligation directly. In addition to general market risks, CDS are subject to liquidity risk, credit risk and basis risk. If a credit event were to occur, the value of the reference obligation received by the seller, coupled with the periodic payments previously received, may be less than the full notional value it pays to the buyer, resulting in a loss of value to the Fund. The Fund may use CDS for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities and efficient investing.

# **Futures**

Futures are contracts to buy or sell a standard quantity of a specific asset (or, in some cases, receive or pay cash based on the performance of an underlying asset, instrument or index) at a pre-determined future date and at a price agreed through a transaction undertaken on an exchange. Futures may be used, for example, by the Fund to manage cash inflows and outflows whereby the Fund can gain efficiency by using futures as compared to fixed income securities. The Fund may use futures for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

# **Options**

There are two forms of options, put and call options. Put options are contracts sold for a premium that gives one party (the buyer) the right, but not the obligation, to sell to the other party (the seller) of the contract, a specific quantity of a particular product or financial instrument at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Call options are similar contracts sold for a premium that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy from the seller of the option at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Options may also be cash settled. Options may also be used to take a positional view on the volatility of individual debt securities, baskets of debt securities, CDS, interest rates, credit indices and/or credit index sector, or to sell exposure to volatility. The Fund may use Options for hedging, tactical asset



allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

#### **Embedded Derivatives**

Some financial instruments and other contracts combine, in a single contract, both a derivative and a non-derivative with the effect that some of the cash flows of the contract vary in a way similar to a standalone derivative. The embedded derivative may modify the value of the contract in relation to changes in a variable, such as an interest rate or yield, security, index or commodity price, credit rating, or foreign exchange rate. Embedded derivatives may provide leveraged exposure to the variable or the variable may itself be leveraged. The Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives which do not have significant leverage or hidden leverage, i.e. the Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives where the market value or notional value is accurately captured using the conversion methodologies for the commitment approach as laid out in the risk management process of the Company.

The Fund may use Embedded Derivatives for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

Instruments with embedded derivatives that may be used by the Fund are listed below:

Other exchangeable bonds / credit instruments

Some bonds, which are normally subordinated within a company's capital structure, can switch from fixed rate to floating interest payments at call dates for the security. In extremis, some bonds can convert into a fixed number of common or preference shares of the issuing company or other agreed asset such as cash usually if the issuing company is under severe financial stress. These bonds may also give the holder rights to a fixed rate coupon (sometimes cumulative).

Credit Linked Notes (including participatory notes) whose performance is linked to the performance of a credit instrument, e.g. corporate bond.

Credit Linked Notes are typically created through a special purpose company, or trust, which is collateralized with securities. Investors buy a note from the trust that pays a fixed or floating coupon during the life of the note. At maturity, the investors receive par unless the referenced credit defaults or declares bankruptcy, in which case they receive an amount equal to the recovery rate. The trust enters into a default swap with a deal arranger. In case of default, the trust pays the dealer par minus the recovery rate in exchange for an annual fee which is passed on to the investors in the form of a higher yield on the notes. The Credit linked notes may be related to the price, yield or credit rating of the underlying instrument or issuer and may include leverage.

Index linked structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of an underlying financial index or a basket of financial indices

An Index linked structured instrument (such as an index-linked note) is a debt instrument which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of an underlying financial index or a combination of financial indices. Any financial indices used will be UCITS compliant. The Index linked note may include leverage. For example, the instrument may be structured to give the total return of the Citigroup World Government Bond Index above a certain index level, i.e. if the index falls the value of the instrument is preserved, if the index value increases, so does the value of the instrument.

Callable bonds (including step-up notes) and puttable bonds

A callable bond (also called redeemable bond) is a type of debt security that allows the issuer of the bond to retain the privilege of redeeming the bond at some point before the bond reaches its date of maturity. A callable bond includes a step-up note which refers to the increase in a bond's coupon payment (as set out in the bond's legal documentation) if certain circumstances occur. Such



circumstances include the failure to redeem the bond by a call date or if the credit rating of the bond falls. A puttable bond allows the investor the privilege of redeeming the bond at some point before the bond reaches its date of maturity. In other words, on the call / put date(s), the issuer / the investor has the right, but not the obligation, to buy / sell the bonds at a defined price. The callable and puttable bonds have an embedded derivative, an option, which is not independently contractually transferable.

Warrants and Rights (including covered warrants)

A warrant gives the holder the right, but not the obligation, to buy ('call' warrant) or to sell ('put' warrant) an underlying asset at a specified price by a predetermined date. Warrants are frequently attached to bonds or preferred stock allowing the issuer to pay lower interest rates or dividends. The price paid for this right is the 'premium' and with covered warrants you cannot lose more than this initial premium paid. They are limited liability instruments so there are no further payments or margin calls required to maintain a covered warrant position.

The Fund may use embedded derivatives for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or equity securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

Mortgage or asset backed securities

Mortgage or asset backed securities in respect of which the Fund may invest, may embed leverage. Therefore as these instruments may contain embedded leverage, any leverage arising from investment in such instruments will be monitored, measured and managed in accordance with the risk management process of the Fund. The Fund will not use these instruments with significant leverage until provision for such instruments has been included in the risk management process of the Company and cleared by the Central Bank.

# **Permitted Financial Indices**

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments to obtain exposure to financial indices as described above. The indices selected by the Investment Adviser will meet the requirements for financial indices as laid out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. In particular they shall be sufficiently diversified, represent an adequate benchmark for the markets to which they refer, are published in an appropriate manner, and are independently managed from the management of the Fund.

Details of any indices used by the Fund will be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Adviser on request and will be set out in the Company's semi-annual and annual accounts. These indices include MSCI Indices, FTSE Indices, iBOXX indices, Markit iTraxx and CDX indices, S&P Dow Jones Indices, BofA Merrill Lynch Indices and Bloomberg Barclays Capital Indices. Any indices will be cleared by the Central Bank or will meet its requirements.

The financial indices to which the Fund may gain exposure will be rebalanced on a quarterly or monthly basis (but not more frequently than monthly). As the Fund will invest in the financial indices using financial derivative instruments, there will be no material impact on its costs arising as a result of the re-balancing of a financial index. Where the weighting of a particular constituent in a financial index subsequently exceeds the UCITS investment restrictions, the Investment Adviser will as a priority objective look to remedy the situation taking into account the interests of Shareholders and the Fund.

# **Risk Management**

The Company is required under the UCITS Regulations to employ a risk management process which will enable it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the risks attached to financial derivatives instruments that it uses and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the Fund. The "Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach" method used by the Investment Adviser is one of the two methods explicitly permitted under the UCITS Regulations for this purpose, and details of this process have been provided to the Central Bank in the risk management process statement the Company has filed with the Central Bank.



The Company will, upon request, provide supplementary information to shareholders relating to the risk management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk characteristics of the main category of investments.

VaR is an estimate of the maximum potential loss due to market risk rather than leverage. The VaR approach estimates the maximum potential loss at a given confidence level, or probability, over a specific time period under normal market conditions. The Fund will use the Absolute VaR approach, the VaR calculation will be carried out in accordance with the following parameters:

- i. one-tailed confidence interval of 99 %;
- ii. holding period equivalent to 1 month (20 business days);
- iii. effective observation period (history) of risk factors of at least 1 year (250 business days) unless a shorter observation period is justified by a significant increase in price volatility (for instance extreme market conditions);
- iv. quarterly data set updates, or more frequent when market prices are subject to material changes;
- v. at least daily calculation.

Below are details of an estimate of the expected leverage of the Fund, under normal market conditions, calculated for this purpose as the sum of all notional derivative positions including currency hedging positions.

Liontrust GF Strategic Bond Fund	Sum of notional
	derivatives
Expected leverage under normal market conditions	150% of the NAV of the Fund
Maximum leverage levels	350% of the NAV of the Fund

Shareholders should be aware that there is a possibility of higher leverage levels than those under normal market conditions, and in this regard, the maximum leverage levels for the fund is also shown.

Potential investors in the Fund are also referred to the general policies applicable to each Fund of the Company which appear under "THE COMPANY - Investment Objectives and Policies" in the Prospectus.

# **Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs")**

SFTs include total return swaps; repurchase transactions; securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing; buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions; and margin lending transactions.

With the exception of total return swaps and securities lending, the Fund does not currently engage in SFTs. Securities lending transactions/agreements are transactions by which the Fund transfers securities to another counterparty subject to a commitment that the borrower will return equivalent securities on a future date or when requested to do so by the Fund. Where a Fund engages in SFTs, all revenue, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the Fund. The costs arising from these include any costs payable to the administrator of the securities lending programme. The Supplement will be updated prior to entry into any other SFTs.

The Fund's expected exposure to securities lending will be less than 20% of the assets under management of the Fund, with a maximum of 95% lent for each individual bond position depending on the liquidity of the underlying market. The Fund, although permitted to do so, does not currently use total return swaps but should this change, the Investment Adviser anticipates that the Fund's expected exposure to total return swaps will be less than 20% of the assets under management of the Fund and the maximum exposure of the Fund in respect of total return swaps shall be 40% of the assets under management of the Fund. Higher levels of exposure in respect to total return swaps may be encountered, for example, where the Fund has higher than normal exposures to sectors or countries where it is more efficient to hold total return swaps than the underlying bond, or where the total return swaps are netting or hedging other investments within the Fund. Where assets subject to Securities



Financing Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2015/2365) are received by the Fund they will be safe-kept by the Depositary.

Further information in relation to SFTs including collateral management and eligible counterparties are set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions and Efficient Portfolio Management". Further information on the risks associated with SFTs and collateral management is set out under the heading "Risk Management".

#### INVESTMENT AND BORROWING POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

The investment and borrowing powers and restrictions to which the Fund is subject are described under "Investment Powers and Restrictions", "Restrictions on Borrowing, Lending and Dealing", "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management", "Changes to Investment and Borrowing Restrictions" in the Prospectus. However, while the Company is generally authorised to invest in other open-ended collective investment schemes, as described in the section of the Prospectus referred to above, the Fund itself will not invest more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in such schemes.

The use of financial derivative instruments is permitted for the Fund subject to the conditions and limits set out under "Investment Objectives and Policies", in the Prospectus and in accordance with the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. These conditions include, for example, a requirement to ensure that where a financial derivative instrument gives rise to a commitment for a Fund it must be covered as follows: (i) in the case of cash settled financial derivative instruments, the Fund must hold sufficient liquid assets at all times to cover the exposure; (2) in the case of financial derivative instruments which requires physical delivery, the asset must be held at all times, or with sufficient liquid assets if the underlying asset consists of highly liquid fixed income securities or the Fund considers that the exposure can be adequately managed, and the position exposure to underlying assets of derivative instruments (other than index based derivatives) (whether used for hedging or for investment purposes), when combined with positions resulting from direct investments, will not exceed the investment limits to which the Fund is subject.

# **FUND FEES AND EXPENSES**

# **INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES**

The Investment Adviser is entitled to receive a monthly Investment Advisory Fee in respect of the Shares of the Fund calculated as set out under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Investment Advisory Charges" in the Prospectus.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A1, B1, C1 and D1 is 1.10% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A5, B5, C5 and D5 is 0.55% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A8, B8, C8 and D8 is 0.35% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A9, B9, C9 and D9 is 0.80% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class CF is 0.55% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The above fees apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

## **OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES**



## **Fixed Operating Fee**

The Fund shall be subject to a Fixed Operating Fee, which includes inter alia, the fees and expenses of the Administrator, Depositary, sub-custodial fees and transaction charges, Directors and Auditors fees and expenses, and fees paid to the Investment Adviser for administrative and related expenses. A description of the Fixed Operating Fee is set out in the Prospectus under "Charges and Expenses".

The current amount of Fixed Operating Fee by Share Class is listed below. The Fixed Operating Fee is payable out of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each Share Class.

Share Class	Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Class A1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class A1 Distributing	0.12%
Class A5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class A5 Distributing	0.12%
Class A8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class A8 Distributing	0.12%
Class A9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class A9 Distributing	0.12%
Class B1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class B1 Distributing	0.12%
Class B5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class B5 Distributing	0.12%
Class B8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class B8 Distributing	0.12%
Class B9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class B9 Distributing	0.12%
Class C1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class C1 Distributing	0.12%
Class C5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class C5 Distributing	0.12%
Class C8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class C8 Distributing	0.12%
Class C9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class C9 Distributing	0.12%
Class D1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class D1 Distributing	0.12%
Class D5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class D5 Distributing	0.12%
Class D8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class D8 Distributing	0.12%
Class D9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class D9 Distributing	0.12%
Class CF Accumulating	0.12%

For the avoidance of doubt, the Fixed Operating Fees set out above apply when the assets of the Fund do not exceed £500 million. See below for the discount to be applied where the assets of the Fund do exceed £500 million.

The Fixed Operating Fee shall accrue daily based on the prior day Net Asset Value of each Share Class and the Fixed Operating Fee accrued during a calendar month shall be paid to the Investment Adviser out of the assets of the Fund on or as soon as is practicable after the last business day of that calendar month. The Fixed Operating Fee will be calculated taking account of any discount to be applied, as indicated in the table below, based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund on the last business day of the previous month. In the event that the assets of the Fund exceed £500 million, in order to pass on any savings which may be made through economies of scale, the following discounts will be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee of all Share Classes of the Fund:



Net asset value of the Fund	Discount to be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Below £500 million	0.000%
£500 million to £1 billion	0.010%
£1 billion to £2 billion	0.020%
£2 billion to £3 billion	0.030%
£3 billion to £4 billion	0.040%
£4 billion to £5 billion	0.050%
Over £5 billion	0.060%

The above discounts will not apply in circumstances that the Fixed Operating Fee after the applicable discount would be below 0.10%. For example, if the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.12% then the lowest it can go with the application of a volume discount is 0.10%. If the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.08% then the volume discounts will not apply as the Fixed Operating Fee is already below 0.10%.

Where an applicable threshold level of net asset value is achieved by the Fund on the last business day of any month, the relevant discount above will apply to the Fund in relation to the following month.

The Fixed Operating Fee is not currently subject to VAT, but in the event of Value Added Tax (or any equivalent tax) being imposed this may be levied against the property of the Fund.

Further details of the Fixed Operating Fees relating to the Fund and the Company appear under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus.

# SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

#### Initial Offer Period

The Initial Offer Period for all Classes of Shares in the Fund which are available for subscription but have not yet launched will close at 5 p.m. Irish time on 12 July, 2019. The Initial Offer Period in respect of any Class of Shares in the Fund which have not yet launched may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After the closing of the Initial Offer Period, Shares in the Fund will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

## Initial Offer Price

During the Initial Offer Period Shares will be offered at the Initial Offer Price. The Initial Offer Price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be as follows:

Shares	Initial Offer Price
Class A Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	EUR10
Class B Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	US\$10
Class C Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	GBP10
Class D Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	CHF10
Class CF Shares (Accumulating)	GBP0.01

The Initial Offer Price is exclusive of an initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Initial Offer Price.

## Subscription Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund are available for purchase on each Dealing Day. The Dealing Days for the Fund shall be each Business Day. The subscription price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per



Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus) plus any initial charge payable to the Investment Adviser.

The Valuation Point in respect of each subscription Dealing Day is currently midnight (Irish time) on the subscription Dealing Day. The last traded price in each relevant market will be used.

Application Forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 11.59a.m. (Irish time) on the relevant Dealing Day (the "Subscription Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that Application Forms received after the Subscription Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Subscription Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point. Settlement should be made in accordance with the Prospectus and the instructions in the Application Form.

## Minimum Investment Levels for Subscriptions

The minimum initial and additional investment in Shares of the Fund is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Investments	
	Initial	Additional
Class A1, A9	€1,000	€1,000
Class A5	€5,000,000	€1,000
Class A8	€50,000,000	€1,000
Class B1, B9	\$1,000	\$1,000
Class B5	\$5,000,000	\$1,000
Class B8	\$50,000,000	\$1,000
Class C1, C9	£1,000	£1,000
Class C5	£5,000,000	£1,000
Class C8	£50,000,000	£1,000
Class D1, D9	F1,000	F1,000
Class D5	F5,000,000	F1,000
Class D8	F50,000,000	F1,000
Class CF	Nil	Nil

Class A9, B9, C9 and D9 shares are available to platforms or wealth managers with advisory clients.

Class CF Shares are only available for investment by Liontrust Asset Management plc.

The above minimum investment amounts apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

The Board of Directors reserves the right to waive these Minimum Initial Investment and Minimum Subsequent Investment requirements in accordance with the principle of fair treatment of all Shareholders.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to decline to accept any application for Shares in any Class of the Fund, in particular applications into Classes that have not yet issued any Shares.

# **Subscription Charges**

An initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Net Asset Value per Share is payable in respect of subscriptions for Shares of the Fund.

The initial charge may be waived in whole or in part by the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser may, in its sole discretion, (i) pay commission to financial intermediaries including but not limited to the Distributors, sub-distributors, intermediaries and introducing agents who refer prospective investors out



of the initial charge and the Investment Advisory Fee and/or (ii) waive the initial charge for certain prospective investors based on factors deemed appropriate by the Investment Adviser including, but not limited to, the amount of the proposed investment by a prospective investor.

#### **REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

## Redemption Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on each Dealing Day. The redemption price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus).

A Dealing Day in respect of each class of Shares of the Fund is each Business Day.

The Valuation Point in respect of each Dealing Day is currently midnight (Irish time) on the Dealing Day.

Redemption forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11.59a.m. (Irish time) on the relevant redemption Dealing Day ("Redemption Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that redemption forms received after the Redemption Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Redemption Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point. Settlement of the redemption proceeds will be made in accordance with the procedures set out under "SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING - Redemptions" in the Prospectus.

# Minimum Redemptions and Holdings

The minimum redemption amount and minimum residual holding for Shares of the Fund is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Redemptions and Holdings	
	Redemption Amount	Redemption Holding
Class A1, A9	€1,000	€1,000
Class A5	€1,000	€5,000,000
Class A8	€1,000	€50,000,000
Class B1, B9	\$1,000	\$1,000
Class B5	\$1,000	\$5,000,000
Class B8	\$1,000	\$50,000,000
Class C1, C9	£1,000	£1,000
Class C5	£1,000	£5,000,000
Class C8	£1,000	£50,000,000
Class D1, D9	F1,000	F1,000
Class D5	F1,000	F5,000,000
Class D8	F1,000	F50,000,000
Class CF	Nil	Nil

The above minimum redemption and residual holding amounts apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

If the holding in any Class falls below the "Residual Holding" amount specified in the above table, the Board of Directors reserves the right to compulsorily redeem the holding.

## **SWITCHING**

Shares of the Fund may be switched into Shares of other Funds in the Company on each Dealing Day on which Shares of both classes are available for subscription and redemption. The Company does not currently propose to charge a switching fee although it reserves the right to levy such a charge generally



or in respect of specific Funds. Details of any such switching fees will be disclosed in the relevant Supplements of the Funds concerned. An initial charge may however be made as described above in relation to a transaction which the Company is instructed by Shareholders or their authorised agents to treat as a separate redemption and subscription.

Switching forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11.59a.m. (Irish time) on the relevant redemption and subscription Dealing Day ("Switching Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders or in respect of specific applications provided that switch forms received after the Switching Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Switching Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point.

#### **SHARE PRICES**

The most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund is published following calculation on each Business Day on the following internet website: www.liontrust.co.uk. In addition, the most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (in each currency) may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours and may also be published in such newspaper or journal as the Directors in their sole discretion may determine.

## **DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY**

This Fund operates income equalisation.

Income distributing shares

The Directors' current intention is to distribute in respect of each accounting period substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) of Fund attributable to the distributing classes, (the "Distributing Classes") in respect of each accounting period. At the Directors' discretion, where there is insufficient income available in the Fund, dividends may be declared and paid from net realised gains (i.e. realised gains net of realised and unrealised losses; and/or net realised and unrealised losses (i.e. realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses).

The Directors intend to make distributions to holders of the Distributing Classes on or before 31 January, 30 April, 31 July and 31 October with the relevant Share class going ex-dividend on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October (each an Allocation Date) respectively in each year.

Unless a Shareholder elects otherwise, any distributions attributable to the Distributing Classes will be applied in the purchase of additional Shares (or fractions thereof) of the relevant Share class.

# Income accumulating shares

The Directors do not anticipate that any dividends or other distributions will be paid to the holders of accumulating classes of the Fund (the "Accumulating Classes") out of the earnings and profits of the Fund attributable to such classes of the Accumulating Classes. The amount of net income attributable to a class of the Accumulating Classes on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October (each an Allocation Date) shall become part of the capital property of the Fund.

Investors are referred to "DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY" in the Prospectus for further details on the dividend and reinvestment policy of the Fund.

## **UK Reporting Fund Status**

Accumulating and Distributing versions of Classes B5, C1, C5 and C9 have UK Reporting Fund status. Distributing versions of Classes A1, A5, A8, A9, B1, B8, B9, C8, D1, D5, D8 and D9 have UK Reporting Fund status. Accumulating versions of Classes C8 and CF have UK Reporting Fund status. The remaining classes do not have UK Reporting Fund Status. The Investment Adviser may apply for UK Reporting Fund status for further classes, as required. The full current list of Classes which have UK Reporting Fund status can be found on the www.gov.uk website at



https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds.

## **COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS**

The attention of prospective investors is drawn to "COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS" in the Prospectus.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

#### General Risks

Potential investors should note that the investments of the Fund are subject to market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities and there can be no assurance that any appreciation in value will occur. The value of investments and the income from them, and therefore the value of, and income from, the Shares of the Fund can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount he/she invests. Changes in exchange rates between currencies may also cause the value of the investments to diminish or increase. An investor who realises Shares of the Fund after a short period may, in addition, not realise the amount originally invested in view of any initial charge made on the issue of Shares of the Fund. The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of Shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

## Currencies and Share Class Risk

Prospective investors should note that as the Base Currency of the Fund is the US Dollar, the Net Asset Value of the Sterling, Euro and Swiss Franc denominated Shares in the Fund will be affected by movements in the exchange rate of Sterling, Euro and Swiss Franc against the US Dollar. The Fund will undertake currency hedging transactions to seek to mitigate these movements but there can be no assurance that such currency hedging transactions, if any, will be successful. The Fund may therefore be exposed to a foreign exchange risk/currency risk. The benefits, losses and expenses relating to such hedging transactions shall be for the account of the relevant currency class of Shares.

In addition, the Fund may enter into transactions which alter the currency exposure of underlying assets in which the Fund is invested from time to time. The Fund's performance may thus be strongly influenced by movements in foreign exchange rates because currency positions held by a Fund may not correspond with the securities positions held.

### Investment in Debt Securities

Many fixed income securities, including certain sovereign and corporate debt securities in which the Fund may invest, contain call or buy-back features which permit the issuer of the security to call or repurchase it. If an issuer exercises such a "call option" and redeems the security the Fund may have to replace the called security with another security, which may have different characteristics, resulting in a decreased rate of return for the Fund.

The Fund may invest in securities where the execution of rights purchased involves discussion with liquidators or other parties representing the issuer and or lawyers and other professionals representing the interests and enforcement of creditor interests in such issuers.

The Investment Adviser will adjust the exposure of the Fund to various points of the interest rate curve (i.e. a line/graph that plots interest rates at a set point in time of bonds with equal credit quality but differing maturity dates), in line with its views of future inflation and interest rates and how these will cause the yield curve to move. This may mean a substantial portion of the Fund may be exposed to significant shifts in the interest rate curve.

The Investment Adviser will adjust the exposure of the Fund to different issuer types (e.g. governments, companies etc.), this may mean a substantial portion, or the entire Fund may be exposed to one issuer type at any one time and be particularly exposed to shifts in credit markets.



The proportion of investment (either directly or through derivative positions) in developed and emerging market countries will vary in accordance with the Investment Adviser's opinion on the relative attractiveness and accessibility of each market sector. This may mean a substantial portion of the Fund may be exposed to emerging markets.

High Yield/Sub-Investment Grade Securities Risk

Investments will be made in debt securities of differing creditworthiness including government debt, investment grade instruments, high yield or speculative grade instruments, or unrated instruments. The proportion of investment in each of these groups (either directly or through derivative positions) will vary in accordance with the Investment Adviser's opinion on the relative attractiveness and accessibility of each group. This may mean a substantial portion of the Fund may be exposed to instruments rated below investment grade or unrated.

Lower-rated securities will usually offer higher yields than higher-rated securities to compensate for the reduced creditworthiness and increased risk of default that these securities carry. Lower-rated securities generally tend to reflect short-term issuer and market developments to a greater extent than higher-rated securities which react primarily to fluctuations in the general level of interest rates. During an economic downturn or a sustained period of rising interest rates, highly leveraged issuers of high yield securities may experience financial stress and may not have sufficient revenues to meet their interest payment obligations. There are fewer investors in lower-rated securities, and it may be harder to buy and sell securities at an optimum time.

In addition, the market for lower-rated debt securities may be thinner and less active than that for higher rated debt securities, which can adversely affect the prices at which the lower-rated debt securities are sold. Market quotations may not be available for high yield debt securities, and judgment plays a greater role in valuing high yield corporate debt securities than is the case for securities for which more external sources for quotations and last sale information is available. Adverse publicity and changing investor perception may also affect the availability of outside pricing services to value lower-rated debt securities and the Fund's ability to dispose of these securities.

# Distribution Policy Risk

Potential investors should note that as part of the distribution policy of the Distributing Classes of the Fund the Directors may distribute substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) and such part of any net realised and unrealised capital gains attributable to those classes as, in their opinion, is appropriate to maintain a satisfactory level of distribution.

Any increase in distributions as a result of this policy may consequently result in a proportional increase in income for tax purposes although the potential for capital gains may correspondingly be lowered, and may have differing tax implications for investors. It is recommended that investors should seek independent professional advice with regards to distribution policy of the Fund.

# Risk of Investment in Deposits

Potential Investors should note an investment in the Fund is not a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. As a result an investment in the Fund is subject to possible fluctuation in its value.

The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

Prospective investors should in addition take into account the Risk Factors referred to under "RISK FACTORS" in the Prospectus when considering whether to invest in Shares of the Fund.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**



Class CF Shares are participating shares in the Company and have equal voting rights with all other Share Classes in the Fund.

Investors in the Fund should note that Class CF Shares will be held exclusively by employees/representatives of Liontrust Asset Management plc an affiliate of the Investment Adviser. However, Class CF Shareholders will abstain from voting in any general meeting of the Company or the Fund.



If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser duly authorised in this regard. Shares are available for subscription on the basis of the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus and the documents referred to therein.

# LIONTRUST GLOBAL FUNDS plc

(an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between its sub-funds incorporated with a limited liability under the laws of Ireland, registered number 459084 authorised in Ireland as an investment company pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011)

#### SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROSPECTUS

for

## LIONTRUST GF SUSTAINABLE FUTURE PAN-EUROPEAN GROWTH FUND

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Liontrust GF Sustainable Future Pan-European Growth Fund (the "Fund"), the tenth fund of Liontrust Global Funds plc (the "Company"). It forms part of and must be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus of the Company dated 1 October, 2019 and in particular the information contained therein relating to:-

- · the Company, its Funds and Shares;
- charges and expenses (including those for investment, administration and custody);
- subscription, redemption and switching of Shares; and
- Taxation, conflicts of interest and risk factors.

Distribution of this Supplement is only authorised if accompanied by the Prospectus of the Company. In addition, distribution of this Supplement and the Prospectus is not authorised in any jurisdiction unless accompanied by the most recent annual and/or, if more recent, semi-annual report of the Company.

Investment in the Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is subject to the risk that the principal invested in the Fund is capable of fluctuation and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.



#### **BASE CURRENCY OF FUND**

The Base Currency of the Fund is Euros.

#### SHARES AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Shares of the Fund are currently available for subscription in the following denominations:-

Shares	Currency of Share Denomination
Class A1 Accumulating	Euro
Class A5 Accumulating	Euro
Class A5 Distributing	Euro
Class A9 Accumulating	Euro
Class CF Accumulating	Sterling (Founder)

The net asset value per Share will be calculated in the currency of the relevant Share Class.

## **Hedged Classes**

All classes that are not designated in the Base Currency of the Fund will be un-hedged. Further information on Share Class Hedging is set out below at the section entitled "Use of Derivatives" and in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management".

## **RISK PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INVESTOR**

The Fund is considered to be suitable for long term investment. The Fund will mainly be invested in a broad portfolio of European equities of companies that provide or produce more sustainable products and services as well as having a more progressive approach to the management of environmental, social and governance issues.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long term capital growth by mainly investing in a portfolio of European equities.

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

The Investment Adviser will seek to achieve the investment objective of the Fund through investment in companies that provide or produce more sustainable products and services as well as having a more progressive approach to the management of environmental, social and governance issues. Further details on how the investments are selected and the portfolio constructed are below in the section "Investment Strategy".

The Fund is not expected to have any exposure to financial derivative instruments in normal circumstances, but the Investment Adviser may on occasion use financial derivative instruments (namely futures, options and total return swaps) for efficient portfolio management, for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes. Further details are set out under the heading "Use of Derivatives" below. The use of financial derivative instruments may, at times, result in the Fund being substantially invested in short term Money Market Instruments (as described below) and/or cash to support such exposures.

In normal conditions, the Fund invests at least 75% of its Net Asset Value in European equities and the Investment Adviser aims to hold a diversified portfolio of such equities. However, the Investment Adviser may decide to hold a more concentrated portfolio at certain times (i.e. where market factors dictate or at times of significant subscriptions and redemptions in the Fund) and it is possible that a substantial portion of the Fund could be invested in cash or Money Market Instruments (as defined below). In



addition the Fund may invest in exchange traded funds (which are classified as collective investment schemes) and other open-ended collective investment schemes. Investment in closed-ended funds will be considered as an investment in transferable securities and will be subject to the relevant UCITS investment restrictions relating to investment in transferable securities. No more than 10% of the net assets of the Fund will be invested in aggregate in open-ended collective investment schemes.

Although the Fund may invest in all economic sectors in all parts of the world, it is intended that it will invest mainly in equities of companies incorporated in any European Economic Area ("EEA") Member State, together with Switzerland, or which are listed on a recognised stock exchange of an EEA Member State or Switzerland or traded on an organised market as set out in Appendix I.

For liquidity or cash management purposes, a proportion of the Fund may also be invested in debt securities including government and corporate bonds, Money Market Instruments (including treasury bills, certificates of deposit, bankers acceptances and commercial paper), warrants, cash and near cash and deposits. Any investment in bonds will be in corporate and government fixed or floating rate instruments which may be rated or unrated (up to 15% of the net assets of the Fund may be invested in below investment grade and/or unrated bonds).

# **Investment Strategy**

The Investment Adviser believes that the companies that will ultimately survive and thrive in a fast-changing world are those which improve people's quality of life, be it through medical, technological or educational advances; drive improvements in the efficiency with which we use increasingly scarce resources (such as companies which seek to improve the efficiency of energy use or improve sanitation and access to clean water); or help to build a more stable, resilient and prosperous economy. The investment process seeks to invest in high-quality organisations with robust business fundamentals, strong management and attractive valuations

#### **Investment Process**

The investment process aims to consistently identify stocks that the Investment Adviser believes will generate superior performance; these are high quality sustainable companies with predictable earnings growth that are attractively valued. From the identified stocks, the Investment Adviser constructs a portfolio designed to diversify risk and reduce the volatility of returns relative to the benchmark.

## Identifying superior stocks

This process first involves the identification of high quality companies - these must exhibit three characteristics: strong growth prospects; excellent management, products or services that are making a positive contribution to society (environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors); and the ability to translate these into leading returns on equity:

- I. Strong and dependable growth prospects: The Investment Adviser has identified a number of areas of long-term growth within our economies and believes that companies exposed to these themes are likely to see stronger and more persistent growth than those that are not. These areas of long-term growth include themes and trends that (i) make us more efficient, e.g. in our use of fuel/water etc; (ii) make us healthier and enhance quality of life, e.g. the development of innovative treatments and production of healthier foods; or (iii) enhance safety and resilience, e.g. making food production more sustainable and reducing pollution from cars and industry.
- II. ESG factors: For each company, the Investment Adviser determines the key ESG factors that are important indicators of future success, and assesses how well these are managed. The Investment Adviser analyses and rates both product sustainability (the extent to which a company's core business helps or harms society and/or the environment) and management quality (whether a company has appropriate structures, policies and practices in place for managing its environmental, social and governance risks and impacts). For companies that are ultimately selected for the portfolio, these factors are monitored on an



ongoing basis either by engaging with the companies, reviewing their governance documentation or using third party data and analysis services.

III. Return on equity: Companies must demonstrate robust business fundamentals with a perceived ability to deliver high returns on equity over the long term. Typically, these companies have a maintainable competitive advantage through scale, technology or business model.

For those companies that exhibit the above characteristics, the Investment Adviser predicts the likely sales, earnings and other financial returns expected over the next three to five years, integrating its view of the impact of these three factors into these forecasts. Using appropriate historic valuation multiples, the Investment Adviser then derives a three year future value for the stock

The final step is to compare these expected future valuations against the current valuation of the companies to identify companies with significant potential valuation gains.

#### Portfolio construction

The Investment Adviser selects a portfolio of the best combination of typically 40 to 60 stocks, aiming to diversify risk and reduce the volatility of returns relative to the Benchmark. This results in a portfolio with exposure across a wide variety of industry sectors and aims to benefit from our distinct and uncorrelated growth themes. Outperformance will come from the stock selection, while disciplined portfolio construction aims to diversify risk and minimise the volatility of returns. Once an initial portfolio has been constructed as above, the Investment Adviser will examine the portfolio as a whole using quantitative risk models, and will set limits on, and monitor, various portfolio characteristics including tracking error, expected portfolio volatility and factor risks as laid out in the risk management process.

The Investment Adviser has a long term approach to investing which means that when an investment is made, it is generally kept for at least three years. Positions in the Fund are sold when they reach a valuation where further upside is not anticipated and the case for selling and investing in a company with greater return prospects is compelling. The alternative is when the stock does not perform as envisaged and events reveal a side to the investment rationale that was not anticipated. Where this negates the original investment thesis, the position will be closed.

# **Cash and Currency Management**

The Investment Adviser may, at its discretion, choose to hedge all or a proportion of the non-Euro denominated assets of the Fund into Euros, the Base Currency of the Fund, in order to mitigate the impact of currency fluctuations on the value of non-Euro denominated assets. Such hedging might incur costs, especially if forward interest rate levels are higher in non-Euro currencies. The instruments used will be forwards, non-deliverable forwards ("NDF") and currency futures. Any such hedging activity will be for the purposes of efficient portfolio management within the limits laid down by the Central Bank as set out in the Prospectus.

In certain circumstances, e.g. for liquidity, short term tactical capital protection, collateral, income or ancillary cash management purposes or in situations where the Investment Adviser deems an appropriate investment opportunity is not available, the Fund may also hold and/or invest in, significant amounts of cash and cash equivalents (such as certificates of deposit), debt securities including government and corporate bonds and Money Market Instruments. Deposits with credit institutions will be in accordance with the UCITS deposit risk spreading rules whereby no more than 20% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund may be invested with any one credit institution. Any investment in bonds will be in corporate and government fixed or floating rate instruments which may be rated or unrated (up to 15% of the net assets of the Fund may be invested in below investment grade and/or unrated bonds). The Fund may pledge or charge its investments in debt securities as collateral for financial derivative instruments.

## **Use of Derivatives**



The Fund may engage in transactions in financial derivative instruments (specifically forwards, futures, options and equity total return swaps) for efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes as set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Investment Powers and Restrictions". Any derivative instrument in which the Fund enters will be in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements, the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and limits in respect of derivative counterparties. Although the underlying exposure to the derivatives will usually be to equities and equity indices in line with the investment objective, the Fund may also have derivative exposure to foreign exchange rates or currencies for hedging purposes. Further details on the different derivative types can be found below. Derivatives may be traded by the Fund either on exchange or over-the-counter.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes. The use of derivatives will create synthetic long positions (i.e. positions which are in economic terms equivalent to long equity positions). The Fund may create synthetic long positions through the use of futures and total return swaps. The Investment Adviser will take long positions through the use of derivatives to gain exposure to equities as described in this Supplement and to seek both to protect and to enhance the returns achieved. The synthetic long positions permit the Fund to gain exposure to assets where the Investment Adviser believes that a derivative exposure to the underlying asset represents better value or is more efficient than a direct exposure. The Fund will not have any short positions for investment purposes.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments (specifically forwards, total return equity swaps and futures) for efficient portfolio management subject to the conditions and limits set out in the UCITS Regulations and Central Bank UCITS Regulations to manage risk and invest more efficiently. Where the Investment Adviser has decided to increase or reduce security specific and / or market risk in response to the Investment Adviser's views on market prospects, prices and values it may be more efficient to do so using financial derivatives as well as purchasing units or shares in collective investment schemes (including ETFs). For example, the Investment Adviser might reduce the Fund's exposure to market risk through the use of equity index futures, or may increase the Fund's exposure to a market sector through purchasing shares/units in an appropriate ETF.

Although the Base Currency of the Fund is Euros, the Investment Adviser anticipates holding securities denominated in currencies other than Euro and reserves the right to enter into foreign exchange and/or derivative transactions selectively with the aim of hedging or maintaining the value of the Fund in absolute terms. The Fund may utilise forwards, futures and total return swaps to hedge against currency fluctuations at a Fund level, but there can be no assurance that such hedging transactions will be undertaken and, if undertaken, will be effective or beneficial.

Forward foreign exchange contracts may also be used to hedge the value of certain classes of Shares in the Fund ("Share Class Hedging") against changes in the exchange rate between the currency of denomination of the class of Shares and the Base Currency of the Fund, which is Euro. Where a class of Shares is hedged ("Hedged Classes"), such Share Class Hedging does not protect any of the Share classes from any non-Euro exposure that might be held in the Fund.

Further information is set out in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management". It should be noted that the successful execution of a hedging strategy which mitigates this currency risk exactly cannot be assured.

Where a class is unhedged, a currency conversion will take place on subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and distributions at prevailing exchange rates. In such circumstances, the value of the Share expressed in the class currency will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency.

### **Financial Derivative Instrument Types**

The Fund may use the following financial derivative instruments:

**Forwards** 



Forwards, such as forward foreign exchange contracts, are an obligation to purchase or sell a specific asset at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. In currency forward contracts, the contract holders are obligated to buy or sell the currency at a specified price, at a specified quantity and on a specified future date. The Fund may also use NDFs where the difference between the contracted NDF price or rate and the prevailing spot price or rate on an agreed notional amount is settled in an agreed currency. The Fund may use Forwards for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

# Total Return Swap agreements

Swap agreements are two party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than a year. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realised on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," (i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency or security, or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index). For example, a single total return swap may allow a view to be taken on the price movement of individual equity securities. They can be used to express both positive and negative views on securities (by creating a synthetic long or short position). Swap agreements may be used to allow the general market risk to be neutralised (or adjusted) from the Investment Adviser's view of a particular equity security or equity index provided such indices meet the requirements of the Central Bank. Swap agreements may be used either individually or in combinations. The Fund will only enter into swap agreements with counterparties who are "Approved Institutions" as defined under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions". The Fund may use swap agreements for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or equity securities, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

## **Futures**

Futures are contracts to buy or sell a standard quantity of a specific asset (or, in some cases, receive or pay cash based on the performance of an underlying asset, instrument or index) at a pre-determined future date and at a price agreed through a transaction undertaken on an exchange. Futures may be used, for example, by the Fund to manage cash inflows and outflows whereby the Fund can gain efficiency by using futures as compared to equity securities. The Fund may use futures for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

## **Options**

There are two forms of options, put and call options. Put options are contracts sold for a premium that gives one party (the buyer) the right, but not the obligation, to sell to the other party (the seller) of the contract, a specific quantity of a particular product or financial instrument at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Call options are similar contracts sold for a premium that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy from the seller of the option at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Options may also be cash settled. Options may also be used to take a positional view on the volatility of individual securities, baskets of securities and indices, or to sell exposure to volatility. The Fund may use options for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or securities, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

## **Permitted Financial Indices**

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments to obtain exposure to financial indices as described above. The indices selected by the Investment Adviser will meet the requirements for financial indices as laid out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. In particular they shall be sufficiently diversified, represent an adequate benchmark for the markets to which they refer, are published in an appropriate manner, and are independently managed from the management of the Fund. The equity indices selected will offer exposure to companies listed or traded on Recognised Exchanges listed from time to time under "RECOGNISED EXCHANGES" in the Prospectus.



Details of any indices used by the Fund will be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Adviser on request and will be set out in the Company's semi-annual and annual accounts. These indices include MSCI Indices, FTSE Indices and S&P Dow Jones Indices. Any indices will be cleared by the Central Bank or will meet its requirements.

The financial indices to which the Fund may gain exposure will be rebalanced on a quarterly or monthly basis (but not more frequently than monthly). As the Fund will invest in the financial indices using financial derivative instruments, there will be no material impact on its costs arising as a result of the re-balancing of a financial index. Where the weighting of a particular constituent in a financial index subsequently exceeds the UCITS investment restrictions, the Investment Adviser will as a priority objective look to remedy the situation taking into account the interests of Shareholders and the Fund.

## **Risk Management**

The Company is required under the UCITS Regulations to employ a risk management process which will enable it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the risks attached to financial derivatives instruments that it uses and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the Fund. The commitment method used by the Investment Adviser is one of the two methods explicitly permitted under the UCITS Regulations for this purpose, and details of this process have been provided to the Central Bank in the risk management process statement the Company has filed with the Central Bank. The Company will, upon request, provide supplementary information to shareholders relating to the risk management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk characteristics of the main category of investments.

The global exposure of the Fund to derivatives is calculated using the commitment approach. The commitment approach requires the Fund to convert each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative. The Fund may take into account netting and hedging arrangements when calculating its global exposure, where these arrangements do not disregard obvious and material risks and result in a clear reduction in risk exposure.

The Fund's global exposure to derivatives will be limited to 100% of Net Asset Value of the Fund.

# **Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs")**

SFTs include total return swaps; repurchase transactions; securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing; buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions; and margin lending transactions.

With the exception of total return swaps and securities lending, the Fund does not currently engage in SFTs. Securities lending transactions/agreements are transactions by which the Fund transfers securities to another counterparty subject to a commitment that the borrower will return equivalent securities on a future date or when requested to do so by the Fund. Where a Fund engages in SFTs, all revenue, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the Fund. The costs arising from these include any costs payable to the administrator of the securities lending programme. The Supplement will be updated prior to entry into any other SFTs.

The Fund's expected exposure to securities lending will be less than 20% of the assets under management of the Fund, with a maximum of 95% lent for each individual equity position depending on the liquidity of the underlying market. The Fund, although permitted to do so, does not currently use total return swaps but should this change, the Investment Adviser anticipates that the Fund's expected exposure to total return swaps will be less than 10% of the assets under management of the Fund and the maximum exposure of the Fund in respect of total return swaps shall be 100% of the assets under management of the Fund. Higher levels of exposure in respect to total return swaps may be encountered, for example, where the Fund has higher than normal exposures to sectors or countries where it is more efficient to hold total return swaps than the underlying equities, or where the total return swaps are netting or hedging other investments within the Fund. Where assets subject to Securities Financing Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2015/2365) are received by the Fund they will be safe-kept by the Depositary.



Further information in relation to SFTs including collateral management and eligible counterparties are set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions and Efficient Portfolio Management". Further information on the risks associated with SFTs and collateral management is set out under the heading "Risk Management".

#### INVESTMENT AND BORROWING POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

The investment and borrowing powers and restrictions to which the Fund is subject are described under "Investment Powers and Restrictions", "Restrictions on Borrowing, Lending and Dealing", "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management", "Changes to Investment and Borrowing Restrictions" in the Prospectus. However, while the Company is generally authorised to invest in other open-ended collective investment schemes, as described in the section of the Prospectus referred to above, the Fund itself will not invest more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in such schemes.

The use of financial derivative instruments is permitted for the Fund subject to the conditions and limits set out under "Investment Objectives and Policies", in the Prospectus and in accordance with the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. These conditions include, for example, a requirement to ensure that where a financial derivative instrument gives rise to a commitment for a Fund it must be covered as follows: (i) in the case of cash settled financial derivative instruments, the Fund must hold sufficient liquid assets at all times to cover the exposure; (ii) in the case of financial derivative instruments which require physical delivery, the asset must be held at all times, or with sufficient liquid assets if the underlying asset consists of highly liquid fixed income securities or the Fund considers that the exposure can be adequately managed, and the position exposure to underlying assets of derivative instruments (other than index based derivatives) (whether used for hedging or for investment purposes), when combined with positions resulting from direct investments, will not exceed the investment limits to which the Fund is subject.

## **FUND FEES AND EXPENSES**

## **INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES**

The Investment Adviser is entitled to receive a monthly Investment Advisory Fee in respect of the Shares of the Fund calculated as set out under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Investment Advisory Charges" in the Prospectus.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class A1 shares is 1.50% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class A5 shares is 0.75% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class A9 shares is 1.20% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class CF is 0.75% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The above fees apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

## **OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES**

## **Fixed Operating Fee**

The Fund shall be subject to a Fixed Operating Fee, which includes inter alia, the fees and expenses of the Administrator, Depositary, sub-custodial fees and transaction charges, Directors and Auditors fees and expenses, and fees paid to the Investment Adviser for administrative and related expenses. A description of the Fixed Operating Fee is set out in the Prospectus under "Charges and Expenses".



The current amount of Fixed Operating Fee by Share Class is listed below. The Fixed Operating Fee is payable out of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each Share Class.

Share Class	Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Class A1 Accumulating	0.30%
Class A5 Accumulating	0.30%
Class A5 Distributing	0.30%
Class A9 Accumulating	0.30%
Class CF Accumulating	0.30%

For the avoidance of doubt, the Fixed Operating Fees set out above apply when the assets of the Fund do not exceed £500 million. See below for the discount to be applied where the assets of the Fund do exceed £500 million.

The Fixed Operating Fee shall accrue daily based on the prior day Net Asset Value of each Share Class and the Fixed Operating Fee accrued during a calendar month shall be paid to the Investment Adviser out of the assets of the Fund on or as soon as is practicable after the last business day of that calendar month. The Fixed Operating Fee will be calculated taking account of any discount to be applied, as indicated in the table below, based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund on the last business day of the previous month. In the event that the assets of the Fund exceed £500 million, in order to pass on any savings which may be made through economies of scale, the following discounts will be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee of all Share Classes of the Fund:

Net asset value of the Fund	Discount to be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Below £500 million	0.000%
£500 million to £1 billion	0.010%
£1 billion to £2 billion	0.020%
£2 billion to £3 billion	0.030%
£3 billion to £4 billion	0.040%
£4 billion to £5 billion	0.050%
Over £5 billion	0.060%

The above discounts will not apply in circumstances that the Fixed Operating Fee after the applicable discount would be below 0.10%. For example, if the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.12% then the lowest it can go with the application of a volume discount is 0.10%. If the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.08% then the volume discounts will not apply as the Fixed Operating Fee is already below 0.10%.

Where an applicable threshold level of net asset value is achieved by the Fund on the last business day of any month, the relevant discount above will apply to the Fund in relation to the following month.

The Fixed Operating Fee is not currently subject to VAT, but in the event of Value Added Tax (or any equivalent tax) being imposed this may be levied against the property of the Fund.

Further details of the Fixed Operating Fees relating to the Fund and the Company appear under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus.

# SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

Initial Offer Period



The Initial Offer Period for all Classes of Shares in the Fund which are available for subscription but have not yet launched will close at 5 p.m. Irish time on 12 July, 2019. The Initial Offer Period in respect of any Class of Shares in the Fund which have not yet launched may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After the closing of the Initial Offer Period, Shares in the Fund will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

## Initial Offer Price

During the Initial Offer Period Shares will be offered at the Initial Offer Price. The Initial Offer Price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be as follows:

Shares	Initial Offer Price
Class A Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	EUR10
Class CF Shares (Accumulating)	GBP0.01

The Initial Offer Price is exclusive of an initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Initial Offer Price.

## Subscription Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund are available for purchase on each Dealing Day. The Dealing Days for the Fund shall be each Business Day. The subscription price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus) plus any initial charge payable to the Investment Adviser.

The Valuation Point in respect of each subscription Dealing Day is currently midnight in Dublin on the subscription Dealing Day. The last traded price in each relevant market will be used.

Application Forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 11:59 a.m. (Dublin time) on the relevant Dealing Day (the "Subscription Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that Application Forms received after the Subscription Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Subscription Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point. Settlement should be made in accordance with the Prospectus and the instructions in the Application Form.

# Minimum Investment Levels for Subscriptions

The minimum initial and additional investment in Shares of the Fund is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Investments	
	Initial	Additional
Class A1, A9	€1,000	€1,000
Class A5	€5,000,000	€1,000
Class CF	Nil	Nil

A9 shares are available to platforms or wealth managers with advisory client investors. Class CF Shares are only available for investment by Liontrust Asset Management plc.

The above minimum investment amounts apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

The Board of Directors reserves the right to waive these Minimum Initial Investment and Minimum Subsequent Investment requirements in accordance with the principle of fair treatment of all Shareholders.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to decline to accept any application for Shares in any Class



of the Fund, in particular applications into Classes that have not yet issued any Shares.

## Subscription Charges

An initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Net Asset Value per Share is payable in respect of subscriptions for Shares of the Fund.

The initial charge may be waived in whole or in part by the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser may, in its sole discretion, (i) pay commission to financial intermediaries including but not limited to the Distributors, sub-distributors, intermediaries and introducing agents who refer prospective investors out of the initial charge and the Investment Advisory Fee and/or (ii) waive the initial charge for certain prospective investors based on factors deemed appropriate by the Investment Adviser including, but not limited to, the amount of the proposed investment by a prospective investor.

# **REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

## Redemption Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on each Dealing Day. The redemption price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus).

A Dealing Day in respect of each class of Shares of the Fund is each Business Day.

The Valuation Point in respect of each Dealing Day is currently midnight in Dublin on the Dealing Day.

Redemption forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11:59 a.m. (Dublin time) on the relevant redemption Dealing Day ("Redemption Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that redemption forms received after the Redemption Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Redemption Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point. Settlement of the redemption proceeds will be made in accordance with the procedures set out under "SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING - Redemptions" in the Prospectus.

## Minimum Redemptions and Holdings

The minimum redemption amount and minimum residual holding for Shares of the Fund (net of redemption charges) is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Redemptions and Holdings	
	Redemption Amount	Residual Holding
Class A1, A9	€1,000	€1,000
Class A5	€1,000	€5,000,000
Class CF	Nil	Nil

If the holding in any Class falls below the "Residual Holding" amount specified in the above table, the Board of Directors reserves the right to compulsorily redeem the holding.

## **SWITCHING**

Shares of the Fund may be switched into Shares of other Funds in the Company on each Dealing Day on which Shares of both classes are available for subscription and redemption. The Company does not currently propose to charge a switching fee although it reserves the right to levy such a charge generally or in respect of specific Funds. Details of any such switching fees will be disclosed in the relevant Supplements of the Funds concerned. An initial charge may however be made as described above in relation to a transaction which the Company is instructed by Shareholders or their authorised agents to treat as a separate redemption and subscription.



Switching forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11.59a.m. (Dublin time) on the relevant redemption and subscription Dealing Day ("Switching Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders or in respect of specific applications provided that switch forms received after the Switching Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Switching Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point.

#### SHARE PRICES

The most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund is published following calculation on each Business Day on the following internet website: www.liontrust.co.uk. In addition, the most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (in each currency) may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours and may also be published in such newspaper or journal as the Directors in their sole discretion may determine.

## **DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY**

This Fund operates income equalisation.

Income distributing shares

The Directors' current intention is to distribute in respect of each accounting period substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) of Fund attributable to the distributing classes, (the "Distributing Classes") in respect of each accounting period. At the Directors' discretion, where there is insufficient income available in the Fund, dividends may be declared and paid from net realised gains (i.e. realised gains net of realised and unrealised losses; and/or net realised and unrealised losses (i.e. realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses).

The Directors intend to make distributions to holders of the Distributing Classes of net income in respect of each accounting period on or before 31 January and 31 July with the relevant Share class going exdividend on 1 January and 1 July (each an Allocation Date) respectively in each year.

Unless a Shareholder elects otherwise, any distributions attributable to the Distributing Classes will be applied in the purchase of additional Shares (or fractions thereof) of the relevant Share class.

Income accumulating shares

The Directors do not anticipate that any dividends or other distributions will be paid to the holders of accumulating classes of the Fund (the "Accumulating Classes") out of the earnings and profits of the Fund attributable to such classes of the Accumulating Classes. The amount of net income attributable to a class of the Accumulating Classes on 1 January and 1 July (each an Allocation Date) shall become part of the capital property of the Fund.

Investors are referred to "DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY" in the Prospectus for further details on the dividend and reinvestment policy of the Fund.

## **UK Reporting Fund Status**

Class A5 Distributing has UK Reporting Fund status. The remaining classes do not have UK Reporting Fund Status. The Investment Adviser may apply for UK Reporting Fund status for further classes, as required. The full current list of Classes which have UK Reporting Fund status can be found on the www.gov.uk website at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds

# **COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS**



The attention of prospective investors is drawn to "COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS" in the Prospectus.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

## General Risks

Potential investors should note that the investments of the Fund are subject to market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities and there can be no assurance that any appreciation in value will occur. The value of investments and the income from them, and therefore the value of, and income from, the Shares of the Fund can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount he/she invests. Changes in exchange rates between currencies may also cause the value of the investments to diminish or increase. An investor who realises Shares of the Fund after a short period may, in addition, not realise the amount originally invested in view of any initial charge made on the issue of Shares of the Fund. The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of Shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as long term.

Securities of smaller capitalisation companies may, from time to time, and especially in falling markets, become illiquid and experience short-term price volatility and wide spreads between bid and offer prices. Investment in smaller capitalisation companies may involve higher risk than investment in larger companies.

To the extent that the Fund invests in smaller companies, these securities may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than larger, more established companies or the market average in general. These companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or they may be dependent on a limited management group. Full development of those companies takes time. In addition, many small company stocks trade less frequently and in smaller volume, and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than stocks of large companies. The securities of small companies may also be more sensitive to market changes than the securities of large companies. These factors may result in above-average fluctuations in the price of a Fund's shares.

## Currencies and Share Class Risk

Prospective investors should note that as the Base Currency of the Fund is the Euro, the Net Asset Value of non-Base Currency denominated Shares in the Fund will be affected by movements in the exchange rates of the Euro. The Fund may have non-Base Currency denominated Share Classes (marked as Hedged Share Classes) which will undertake currency hedging transactions to seek to mitigate these movements but there can be no assurance that such currency hedging transactions, if any, will be successful. The Fund may therefore be exposed to a foreign exchange risk/currency risk. The benefits, losses and expenses relating to such hedging transactions shall be for the account of the relevant currency class of Shares.

In addition, the Fund may enter into transactions which alter the currency exposure of underlying assets in which the Fund is invested from time to time. The Fund's performance may thus be strongly influenced by movements in foreign exchange rates because currency positions held by a Fund may not correspond with the securities positions held.

# Risk of Investment in Deposits

Potential Investors should note an investment in the Fund is not a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. As a result an investment in the Fund is subject to possible fluctuation in its value.

The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

Prospective investors should in addition take into account the Risk Factors referred to under



"RISK FACTORS" in the Prospectus when considering whether to invest in Shares of the Fund.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Class CF Shares are participating shares in the Company and have equal voting rights with all other Share Classes in the Fund.

Investors in the Fund should note that Class CF Shares will be held exclusively by employees/representatives of Liontrust Asset Management plc an affiliate of the Investment Adviser. However, Class CF Shareholders will abstain from voting in any general meeting of the Company or the Fund.

The performance of the Fund will be benchmarked for performance measurement purposes against the MSCI Europe index (the "Benchmark"). The Benchmark consists of large and mid-sized companies across Developed Markets in Europe.



If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser duly authorised in this regard. Shares are available for subscription on the basis of the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus and the documents referred to therein.

## LIONTRUST GLOBAL FUNDS plc

(an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between its sub-funds incorporated with a limited liability under the laws of Ireland, registered number 459084 authorised in Ireland as an investment company pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011) as amended

#### SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROSPECTUS

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### LIONTRUST GF HIGH YIELD BOND FUND

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Liontrust GF High Yield Bond Fund (the "Fund"), the eleventh fund of Liontrust Global Funds plc (the "Company"). It forms part of and must be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus of the Company dated 1 October, 2019 and in particular the information contained therein relating to:-

- the Company, its Funds and Shares:
- charges and expenses (including those for investment, administration and custody);
- subscription, redemption and switching of Shares; and
- Taxation, conflicts of interest and risk factors.

Distribution of this Supplement is only authorised if accompanied by the Prospectus of the Company. In addition, distribution of this Supplement and the Prospectus is not authorised in any jurisdiction unless accompanied by the most recent annual and/or, if more recent, semi-annual report of the Company.

The Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments for hedging and/or for investment purposes. This may have the effect of increasing volatility. Investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be suitable for all investors.

Investment in the Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is subject to the risk that the principal invested in the Fund is capable of fluctuation and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.

Dated 1 October, 2019



# **BASE CURRENCY OF FUND**

The Base Currency of the Fund is US Dollar.

# SHARES AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Shares of the Fund are currently available for subscription in the following denominations:-

Shares	Currency of Denomination
Class A1 Accumulating	Euro
Class A1 Distributing	Euro
Class A5 Accumulating	Euro
Class A5 Distributing	Euro
Class A8 Accumulating	Euro
Class A8 Distributing	Euro
Class A9 Accumulating	Euro
Class A9 Distributing	Euro
Class B1 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B1 Distributing	US Dollar
Class B5 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B5 Distributing	US Dollar
Class B8 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B8 Distributing	US Dollar
Class B9 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B9 Distributing	US Dollar
Class C1 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C1 Distributing	Sterling
Class C5 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C5 Distributing	Sterling
Class C8 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C8 Distributing	Sterling
Class C9 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C9 Distributing	Sterling
Class D1 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D1 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class D5 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D5 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class D8 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D8 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class D9 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D9 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class E1 Accumulating	Danish krone
Class E1 Distributing	Danish krone
Class E5 Accumulating	Danish krone
Class E5 Distributing	Danish krone
Class E8 Accumulating	Danish krone
Class E8 Distributing	Danish krone
Class E9 Accumulating	Danish krone
Class E9 Distributing	Danish krone
Class F1 Accumulating	Norwegian krone
Class F1 Distributing	Norwegian krone
Class F5 Accumulating	Norwegian krone
Class F5 Distributing	Norwegian krone
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Class F9 Accumulating	Norwegian krone
Class F9 Distributing	Norwegian krone
Class G1 Accumulating	Swedish krona
Class G1 Distributing	Swedish krona
Class G5 Accumulating	Swedish krona
Class G5 Distributing	Swedish krona
Class G8 Accumulating	Swedish krona
Class G8 Distributing	Swedish krona
Class G9 Accumulating	Swedish krona
Class G9 Distributing	Swedish krona
Class CF Accumulating	Sterling (Founder)

The net asset value per Share will be calculated in the currency of the relevant Share Class.

## **Hedged Classes**

Other than Class CF, all classes that are not designated in the Base Currency of the Fund will be hedged ("Hedged Classes"). Further information on Share Class Hedging is set out below at the section entitled "Use of Derivatives" and in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management".

#### **RISK PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INVESTOR**

The Fund is considered to be suitable for investors seeking to maximise total return over a long term investment horizon (at least 5 years) and who are prepared to accept a medium level of volatility. The Fund's potential use of derivatives may lead to a higher risk in the management of its assets.

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

The investment objective of the Fund is to maximise total returns over the long term through a combination of income and capital. The Fund will invest predominantly in high yield and selected investment grade bond and credit markets worldwide (including developed and emerging markets).

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

The Investment Adviser will seek to achieve the investment objective of the Fund by investing directly in bond and credit instruments (as described below) or through the use of derivatives (specifically currency forwards, total return swaps, credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, futures, options and embedded derivatives as described further below).

The Fund will mainly invest in high yield corporate bonds, but may also hold investment grade corporate and sovereign bonds. These debt securities may be fixed or floating rate, corporate or sovereign, inflation or index linked bonds and other forms of securitised debt (including embedded derivatives as outlined in greater detail below) specifically credit linked notes, notes linked to non-debt assets which generate receivables, and mortgage or other asset backed debt instruments.

In normal market conditions, the majority of the Fund's investments will be in bond and credit markets, although it is possible that at certain times, (i.e. where market factors dictate or at times of significant subscription and redemptions in the Fund), a substantial portion or the entire Fund could be invested in cash or cash equivalents (such as Money Market Instruments (i.e. short-term bonds, treasury bills, certificates of deposit and commercial paper). The Fund's investments will be broadly diversified, however at times (i.e. when market factors dictate) the Investment Adviser may choose to hold a portfolio with concentrated exposure to certain instrument types, issuer types, creditworthiness, duration or geography.

Investments will be made in debt securities of differing creditworthiness (including sovereign debt, investment grade instruments, high yield or speculative grade instruments, or unrated instruments) issued by governments, corporate issuers and borrowers in developed and emerging market countries and those of, or guaranteed by, supranational, national and local governments and government related entities in such countries. The Fund may not invest more than 20% of its net assets in instruments rated



CCC or below. There are no formal limits or restrictions on maturity or duration of the debt securities which may be held by the Fund.

Investment will be made in debt securities denominated in hard currencies (including the US Dollar, Euro and the currencies of the developed countries) and may invest up to 10% of the Fund in soft currencies (for example, emerging markets). Generally any non-US Dollar denominated investments will be hedged back to US Dollar; however, at times, up to 5% of Fund net assets may be denominated in non-US currencies that are not hedged back to US Dollar.

Investment may be made in debt securities (either directly or through derivative positions) in developed or emerging markets. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in what the Investment Adviser considers to be emerging markets. For the purposes of the Fund, emerging market countries can be defined as all the countries in the world other than those classified as "advanced" by the International Monetary Fund ("IMF"). Due to the constantly changing definition and perception of what is an emerging or developing economy, the definition of an emerging market country may change as the position of previously developing market countries approach or equate, in the Investment Adviser's opinion, to that of advanced economies in terms of development factors such as size, liquidity, risk profile and such countries will not be treated as emerging market countries. The Fund's investment in emerging markets will be on a worldwide basis and, due to the constantly changing definition and perception of what is an emerging or developing economy, such investment will not have a particular geographic focus but will encompass countries with relatively low gross national product per capita and with the potential for rapid economic growth. Emerging market countries are generally located in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and the developing countries of Europe. There are no formal limits on the investment in any one region or country. With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities or in units of open ended collective investment schemes, investment by the Fund in securities is restricted to securities listed or dealt in on the Recognised Exchanges listed in the Prospectus.

The Fund will use derivatives for investment purposes, for efficient portfolio management and for hedging purposes. This may include using derivatives to produce synthetic short positions, in order to achieve the desired exposures as detailed below.

### **Investment Strategy**

The investment process used by the Investment Adviser adopts a fundamental approach to investing in the bond and credit markets, based on the premise that fixed income markets are not efficient. The investment process is designed to capture these inefficiencies through detailed bottom-up analysis coupled with a top-down analysis for understanding the macroeconomic environment and how that will impact upon more highly leveraged companies. The investment process uses the same tools to examine both bottom-up and top down factors. For each investment, fundamental, valuation and technical factors (such as volatility indicators) are considered to ensure consistency in decision making and to provide a flexible approach to high yield bond investment.

Within any high yield fund, the majority of the risk tends to come from the creditworthiness of the bonds held by the Fund, i.e. whether or not the companies issuing the bonds will be able to meet the coupon payments or will pay back the capital of the bond on maturity. In order to manage this risk, the Investment Adviser develops a strong understanding of the key drivers for a company and the risks surrounding them, looking at the competitive forces within any industry and any associated risks of technological change causing industrial obsolescence. Analysis of bondholders' protections in the form of covenants related to a given instrument is also critical – i.e. how likely are the bonds to be repaid upon the liquidation of the issuer. The Investment Adviser focuses on the sustainability of cash flows, as this is believed to be the biggest driver of whether companies can meet their interest obligations and redeem their bonds at maturity.

#### Bottom-up analysis.

Factors in the bottom-up analysis of corporates include the quality of management, financial variables such as interest coverage (a measure of the number of times a company is able to pay (or cover) its interest payment obligations), debt ratios, and the sensitivity of the business to changes in the environment for its products. An understanding of the motivations of the management and business owners is undertaken; many companies use a leveraged balance sheet in the normal course of



business, whereas some less responsible owners try to extract value from the capital structure at the expense of bondholders.

On an ongoing basis, each of the holdings of the Fund is reviewed to ensure that it is still an appropriate investment for the portfolio given the prevailing macroeconomic backdrop, i.e. that the balance between risk and reward of the individual security remains in line with the investment objective of the Fund when considered as part of the overall portfolio.

## Strategic top-down analysis

The prevailing macroeconomic environment will have a large impact on the fundamentals of the issuers of high yield corporate bonds. Furthermore, it can lead to fluctuations in valuations of the bonds and the creation of investment opportunities when combined with the bottom up analysis.

Factors in the top-down analysis include the political environment and macro-economic variables such as real GDP growth, inflation, budget and current account deficits, monetary and fiscal policy, foreign exchange reserves and debt burden, as well as forward looking surveys (such as surveys of investor sentiment) and indicators (such as inflation expectations and business capital expectations). The fundamentals, absolute and relative valuations, and technical factors of each market that the Fund is invested in are assessed. The largest high yield markets are the US Dollar and Euro denominated markets; high yield debt is also issued in other currencies on a less frequent basis. The Investment Adviser will position the Fund in accordance with its opinion on the relative attractiveness and accessibility of each of the different areas of the exposure of the Fund to the credit rating mix, seniority of debt, maturity of debt, currency and geography of debt issuance and the cash balance of the Fund. Whenever there is a cross currency position in bonds, then the majority of the currency risk will be hedged.

## Security selection

The largest driver of relative performance within the Fund is expected to be security selection. The creditworthiness of the issuers of debt securities is assessed from a fundamental viewpoint. Both the issuer's ability and its willingness to pay commitments in a timely manner are examined in detail.

The fundamental analysis described here is coupled with relative and absolute valuations to generate attractive investment ideas. An examination of the technical backdrop to the market (e.g. reviewing flows in and out of the high yield asset class and gauging the amount of new issuance of bonds), and for any particular securities, aids in the timing of entering and exiting positons.

The attractiveness of various bonds whether sovereign or corporate, in developed or emerging markets, is judged after consideration of a number of factors such as:

- The expected total return relative to the assessed risk
- The contribution from income and capital to the expected return
- Issue size and liquidity
- Currency of denomination
- Outstanding term to maturity
- Duration
- Sustainability of cashflows

#### Portfolio construction

A portfolio is constructed that, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, best meets the objectives of the Fund as to expected total return, income yield, duration, risk to capital, volatility and leverage.

For a high yield portfolio, the credit risk (the interest rate spread over similarly dated government bonds) is the key driver of valuation. High yield is a naturally shorter duration asset class - longer dated high yield bonds, up to 10 years, have a higher correlation to the similarly dated government bonds. This is due to both the longer duration of the high yield bond, and the fact that companies that issue longer maturity debt tend to be better rated than those companies that only issue shorter term debt so the



credit spread above the corresponding government bond (i.e. bonds of similar maturity) makes up a smaller percentage of the overall bond yield. Depending on the instruments selected and the top down strategic view, the Fund may use government bond futures to hedge out some of this risk and therefore reduce its interest rate sensitivity.

In constructing the portfolio, the Investment Adviser will consider the most efficient way of achieving the investment objective using the securities identified in the selection process and any other instruments required, namely through the use of financial derivative instruments (including derivative instruments with leverage). The Investment Adviser may also create synthetic short positions to allow the Fund to benefit from downwards movement in prices or overpricing of securities or market factors by taking short or negative exposures as further described under "Use of Derivatives" below.

### **Cash and Currency Management**

Investments will be made in assets denominated in a number of currencies. The Investment Adviser may, at its discretion, choose to hedge all or a proportion of the non-US Dollar denominated assets of the Fund into US Dollar, the Base Currency of the Fund, in order to mitigate the impact of currency fluctuations on the value of non-US Dollar denominated assets. Such hedging might incur costs, especially if forward interest rate levels are higher in non-US Dollar currencies. Any such hedging activity will be for the purposes of efficient portfolio management within the limits laid down by the Central Bank as set out in the Prospectus.

Generally any non-US Dollar denominated investments will be hedged back to US Dollar; however, at times, up to 5% of Fund net assets may be denominated in non-US currencies that are not hedged back to US Dollar.

It is possible that at certain times, a substantial portion of the Fund could be invested in cash, i.e. deposits with credit institutions (in accordance with the UCITS deposit risk spreading rules whereby no more than 20% on the Net Asset Value of the Fund may be invested with any one credit institution). The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in units or shares in collective investment schemes (including exchange traded funds ("ETF")), such as short term money market funds for cash management purposes.

Potential investors in the Fund are also referred to the general policies applicable to each Fund of the Company which appear under "Investment Objectives and Policies" in the Prospectus.

#### Use of Derivatives

The Fund may engage in transactions in financial derivative instruments (specifically currency forwards, total return swaps, futures, options and embedded derivatives) for efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes as set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Investment Powers and Restrictions".

Any derivative instrument in which the Fund enters will be in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements, the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and subject to limits in respect of derivative counterparties.

The financial derivative instruments which may be invested in by the Fund to provide exposure to government bond, credit and currency markets to achieve the Fund's investment objective and policy include forwards, credit default swaps ("CDS") (on single names (i.e. underlying reference obligation or company) and/or indices), swaps (including interest rate swaps and total return swaps (on single names or indices)), futures and options (including options on CDS). Further details on the different derivative types can be found below. Derivatives may be traded by the Fund either on exchange or over-the-counter. The Fund may also have derivative exposure to foreign exchange rates or currencies for hedging purposes.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes. The use of derivatives will create leverage or synthetic long positions (i.e. positions which are in economic terms equivalent to long positions). The Fund may create synthetic long or short positions by, for example, the use of futures, options and swaps. The synthetic short positions allow the Fund to benefit from downwards



movement in prices or overpricing of securities or market factors by having short or negative position in the underlying security. The Fund's exposure to synthetic short positions will be limited to 100% of Net Asset Value. The synthetic long positions permit the Fund to gain exposure to assets where the Investment Adviser believes that a derivative exposure to the underlying asset represents better value or is more efficient than a direct exposure. The Fund's exposure to synthetic long positions will be limited to 100% of Net Asset Value.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments (specifically currency forwards, total return swaps, CDS, futures and embedded derivatives) for efficient portfolio management subject to the conditions and limits set out in the UCITS Regulations and Central Bank UCITS Regulations to manage risk and invest more efficiently. Where the Investment Adviser has decided to increase or reduce debt security specific and / or market risk in response to the Investment Adviser's views on market prospects, prices and values it may be more efficient to do so using financial derivatives as well as purchasing units or shares in collective investment schemes (including ETFs). For example, the Investment Adviser might reduce the Fund's exposure to credit risk through the use of CDS instruments, or may increase the Fund's exposure to US Treasuries through purchasing shares/units in an appropriate ETF. The total exposure to collective investment schemes (including ETFs) including those used for cash management purposes will not exceed 10% of its Net Asset Value.

Although the Base Currency of the Fund is US Dollar, the Investment Adviser anticipates holding securities denominated in currencies other than US Dollar and reserves the right to enter into foreign exchange and/or derivative transactions selectively with the aim of hedging or maintaining the value of the Fund in absolute terms. The Fund may utilise forwards, futures and total return swaps to hedge against currency fluctuations at a Fund level, but there can be no assurance that such hedging transactions will be undertaken and, if undertaken, will be effective or beneficial.

Forward foreign exchange contracts may also be used to hedge the value of certain classes of Shares in the Fund ("Share Class Hedging") against changes in the exchange rate between the currency of denomination of the class of Shares and the Base Currency of the Fund, which is US Dollar. In respect of the Hedged Classes outlined above, such Share Class Hedging does not protect any of the Share classes from any non-US Dollar exposure that might be held in the Fund.

Further information is set out in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management". It should be noted that the successful execution of a hedging strategy which mitigates this currency risk exactly cannot be assured.

Where a class is unhedged, a currency conversion will take place on subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and distributions at prevailing exchange rates. In such circumstances, the value of the Share expressed in the class currency will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency.

# **Financial Derivative Instrument Types**

The Fund may use the following financial derivative instruments:

# Forwards

Forwards, such as forward foreign exchange contracts, are an obligation to purchase or sell a specific asset at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. In currency forward contracts, the contract holders are obligated to buy or sell the currency at a specified price, at a specified quantity and on a specified future date. The Fund may also use non-deliverable forwards ("NDF") where the difference between the contracted NDF price or rate and the prevailing spot price or rate on an agreed notional amount is settled in an agreed currency. The Fund may use Forwards for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

Swap agreements



Swap agreements are two party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than a year. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realised on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," (i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency or security, or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index). For example, a single total return swap may allow a view to be taken on the price movement of individual fixed income securities. They can be used to express both positive and negative views on securities (by creating a synthetic long or short position). Swap agreements may be used to allow the general market risk to be neutralised (or adjusted) from the Investment Adviser's view of a particular fixed income security or index provided such indices meet the requirements of the Central Bank. Swap agreements may be used either individually or in combinations. The Fund will only enter into swap agreements with counterparties who are "Approved Institutions" as defined under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions - Eligible Counterparties". The Fund may use swap agreements for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

### Credit Default Swaps (CDS)

The "buyer" in a CDS contract is obligated to pay the "seller" a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract in return for a contingent payment upon the occurrence of a credit event with respect to an underlying reference obligation. Generally, a credit event means bankruptcy, failure to pay or obligation acceleration. If a credit event occurs, the seller typically must pay the contingent payment to the buyer, which is typically the "par value" (full notional value) of the reference obligation. The contingent payment may be a cash settlement or by physical delivery of the reference obligation in return for payment of the face amount of the obligation. The Fund may be either the buyer or seller in the transaction. If the Fund is a buyer and no credit event occurs, the Fund may lose its investment and recover nothing. However, if a credit event occurs, the buyer typically receives full notional value for a reference obligation that may have little or no value. If the Fund is a seller, the Fund receives a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the contract, which typically is between one month and five years, provided that no credit event occurs. If a credit event occurs, the seller may pay the buyer the full notional value of the reference obligations. CDS involve greater risks than if the Fund had invested in the reference obligation directly. In addition to general market risks, CDS are subject to liquidity risk, credit risk and basis risk. If a credit event were to occur, the value of the reference obligation received by the seller, coupled with the periodic payments previously received, may be less than the full notional value it pays to the buyer, resulting in a loss of value to the Fund. The Fund may use CDS for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities and efficient investing.

## **Futures**

Futures are contracts to buy or sell a standard quantity of a specific asset (or, in some cases, receive or pay cash based on the performance of an underlying asset, instrument or index) at a pre-determined future date and at a price agreed through a transaction undertaken on an exchange. Futures may be used, for example, by the Fund to manage cash inflows and outflows whereby the Fund can gain efficiency by using futures as compared to fixed income securities. The Fund may use futures for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

# **Options**

There are two forms of options, put and call options. Put options are contracts sold for a premium that gives one party (the buyer) the right, but not the obligation, to sell to the other party (the seller) of the contract, a specific quantity of a particular product or financial instrument at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Call options are similar contracts sold for a premium that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy from the seller of the option at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Options may also be cash settled. Options may also be used to take a positional view on the volatility of individual debt securities, baskets of debt securities, CDS, interest rates, credit indices and/or credit index sector, or to sell exposure to volatility. The Fund may use options for hedging, tactical asset



allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

#### **Embedded Derivatives**

Some financial instruments (as described below) and other contracts combine, in a single contract, both a derivative and a non-derivative with the effect that some of the cash flows of the contract vary in a way similar to a stand-alone derivative. The embedded derivative may modify the value of the contract in relation to changes in a variable, such as an interest rate or yield, security, index or commodity price, credit rating, or foreign exchange rate. Embedded derivatives may provide leveraged exposure to the variable or the variable may itself be leveraged. The Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives which do not have significant leverage or hidden leverage, i.e. the Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives where the market value or notional value is accurately captured using the conversion methodologies for the commitment approach as laid out in the risk management process of the Company.

The Fund may use embedded derivatives for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

Instruments with embedded derivatives that may be used by the Fund are listed below:

Other exchangeable bonds / credit instruments

Some bonds, which are normally subordinated within a company's capital structure, can switch from fixed rate to floating interest payments at call dates for the security. In extremis, some bonds can convert into a fixed number of common or preference shares of the issuing company or other agreed asset such as cash usually if the issuing company is under severe financial stress. These bonds may also give the holder rights to a fixed rate coupon (sometimes cumulative).

Credit Linked Notes (including participatory notes) whose performance is linked to the performance of a credit instrument, e.g. corporate bond.

Credit Linked Notes are typically created through a special purpose company, or trust, which is collateralized with securities. Investors buy a note from the trust that pays a fixed or floating coupon during the life of the note. At maturity, the investors receive par unless the referenced credit defaults or declares bankruptcy, in which case they receive an amount equal to the recovery rate. The trust enters into a default swap with a deal arranger. In case of default, the trust pays the dealer par minus the recovery rate in exchange for an annual fee which is passed on to the investors in the form of a higher yield on the notes. Credit linked notes may be related to the price, yield or credit rating of the underlying instrument or issuer and may include leverage.

Index linked structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of an underlying financial index or a basket of financial indices

An Index linked structured instrument (such as an index-linked note) is a debt instrument which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of an underlying financial index or a combination of financial indices. Any financial indices used will be UCITS compliant. The Index linked note may include leverage. For example, the instrument may be structured to give the total return of the Citigroup World Government Bond Index above a certain index level, i.e. if the index falls the value of the instrument is preserved, if the index value increases, so does the value of the instrument.

Callable bonds (including callable step-up notes) and puttable bonds

A callable bond (also called a redeemable bond) is a type of debt security that allows the issuer of the bond to retain the right to redeem the bond at some point before the bond reaches its date of maturity. A callable bond includes a step-up note which refers to the increase in a bond's coupon payment (as set out in the bond's legal documentation) if certain circumstances occur. Such circumstances include the failure to redeem the bond by a call date or if the credit rating of the bond falls. A puttable bond



allows the investor the privilege of redeeming the bond at some point before the bond reaches its date of maturity. In other words, on the call / put date(s), the issuer / the investor has the right, but not the obligation, to buy / sell the bonds at a defined price. The callable and puttable bonds have an embedded derivative, an option, which is not independently contractually transferable.

Warrants and Rights (including covered warrants)

A warrant gives the holder the right, but not the obligation, to buy ('call' warrant) or to sell ('put' warrant) an underlying asset at a specified price by a predetermined date. Warrants are frequently attached to bonds or preferred stock allowing the issuer to pay lower interest rates or dividends. The price paid for this right is the 'premium' and with covered warrants you cannot lose more than this initial premium paid. They are limited liability instruments so there are no further payments or margin calls required to maintain a covered warrant position.

The Fund may use embedded derivatives for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or equity securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

Mortgage or asset backed securities

Mortgage or asset backed securities in respect of which the Fund may invest, may embed leverage. Therefore as these instruments may contain embedded leverage, any leverage arising from investment in such instruments will be monitored, measured and managed in accordance with the risk management process of the Fund. The Fund will not use these instruments with significant leverage until provision for such instruments has been included in the risk management process of the Company and cleared by the Central Bank.

### **Permitted Financial Indices**

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments to obtain exposure to financial indices as described above. The indices selected by the Investment Adviser will meet the requirements for financial indices as laid out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. In particular they shall be sufficiently diversified, represent an adequate benchmark for the markets to which they refer, are published in an appropriate manner, and are independently managed from the management of the Fund.

Details of any indices used by the Fund will be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Adviser on request and will be set out in the Company's semi-annual and annual accounts. These indices include MSCI Indices, FTSE Indices, iBOXX indices, Markit iTraxx and CDX indices, S&P Dow Jones Indices, BofA Merrill Lynch Indices and Bloomberg Barclays Capital Indices. Any indices will be cleared by the Central Bank or will meet its requirements.

The financial indices to which the Fund may gain exposure will be rebalanced on a quarterly or monthly basis (but not more frequently than monthly). As the Fund will invest in the financial indices using financial derivative instruments, there will be no material impact on its costs arising as a result of the re-balancing of a financial index. Where the weighting of a particular constituent in a financial index subsequently exceeds the UCITS investment restrictions, the Investment Adviser will as a priority objective look to remedy the situation taking into account the interests of Shareholders and the Fund.

# **Risk Management**

The Company is required under the UCITS Regulations to employ a risk management process which will enable it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the risks attached to financial derivatives instruments that it uses and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the Fund. The "Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach" method used by the Investment Adviser is one of the two methods explicitly permitted under the UCITS Regulations for this purpose, and details of this process have been provided to the Central Bank in the risk management process statement the Company has filed with the Central Bank. The Company will, upon request, provide supplementary information to shareholders relating to the risk management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk characteristics of the main category of investments.



VaR is an estimate of the maximum potential loss due to market risk rather than leverage. The VaR approach estimates the maximum potential loss at a given confidence level, or probability, over a specific time period under normal market conditions. The Fund will use the Absolute VaR approach, the VaR calculation will be carried out in accordance with the following parameters:

- i. one-tailed confidence interval of 99 %;
- ii. holding period equivalent to 1 month (20 business days);
- iii. effective observation period (history) of risk factors of at least 1 year (250 business days) unless a shorter observation period is justified by a significant increase in price volatility (for instance extreme market conditions);
- iv. quarterly data set updates, or more frequent when market prices are subject to material changes;
- v. at least daily calculation.

Below are details of an estimate of the expected leverage of the Fund, under normal market conditions, calculated for this purpose as the sum of all notional derivative positions including currency hedging positions.

Liontrust GF High Yield Bond Fund	Sum of notional derivatives
Expected leverage under normal market conditions	150% of the NAV of the Fund
Maximum leverage levels	350% of the NAV of the Fund

Shareholders should be aware that there is a possibility of higher leverage levels than those under normal market conditions, and in this regard, the maximum leverage levels for the Fund is also shown.

Potential investors in the Fund are also referred to the general policies applicable to each Fund of the Company which appear under "THE COMPANY - Investment Objectives and Policies" in the Prospectus.

# **Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs")**

SFTs include total return swaps; repurchase transactions; securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing; buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions; and margin lending transactions.

With the exception of total return swaps and securities lending, the Fund does not currently engage in SFTs. Securities lending transactions/agreements are transactions by which the Fund transfers securities to another counterparty subject to a commitment that the borrower will return equivalent securities on a future date or when requested to do so by the Fund. Where a Fund engages in SFTs, all revenue, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the Fund. The costs arising from these include any costs payable to the administrator of the securities lending programme. The Supplement will be updated prior to entry into any other SFTs.

The Fund's expected exposure to securities lending will be less than 20% of the assets under management of the Fund, with a maximum of 95% lent for each individual bond position depending on the liquidity of the underlying market. The Fund, although permitted to do so, does not currently use total return swaps but should this change, the Investment Adviser anticipates that the Fund's expected exposure to total return swaps will be less than 20% of the assets under management of the Fund and the maximum exposure of the Fund in respect of total return swaps shall be 40% of the assets under management of the Fund. Higher levels of exposure in respect to total return swaps may be encountered, for example, where the Fund has higher than normal exposures to sectors or countries where it is more efficient to hold total return swaps than the underlying bonds, or where the total return swaps are netting or hedging other investments within the Fund. Where assets subject to Securities Financing Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2015/2365) are received by the Fund they will be safe-kept by the Depositary.

Further information in relation to SFTs including collateral management and eligible counterparties are set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions and Efficient Portfolio



Management". Further information on the risks associated with SFTs and collateral management is set out under the heading "Risk Management".

#### INVESTMENT AND BORROWING POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

The investment and borrowing powers and restrictions to which the Fund is subject are described under "Investment Powers and Restrictions", "Restrictions on Borrowing, Lending and Dealing", "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management", "Changes to Investment and Borrowing Restrictions" in the Prospectus. However, while the Company is generally authorised to invest in other open-ended collective investment schemes, as described in the section of the Prospectus referred to above, the Fund itself will not invest more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in such schemes.

The use of financial derivative instruments is permitted for the Fund subject to the conditions and limits set out under "Investment Objectives and Policies", in the Prospectus and in accordance with the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. These conditions include, for example, a requirement to ensure that where a financial derivative instrument gives rise to a commitment for a Fund it must be covered as follows: (i) in the case of cash settled financial derivative instruments, the Fund must hold sufficient liquid assets at all times to cover the exposure; (2) in the case of financial derivative instruments which requires physical delivery, the asset must be held at all times, or with sufficient liquid assets if the underlying asset consists of highly liquid fixed income securities or the Fund considers that the exposure can be adequately managed, and the position exposure to underlying assets of derivative instruments (other than index based derivatives) (whether used for hedging or for investment purposes), when combined with positions resulting from direct investments, will not exceed the investment limits to which the Fund is subject.

### **FUND FEES AND EXPENSES**

#### **INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES**

The Investment Adviser is entitled to receive a monthly Investment Advisory Fee in respect of the Shares of the Fund calculated as set out under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Investment Advisory Charges" in the Prospectus.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, F1 and G1 is 1.10% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A5, B5, C5 D5, E5, F5 and G5 is 0.55% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A8, B8, C8, D8, E8, F8 and G8 is 0.35% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A9, B9, C9, D9, E9, F9 and G9 is 0.80% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class CF is 0.55% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The above fees apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

# **OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES**

## **Fixed Operating Fee**

The Fund shall be subject to a Fixed Operating Fee, which includes inter alia, the fees and expenses of the Administrator, Depositary, sub-custodial fees and transaction charges, Directors and Auditors fees and expenses, and fees paid to the Investment Adviser for administrative and related expenses. A description of the Fixed Operating Fee is set out in the Prospectus under "Charges and Expenses".



The current amount of Fixed Operating Fee by Share Class is listed below. The Fixed Operating Fee is payable out of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each Share Class.

Share Class	Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Class A1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class A1 Distributing	0.12%
Class A5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class A5 Accumulating  Class A5 Distributing	0.12%
Class A8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class A8 Distributing	0.12%
Class A9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class A9 Accumulating  Class A9 Distributing	0.12%
Class B1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class B1 Accumulating  Class B1 Distributing	0.12%
Class B5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class B5 Accumulating Class B5 Distributing	0.12%
	0.12%
Class B8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class B8 Distributing	
Class B9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class B9 Distributing	0.12%
Class C1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class C1 Distributing	0.12%
Class C5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class C5 Distributing	0.12%
Class C8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class C8 Distributing	0.12%
Class C9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class C9 Distributing	0.12%
Class D1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class D1 Distributing	0.12%
Class D5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class D5 Distributing	0.12%
Class D8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class D8 Distributing	0.12%
Class D9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class D9 Distributing	0.12%
Class E1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class E1 Distributing	0.12%
Class E5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class E5 Distributing	0.12%
Class E8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class E8 Distributing	0.12%
Class E9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class E9 Distributing	0.12%
Class F1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class F1 Distributing	0.12%
Class F5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class F5 Distributing	0.12%
Class F8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class F8 Distributing	0.12%
Class F9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class F9 Distributing	0.12%
Class G1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class G1 Distributing	0.12% 0.12%
Class G5 Accumulating	
Class G5 Distributing	0.12%



Class G8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class G8 Distributing	0.12%
Class G9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class G9 Distributing	0.12%
Class CF Accumulating	0.12%

For the avoidance of doubt, the Fixed Operating Fees set out above apply when the assets of the Fund do not exceed £500 million. See below for the discount to be applied where the assets of the Fund do exceed £500 million.

The Fixed Operating Fee shall accrue daily based on the prior day Net Asset Value of each Share Class and the Fixed Operating Fee accrued during a calendar month shall be paid to the Investment Adviser out of the assets of the Fund on or as soon as is practicable after the last business day of that calendar month. The Fixed Operating Fee will be calculated taking account of any discount to be applied, as indicated in the table below, based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund on the last business day of the previous month. In the event that the assets of the Fund exceed £500 million, in order to pass on any savings which may be made through economies of scale, the following discounts will be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee of all Share Classes of the Fund:

Net asset value of the Fund	Discount to be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Below £500 million	0.000%
£500 million to £1 billion	0.010%
£1 billion to £2 billion	0.020%
£2 billion to £3 billion	0.030%
£3 billion to £4 billion	0.040%
£4 billion to £5 billion	0.050%
Over £5 billion	0.060%

The above discounts will not apply in circumstances that the Fixed Operating Fee after the applicable discount would be below 0.10%. For example, if the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.12% then the lowest it can go with the application of a volume discount is 0.10%. If the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.08% then the volume discounts will not apply as the Fixed Operating Fee is already below 0.10%.

Where an applicable threshold level of net asset value is achieved by the Fund on the last business day of any month, the relevant discount above will apply to the Fund in relation to the following month.

The Fixed Operating Fee is not currently subject to VAT, but in the event of Value Added Tax (or any equivalent tax) being imposed this may be levied against the property of the Fund.

Further details of the Fixed Operating Fees relating to the Fund and the Company appear under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus.

# SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

## Initial Offer Period

The Initial Offer Period for all Classes of Shares in the Fund which are available for subscription but have not yet launched will close at 5 p.m. Irish time on 12 July, 2019. The Initial Offer Period in respect of any Class of Shares in the Fund which have not yet launched may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After the closing of the Initial Offer Period, Shares in the Fund will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

Initial Offer Price



During the Initial Offer Period Shares will be offered at the Initial Offer Price. The Initial Offer Price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be as follows:

Shares	Initial Offer Price
Class A Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	EUR10
Class B Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	US\$10
Class C Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	GBP10
Class D Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	CHF10
Class E Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	DKK100
Class F Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	NOK100
Class G Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	SEK100
Class CF Shares (Accumulating)	GBP0.01

The Initial Offer Price is exclusive of an initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Initial Offer Price.

# Subscription Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund are available for purchase on each Dealing Day. The Dealing Days for the Fund shall be each Business Day. The subscription price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus) plus any initial charge payable to the Investment Adviser.

The Valuation Point in respect of each subscription Dealing Day is currently midday (Irish time) on the subscription Dealing Day. The last traded price in each relevant market will be used.

Application Forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 11.59 a.m. (Irish time) on the relevant Dealing Day (the "Subscription Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that Application Forms received after the Subscription Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Settlement should be made in accordance with the Prospectus and the instructions in the Application Form.

# Minimum Investment Levels for Subscriptions

The minimum initial and additional investment in Shares of the Fund is as follows:-

Share Class Minimum Investments		nvestments
	Initial	Additional
Class A1, A9	€1,000	€1,000
Class A5	€5,000,000	€1,000
Class A8	€50,000,000	€1,000
Class B1, B9	\$1,000	\$1,000
Class B5	\$5,000,000	\$1,000
Class B8	\$50,000,000	\$1,000
Class C1, C9	£1,000	£1,000
Class C5	£5,000,000	£1,000
Class C8	£50,000,000	£1,000
Class D1, D9	F1,000	F1,000
Class D5	F5,000,000	F1,000
Class D8	F50,000,000	F1,000
Class E1, E9	kr10,000 (Danish)	kr10,000 (Danish)
Class E5	kr50,000,000 (Danish)	kr10,000 (Danish)
Class E8	kr500,000,000 (Danish)	kr10,000 (Danish)
Class F1, F9	kr10,000 (Norwegian)	kr10,000 (Norwegian)
Class F5	kr50,000,000 (Norwegian)	kr10,000 (Norwegian)
Class F8	kr500,000,000 (Norwegian)	kr10,000 (Norwegian)



Class G1, G9	kr10,000 (Swedish)	kr10,000 (Swedish)
Class G5	kr50,000,000 (Swedish)	kr10,000 (Swedish)
Class G8	kr500,000,000 (Swedish)	kr10,000 (Swedish)
Class CF	Nil	Nil

Class A9, B9, C9, D9, E9, F9 and G9 shares are available to platforms or wealth managers with advisory clients.

Class CF Shares are only available for investment by Liontrust Asset Management plc.

The above minimum investment amounts apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

The Board of Directors reserves the right to waive these Minimum Initial Investment and Minimum Subsequent Investment requirements in accordance with the principle of fair treatment of all Shareholders.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to decline to accept any application for Shares in any Class of the Fund, in particular applications into Classes that have not yet issued any Shares.

## Subscription Charges

An initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Net Asset Value per Share is payable in respect of subscriptions for Shares of the Fund.

The initial charge may be waived in whole or in part by the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser may, in its sole discretion, (i) pay commission to financial intermediaries including but not limited to the Distributors, sub-distributors, intermediaries and introducing agents who refer prospective investors out of the initial charge and the Investment Advisory Fee and/or (ii) waive the initial charge for certain prospective investors based on factors deemed appropriate by the Investment Adviser including, but not limited to, the amount of the proposed investment by a prospective investor.

### **REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

## Redemption Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on each Dealing Day. The redemption price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus).

A Dealing Day in respect of each class of Shares of the Fund is each Business Day.

The Valuation Point in respect of each Dealing Day is currently midday (Irish time) on the Dealing Day.

Redemption forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 11.59 a.m. (Irish time) on the relevant redemption Dealing Day ("Redemption Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that redemption forms received after the Redemption Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Settlement of the redemption proceeds will be made in accordance with the procedures set out under "SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING - Redemptions" in the Prospectus.

## Minimum Redemptions and Holdings

The minimum redemption amount and minimum residual holding for Shares of the Fund is as follows:-

	Share Class	Minimum Redempt	tions and Holdings
Redemption Amount Residual Holding		Residual Holding	



Class A1, A9	€1,000	€1,000
Class A5	€1,000	€5,000,000
Class A8	€1,000	€50,000,000
Class B1, B9	\$1,000	\$1,000
Class B5	\$1,000	\$5,000,000
Class B8	\$1,000	\$50,000,000
Class C1, C9	£1,000	£1,000
Class C5	£1,000	£5,000,000
Class C8	£1,000	£50,000,000
Class D1, D9	F1,000	F1,000
Class D5	F1,000	F5,000,000
Class D8	F1,000	F50,000,000
Class E1, E9	kr10,000 (Danish)	kr10,000 (Danish)
Class E5	kr10,000 (Danish)	kr50,000,000 (Danish)
Class E8	kr10,000 (Danish)	kr500,000,000 (Danish)
Class F1, F9	kr10,000 (Norwegian)	kr10,000 (Norwegian)
Class F5	kr10,000 (Norwegian)	kr50,000,000 (Norwegian)
Class F8	kr10,000 (Norwegian)	kr500,000,000 (Norwegian)
Class G1, G9	kr10,000 (Swedish)	kr10,000 (Swedish)
Class G5	kr10,000 (Swedish)	kr50,000,000 (Swedish)
Class G8	kr10,000 (Swedish)	kr500,000,000 (Swedish)
Class CF	Nil	Nil

The above minimum redemption and residual holding amounts apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

If the holding in any Class falls below the "Residual Holding" amount specified in the above table, the Directors reserve the right to compulsorily redeem the holding.

## **SWITCHING**

Shares of the Fund may be switched into Shares of other Funds in the Company on each Dealing Day on which Shares of both classes are available for subscription and redemption. The Company does not currently propose to charge a switching fee although it reserves the right to levy such a charge generally or in respect of specific Funds. Details of any such switching fees will be disclosed in the relevant Supplements of the Funds concerned. An initial charge may however be made as described above in relation to a transaction which the Company is instructed by Shareholders or their authorised agents to treat as a separate redemption and subscription.

Switching forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11.59 a.m. (Irish time) on the relevant redemption and subscription Dealing Day ("Switching Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders or in respect of specific applications provided that switch forms received after the Switching Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day.

### **SHARE PRICES**

The most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund is published following calculation on each Business Day on the following internet website: www.liontrust.co.uk. In addition, the most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (in each currency) may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours and may also be published in such newspaper or journal as the Directors in their sole discretion may determine.

### **DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY**

This Fund operates income equalisation.

Income distributing shares



The Directors' current intention is to distribute in respect of each accounting period substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) of Fund attributable to the distributing classes, (the "Distributing Classes") in respect of each accounting period. At the Directors' discretion, where there is insufficient income available in the Fund, dividends may be declared and paid from net realised gains (i.e. realised gains net of realised and unrealised losses; and/or net realised and unrealised losses (i.e. realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses).

The Directors intend to make distributions to holders of the Distributing Classes on or before 31 January, 30 April, 31 July and 31 October with the relevant Share class going ex-dividend on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October (each an Allocation Date) respectively in each year.

Unless a Shareholder elects otherwise, any distributions attributable to the Distributing Classes will be applied in the purchase of additional Shares (or fractions thereof) of the relevant Share class.

### Income accumulating shares

The Directors do not anticipate that any dividends or other distributions will be paid to the holders of accumulating classes of the Fund (the "Accumulating Classes") out of the earnings and profits of the Fund attributable to such classes of the Accumulating Classes. The amount of net income attributable to a class of the Accumulating Classes on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October (each an Allocation Date) shall become part of the capital property of the Fund.

Investors are referred to "DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY" in the Prospectus for further details on the dividend and reinvestment policy of the Fund.

## **UK Reporting Fund Status**

Accumulating and Distributing versions of Classes C1, C5, C8, C9 and B5 have UK Reporting Fund status. Class CF and Class A5 Accumulating has UK Reporting Fund status. Distributing versions of Classes A1, A5, A8, A9, B1, B8, B9, D1, D5, D8, D9, E1, E5, E8, E9, F1, F5, F8, F9, G1, G5, G8 and G9 have Reporting Fund status, The remaining classes do not have UK Reporting Fund Status. The Investment Adviser may apply for UK Reporting Fund status for further classes, as required. The full current list of Classes which have UK Reporting Fund status can be found on the www.gov.uk website at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds

## **COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS**

The attention of prospective investors is drawn to "COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS" in the Prospectus.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

#### General Risks

Potential investors should note that the investments of the Fund are subject to market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities and there can be no assurance that any appreciation in value will occur. The value of investments and the income from them, and therefore the value of, and income from, the Shares of the Fund can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount he/she invests. Changes in exchange rates between currencies may also cause the value of the investments to diminish or increase. An investor who realises Shares of the Fund after a short period may, in addition, not realise the amount originally invested in view of any initial charge made on the issue of Shares of the Fund. The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of Shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

### Currencies and Share Class Risk

Prospective investors should note that as the Base Currency of the Fund is the US Dollar, the Net Asset Value of the Sterling, Euro and Swiss Franc denominated Shares in the Fund will be affected by



movements in the exchange rate of Sterling, Euro and Swiss Franc against the US Dollar. The Fund will undertake currency hedging transactions to seek to mitigate these movements but there can be no assurance that such currency hedging transactions, if any, will be successful. The Fund may therefore be exposed to a foreign exchange risk/currency risk. The benefits, losses and expenses relating to such hedging transactions shall be for the account of the relevant currency class of Shares.

In addition, the Fund may enter into transactions which alter the currency exposure of underlying assets in which the Fund is invested from time to time. The Fund's performance may thus be strongly influenced by movements in foreign exchange rates because currency positions held by a Fund may not correspond with the securities positions held.

#### Investment in Debt Securities

Many fixed income securities, including certain sovereign and corporate debt securities in which the Fund may invest, contain call or buy-back features which permit the issuer of the security to call or repurchase it. If an issuer exercises such a "call option" and redeems the security the Fund may have to replace the called security with another security, which may have different characteristics, resulting in a decreased rate of return for the Fund.

The Fund may invest in securities where the execution of rights purchased involves discussion with liquidators or other parties representing the issuer and or lawyers and other professionals representing the interests and enforcement of creditor interests in such issuers.

The Investment Adviser will adjust the exposure of the Fund to various points of the interest rate curve (i.e. a line/graph that plots interest rates at a set point in time of bonds with equal credit quality but differing maturity dates), in line with its views of future inflation and interest rates and how these will cause the yield curve to move. This may mean a substantial portion of the Fund may be exposed to significant shifts in the interest rate curve.

The Investment Adviser will adjust the exposure of the Fund to different issuer types (e.g. governments, companies etc.), this may mean a substantial portion, or the entire Fund may be exposed to one issuer type at any one time and be particularly exposed to shifts in credit markets.

The proportion of investment (either directly or through derivative positions) in developed and emerging market countries will vary in accordance with the Investment Adviser's opinion on the relative attractiveness and accessibility of each market sector. This may mean a substantial portion of the Fund may be exposed to emerging markets.

# High Yield/Sub-Investment Grade Securities Risk

Investments will be made in debt securities of differing creditworthiness including government debt, investment grade instruments, high yield or speculative grade instruments, or unrated instruments. The proportion of investment in each of these groups (either directly or through derivative positions) will vary in accordance with the Investment Adviser's opinion on the relative attractiveness and accessibility of each group. This may mean a substantial portion of the Fund may be exposed to instruments rated below investment grade or unrated.

Lower-rated securities will usually offer higher yields than higher-rated securities to compensate for the reduced creditworthiness and increased risk of default that these securities carry. Lower-rated securities generally tend to reflect short-term issuer and market developments to a greater extent than higher-rated securities which react primarily to fluctuations in the general level of interest rates. During an economic downturn or a sustained period of rising interest rates, highly leveraged issuers of high yield securities may experience financial stress and may not have sufficient revenues to meet their interest payment obligations. There are fewer investors in lower-rated securities, and it may be harder to buy and sell securities at an optimum time.

In addition, the market for lower-rated debt securities may be thinner and less active than that for higher rated debt securities, which can adversely affect the prices at which the lower-rated debt securities are



sold. Market quotations may not be available for high yield debt securities, and judgment plays a greater role in valuing high yield corporate debt securities than is the case for securities for which more external sources for quotations and last sale information is available. Adverse publicity and changing investor perception may also affect the availability of outside pricing services to value lower-rated debt securities and the Fund's ability to dispose of these securities.

## Distribution Policy Risk

Potential investors should note that as part of the distribution policy of the Distributing versions of classes A1, A5, A8, A9, B1, B5, B8, B9, C1, C5, C8, C9, D1, D5, D8, D9, E1, E5, E8, E9, F1, F5, F8, F9, G1, G5, G8 and G9 of the Fund the Directors may distribute substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) and such part of any net realised and unrealised capital gains attributable to those classes as, in their opinion, is appropriate to maintain a satisfactory level of distribution.

Any increase in distributions as a result of this policy may consequently result in a proportional increase in income for tax purposes although the potential for capital gains may correspondingly be lowered, and may have differing tax implications for investors. It is recommended that investors should seek independent professional advice with regards to distribution policy of the Fund.

### Risk of Investment in Deposits

Potential Investors should note an investment in the Fund is not a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. As a result an investment in the Fund is subject to possible fluctuation in its value.

The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

Prospective investors should in addition take into account the Risk Factors referred to under "RISK FACTORS" in the Prospectus when considering whether to invest in Shares of the Fund.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Class CF Shares are participating shares in the Company and have equal voting rights with all other Share Classes in the Fund.

Investors in the Fund should note that Class CF Shares will be held exclusively by employees/representatives of Liontrust Asset Management plc an affiliate of the Investment Adviser. However, Class CF Shareholders will abstain from voting in any general meeting of the Company or the Fund.



If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser duly authorised in this regard. Shares are available for subscription on the basis of the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus and the documents referred to therein.

### LIONTRUST GLOBAL FUNDS plc

(an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between its sub-funds incorporated with a limited liability under the laws of Ireland, registered number 459084 authorised in Ireland as an investment company pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011)as amended

### SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROSPECTUS

for

#### LIONTRUST GF SUSTAINABLE FUTURE EUROPEAN CORPORATE BOND FUND

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Liontrust GF Sustainable Future European Corporate Bond Fund (the "Fund"), the twelfth fund of Liontrust Global Funds plc (the "Company"). It forms part of and must be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus of the Company dated 1 October, 2019 and in particular the information contained therein relating to:-

- the Company, its Funds and Shares:
- charges and expenses (including those for investment, administration and custody);
- subscription, redemption and switching of Shares; and
- Taxation, conflicts of interest and risk factors.

Distribution of this Supplement is only authorised if accompanied by the Prospectus of the Company. In addition, distribution of this Supplement and the Prospectus is not authorised in any jurisdiction unless accompanied by the most recent annual and/or, if more recent, semi-annual report of the Company.

The Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments for hedging and/or for investment purposes. This may have the effect of increasing volatility. Investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be suitable for all investors.

Investment in the Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is subject to the risk that the principal invested in the Fund is capable of fluctuation and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.

Dated 1 October, 2019



# **BASE CURRENCY OF FUND**

The Base Currency of the Fund is Euro.

# SHARES AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Shares of the Fund are currently available for subscription in the following denominations:-

Shares	Currency of Denomination
Class A1 Accumulating	Euro
Class A1 Distributing	Euro
Class A5 Accumulating	Euro
Class A5 Distributing	Euro
Class A8 Accumulating	Euro
Class A8 Distributing	Euro
Class A9 Accumulating	Euro
Class A9 Distributing	Euro
Class B1 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B1 Distributing	US Dollar
Class B5 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B5 Distributing	US Dollar
Class B8 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B8 Distributing	US Dollar
Class B9 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B9 Distributing	US Dollar
Class C1 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C1 Distributing	Sterling
Class C5 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C5 Accumulating (Unhedged)	Sterling
Class C5 Distributing	Sterling
Class C8 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C8 Distributing	Sterling
Class C9 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C9 Distributing	Sterling
Class D1 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D1 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class D5 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D5 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class D8 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D8 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class D9 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D9 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class E1 Accumulating	Danish krone
Class E1 Distributing	Danish krone
Class E5 Accumulating	Danish krone
Class E5 Distributing	Danish krone
Class E8 Accumulating	Danish krone
Class E8 Distributing	Danish krone
Class E9 Accumulating	Danish krone
Class E9 Distributing	Danish krone
Class F1 Accumulating	Norwegian krone
Class F1 Distributing	Norwegian krone
Class F5 Accumulating	Norwegian krone
Class F5 Distributing	Norwegian krone
Class F8 Accumulating	Norwegian krone



Class F8 Distributing	Norwegian krone
Class F9 Accumulating	Norwegian krone
Class F9 Distributing	Norwegian krone
Class G1 Accumulating	Swedish krona
Class G1 Distributing	Swedish krona
Class G5 Accumulating	Swedish krona
Class G5 Distributing	Swedish krona
Class G8 Accumulating	Swedish krona
Class G8 Distributing	Swedish krona
Class G9 Accumulating	Swedish krona
Class G9 Distributing	Swedish krona
Class CF Accumulating	Sterling (Founder)

The net asset value per Share will be calculated in the currency of the relevant Share Class.

# **Hedged Classes**

Other than Class CF and Class C5 Accumulating (Unhedged), all classes that are not designated in the Base Currency of the Fund will be hedged ("Hedged Classes"). Further information on Share Class Hedging is set out below at the section entitled "Use of Derivatives" and in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management".

### **RISK PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INVESTOR**

The Fund is considered to be suitable for investors seeking to maximise total return over a long term investment horizon (at least 5 years) and who are prepared to accept a low to medium level of volatility. The Fund's potential use of derivatives may lead to a higher risk in the management of its assets.

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

The investment objective of the Fund is to maximise total returns (a combination of income and capital growth) over the long term primarily through investments in European investment grade fixed income markets.

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

The Investment Adviser will seek to achieve the investment objective of the Fund predominately through investing in Euro denominated investment grade corporate bonds, or non-Euro denominated corporate bonds hedged back into Euros. Based upon a proprietary model and external research, the focus is to invest in instruments issued by companies that provide or produce more sustainable products and services as well as having a more progressive approach to the management of environmental, social and governance issues. Further details on how the investments are selected and the portfolio constructed are set out below in the section "Investment Strategy".

The Investment Adviser will invest directly in corporate and government bonds and indirectly through the use of derivatives (specifically currency forwards, total return swaps, credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, bond futures, options and embedded derivatives as described further below).

In normal market conditions, the Fund's investments will be predominately in Euro denominated (or hedged into Euro) corporate bonds, although it is possible that at certain times (i.e. where market factors dictate or at times of significant subscription and redemptions in the Fund), a substantial portion, or the entire Fund could be invested in government bonds, cash or cash equivalents (such as Money Market Instruments, treasury bills, certificates of deposit, commercial paper). The Fund's investments will be broadly diversified, however at times (i.e. when market factors dictate) the Investment Adviser may choose to hold a portfolio with concentrated exposure to certain instrument types, issuer types, creditworthiness, duration or geography.

The Fund will invest in bonds which may be: fixed or floating rate; inflation or index linked or subordinated (including bonds that contain call or extension features); it may also invest in securitised



debt (including embedded derivatives as outlined in greater detail below) such as credit linked notes, mortgage or other asset backed debt instruments.

Although primarily focusing on investment grade instruments, investments will be made in debt securities of differing creditworthiness (including sovereign debt, investment grade, high yield instruments, or unrated instruments) issued by governments, corporate issuers and borrowers in developed and emerging market countries and those of, or guaranteed by, supranational, national and local governments and government related entities in such countries. Based upon the investment grade focus, the Fund will maintain an average weighted credit rating of at least 'BBB' and furthermore is not permitted to invest in bonds rated below 'B'. Asset backed instruments will be limited to investment grade instruments only. Where instruments are unrated, the Investment Adviser will calculate an internal rating. Additionally, investments in subordinated bonds which can be converted from debt to equity upon occurrence of a trigger event pre-defined in the contractual terms and conditions, or whose nominal amount can be reduced (so-called CoCo bonds), will be limited to 5% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Further detail is set out in the "Risk Factors – Contingent Convertible Instruments" section below.

Investment will be made in debt securities denominated in hard currencies (including the US Dollar, Sterling and the currencies of the developed countries) and may invest up to 5% of the Fund in soft currencies (for example, emerging markets). The majority of currency exposure will be hedged to the Base Currency of the Fund using currency forwards with a 10% aggregate unhedged limit.

Investment may be made in debt securities (either directly or through derivative positions) in developed or emerging markets. The Fund may invest up to 5% of its net assets in what the Investment Adviser considers to be emerging markets. For the purposes of the Fund, emerging market countries can be defined as all the countries in the world other than those classified as "advanced" by the International Monetary Fund ("IMF"). Although the Fund's investment in emerging markets may be on a worldwide basis, any allocation to emerging markets is expected to be concentrated in the developing countries of Europe. Given the limited permitted exposure to emerging market debt, there are no formal limits on the investment in any one country, with the exception that the Fund is not permitted to invest in Russia. With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities, investment by the Fund in securities or in units of open ended collective schemes (subject to a maximum of 10% in collectives), investment is restricted to securities listed or dealt in on the Recognised Exchanges listed in the Prospectus.

The Fund will use derivatives for investment purposes, for efficient portfolio management and for hedging purposes. This may include using derivatives to produce synthetic short positions, in order to achieve the desired exposures as detailed below.

### **Investment Strategy**

The investment process used by the Investment Adviser combines a multi-stage approach to investing in fixed income markets, with the principal emphasis on investing in issuers that demonstrate superior levels of sustainability. The process is based on the premise that fixed income markets are not efficient and as such the investment process is designed to capture these inefficiencies through a top-down analysis for making strategic decisions, setting risk appetite and longer term market positioning. In addition a detailed bottom-up analysis combining credit and sustainability analysis to identify value whist limiting tail risk (i.e. volatility) and detailed daily risk reports are used to determine portfolio construction and to manage the total risk of the portfolio on a short / medium term basis.

#### Strategic top-down analysis

Quarterly strategy meetings assess the attractiveness of different areas of the credit and global bond markets as well as regions, countries and currencies. Factors in the top-down analysis include the political environment and macro-economic variables such as real GDP growth, inflation, budget and current account deficits, monetary and fiscal policy and debt burden, as well as forward looking surveys and indicators (such as surveys of investor sentiment). The fundamentals, absolute and relative valuations, and technical factors of each market that the Fund is invested in are assessed. The output from this part of the investment process determines the top down positioning of the Fund. The Investment Adviser will position the Fund in accordance with its opinion on the relative attractiveness and accessibility of each of the different areas of the exposure of the Fund to issuer type (e.g. corporate



versus sovereign), creditworthiness (e.g. investment grade versus speculative grades), geography (e.g. preferences within Europe as well as other developed markets) and currency.

Judgements are made not only about absolute value but also about relative value - for example between corporate and sovereign bonds, or credit valuations in one country versus another.

# Bottom-up analysis

The bottom up analysis is to identify those issuers of debt in the different areas of the fixed income markets established in the top down analysis which will be able to, and be willing to, pay their debt commitments in a timely manner in the current market environment and over the lifetime of an issue. Two key considerations are made, the creditworthiness of an issuer and the ESG factors (defined below).

Factors in the credit analysis include financial variables such as interest coverage (a measure of the number of times a company is able to pay (or cover) its interest payment obligations), debt ratios, and the sensitivity of the business to changes in the environment for its products. Proprietary credit templates specific to different industry areas (e.g. banks, insurance companies and non-financial corporates) are used to analyse the quantitative characteristics of all investments and to record the investment thesis. These capture the key ratios (e.g. financial ratios) that the Investment Adviser believes are most relevant to the industry type to judging future investment performance, as well as the qualitative review of these ratios.

Factors in the sustainability analysis include the key environmental, social and governance ("ESG") characteristics of each investment that the Investment Adviser believes are important indicators of future success, and the analysis assesses how well these are managed by each issuer. Using a proprietary sustainability matrix, the Investment Adviser analyses and rates both product sustainability (the extent to which a company's core business helps or harms society and/or the environment) and management quality (whether a company has appropriate structures, policies and practices in place for managing its environmental, social and governance risks and impacts). Each company whose issued bonds are considered for inclusion in the portfolio is given a rating, which reflects the Investment Adviser's views on a combination of the product sustainability and management quality ratings. Only those which achieve the minimum required rating are considered for inclusion within the portfolio.

The Investment Adviser believes that combining credit and sustainability analysis will enhance returns and reduce tail risk for the Fund over the economic cycle. This is achieved by focusing on companies that demonstrate strong governance and good financial control and avoiding companies that are potentially exposed to environmental and social headwinds. For all investments that are ultimately selected for the portfolio, these factors are monitored on an ongoing basis.

## Security selection

Having established the key desired market exposures of the Fund and having identified a universe of suitable issuers within that market that meet the credit and ESG requirements, the Investment Adviser will consider the relative attractiveness of the individual debt securities available from the issuers and select a number of issues after consideration of a number of factors, such as:

- The expected total return of the different types of debt available for an issuer relative to the assessed risk of that issuer:
- The contribution from income and capital to the expected return;
- Issue size and liquidity;
- Currency of denomination;
- Sensitivity to interest rates and credit spreads; and
- Covenants and terms and conditions including any option to call early or extend

## Portfolio construction

The Investment Adviser then chooses a diversified selection of the debt instruments identified above to produce an initial portfolio. The next stage is to consider the use of derivative strategies to adjust certain



portfolio characteristics of this initial portfolio, such as duration, credit exposure and currency exposure, to produce a diversified portfolio that, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, reflects the current desired investment strategy and best meets the Fund objective.

The Investment Adviser pays particular attention to the following characteristics both during the construction process and on an ongoing basis to ensure that the portfolio is in line with the strategic top down analysis of the Investment Adviser and is consistent with the Fund's risk profile: expected total return, estimated income yield, sector / country and currency exposures, duration, potential downside risk to capital, expected portfolio volatility and the level of portfolio leverage.

### **Cash and Currency Management**

Although investments will predominately be Euro denominated, the Fund is permitted to invest in assets denominated in a number of currencies, most typically US Dollars and Sterling. The Investment Adviser may, at its discretion and subject to a 10% maximum unhedged position, choose to hedge all or a proportion of the non-Euro denominated assets of the Fund into Euro, the Base Currency of the Fund, in order to mitigate the impact of currency fluctuations on the value of non-Euro Dollar denominated assets. Such hedging might incur costs, especially if forward interest rate levels are significantly higher in non-Euro currencies. Any such hedging activity will be for the purposes of efficient portfolio management within the limits laid down by the Central Bank as set out in the Prospectus.

It is possible that at certain times, a substantial portion of the Fund could be invested in cash, i.e. deposits with credit institutions (in accordance with the UCITS deposit risk spreading rules whereby no more than 20% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund may be invested with any one credit institution). The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in units or shares in collective investment schemes (including exchange traded funds ("ETF")), such as short term money market funds for cash management purposes.

Potential investors in the Fund are also referred to the general policies applicable to each Fund of the Company which appear under "Investment Objectives and Policies" in the Prospectus.

### **Use of Derivatives**

The Fund may engage in transactions in financial derivative instruments (specifically currency forwards, total return swaps, credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, bond futures, options and embedded derivatives) for efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes as set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Investment Powers and Restrictions".

Any derivative instrument in which the Fund enters will be in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements, the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and subject to limits in respect of derivative counterparties.

The financial derivative instruments which may be invested in by the Fund to provide exposure to government bond, credit and currency markets to achieve the Fund's investment objective and policy include forwards, credit default swaps ("CDS") (on single names (i.e. underlying reference obligation or company) and/or indices), swaps (including interest rate swaps and total return swaps (on single names or indices)), bond futures and options (including options on CDS). Further details on the different derivative types can be found below. Derivatives may be traded by the Fund either on exchange or over-the-counter. The Fund may also have derivative exposure to foreign exchange rates or currencies for hedging purposes.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes. The use of derivatives will create leverage or synthetic long positions (i.e. positions which are in economic terms equivalent to long positions). The Fund may create synthetic long or short positions by, for example, the use of futures, options and swaps. The synthetic short positions allow the Fund to benefit from downwards movement in prices or overpricing of securities or market factors by having short or negative position in the underlying security. The Fund's exposure to synthetic short credit positions (e.g. CDS single names and CDS indices) will be limited to 20% of Net Asset Value. The synthetic long positions permit the Fund to gain exposure to assets where the Investment Adviser believes that a derivative exposure to the



underlying asset represents better value or is more efficient than a direct exposure. The Fund's exposure to synthetic long positions will be limited to 100% of Net Asset Value.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments (specifically currency forwards, total return swaps, CDS, futures and embedded derivatives) for efficient portfolio management subject to the conditions and limits set out in the UCITS Regulations and Central Bank UCITS Regulations to manage risk and invest more efficiently. Where the Investment Adviser has decided to increase or reduce debt security specific and / or market risk in response to the Investment Adviser's views on market prospects, prices and values it may be more efficient to do so using financial derivatives as well as purchasing units or shares in collective investment schemes (including ETFs). For example, the Investment Adviser might reduce the Fund's exposure to credit risk through the use of CDS instruments, or may increase the Fund's exposure to US Treasuries through purchasing shares/units in an appropriate ETF. The total exposure to collective investment schemes (including ETFs) including those used for cash management purposes will not exceed 10% of its Net Asset Value.

Although the Base Currency of the Fund is Euro, the Investment Adviser anticipates holding securities denominated in currencies other than Euro and reserves the right to enter into foreign exchange and/or derivative transactions selectively with the aim of hedging or maintaining the value of the Fund in absolute terms. The Fund may utilise forwards, futures and total return swaps to hedge against currency fluctuations at a Fund level, but there can be no assurance that such hedging transactions will be undertaken and, if undertaken, will be effective or beneficial.

Forward foreign exchange contracts may also be used to hedge the value of certain classes of Shares in the Fund ("Share Class Hedging") against changes in the exchange rate between the currency of denomination of the class of Shares and the Base Currency of the Fund, which is Euro. In respect of the Hedged Classes outlined above, such Share Class Hedging does not protect any of the Share classes from any non-Euro exposure that might be held in the Fund.

Further information is set out in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management". It should be noted that the successful execution of a hedging strategy which mitigates this currency risk exactly cannot be assured.

Where a class is unhedged, a currency conversion will take place on subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and distributions at prevailing exchange rates. In such circumstances, the value of the Share expressed in the class currency will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency.

## **Financial Derivative Instrument Types**

The Fund may use the following financial derivative instruments:

### **Forwards**

Forwards, such as forward foreign exchange contracts, are an obligation to purchase or sell a specific asset at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. In currency forward contracts, the contract holders are obligated to buy or sell the currency at a specified price, at a specified quantity and on a specified future date. The Fund may also use non-deliverable forwards ("NDF") where the difference between the contracted NDF price or rate and the prevailing spot price or rate on an agreed notional amount is settled in an agreed currency. The Fund may use Forwards for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

#### Swap agreements

Swap agreements are two party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than a year. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realised on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," (i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular



amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency or security, or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index). For example, a single total return swap may allow a view to be taken on the price movement of individual fixed income securities. They can be used to express both positive and negative views on securities (by creating a synthetic long or short position). Swap agreements may be used to allow the general market risk to be neutralised (or adjusted) from the Investment Adviser's view of a particular fixed income security or index provided such indices meet the requirements of the Central Bank. Swap agreements may be used either individually or in combinations. The Fund will only enter into swap agreements with counterparties who are "Approved Institutions" as defined under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions – Eligible Counterparties". The Fund may use swap agreements for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

#### Credit Default Swaps (CDS)

The "buyer" in a CDS contract is obligated to pay the "seller" a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract in return for a contingent payment upon the occurrence of a credit event with respect to an underlying reference obligation. Generally, a credit event means bankruptcy, failure to pay or obligation acceleration. If a credit event occurs, the seller typically must pay the contingent payment to the buyer, which is typically the "par value" (full notional value) of the reference obligation. The contingent payment may be a cash settlement or by physical delivery of the reference obligation in return for payment of the face amount of the obligation. The Fund may be either the buyer or seller in the transaction. If the Fund is a buyer and no credit event occurs, the Fund may lose its investment and recover nothing. However, if a credit event occurs, the buyer typically receives full notional value for a reference obligation that may have little or no value. If the Fund is a seller, the Fund receives a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the contract, which typically is between one month and five years, provided that no credit event occurs. If a credit event occurs, the seller may pay the buyer the full notional value of the reference obligations. CDS involve greater risks than if the Fund had invested in the reference obligation directly. In addition to general market risks, CDS are subject to liquidity risk, credit risk and basis risk. If a credit event were to occur, the value of the reference obligation received by the seller, coupled with the periodic payments previously received, may be less than the full notional value it pays to the buyer, resulting in a loss of value to the Fund. The Fund may use CDS for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities and efficient investing.

### **Futures**

Futures are contracts to buy or sell a standard quantity of a specific asset (or, in some cases, receive or pay cash based on the performance of an underlying asset, instrument or index) at a pre-determined future date and at a price agreed through a transaction undertaken on an exchange. Futures may be used, for example, by the Fund to manage cash inflows and outflows whereby the Fund can gain efficiency by using futures as compared to fixed income securities. The Fund may use futures for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

# **Options**

There are two forms of options, put and call options. Put options are contracts sold for a premium that gives one party (the buyer) the right, but not the obligation, to sell to the other party (the seller) of the contract, a specific quantity of a particular product or financial instrument at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Call options are similar contracts sold for a premium that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy from the seller of the option at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Options may also be cash settled. Options may also be used to take a positional view on the volatility of individual debt securities, baskets of debt securities, CDS, interest rates, credit indices and/or credit index sector, or to sell exposure to volatility. The Fund may use options for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

### **Embedded Derivatives**



Some financial instruments and other contracts combine, in a single contract, both a derivative and a non-derivative with the effect that some of the cash flows of the contract vary in a way similar to a standalone derivative. The embedded derivative may modify the value of the contract in relation to changes in a variable, such as an interest rate or yield, security, index or commodity price, credit rating, or foreign exchange rate. Embedded derivatives may provide leveraged exposure to the variable or the variable may itself be leveraged. The Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives which do not have significant leverage or hidden leverage, i.e. the Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives where the market value or notional value is accurately captured using the conversion methodologies for the commitment approach as laid out in the risk management process of the Company.

The Fund may use Embedded Derivatives for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

Instruments with embedded derivatives that may be used by the Fund are listed below:

Other exchangeable bonds / credit instruments

Some bonds, which are normally subordinated within a company's capital structure, can switch from fixed rate to floating interest payments at call dates for the security. In extremis, some bonds can convert into a fixed number of common or preference shares of the issuing company or other agreed asset such as cash usually if the issuing company is under severe financial stress. These bonds may also give the holder rights to a fixed rate coupon (sometimes cumulative).

Credit Linked Notes (including participatory notes) whose performance is linked to the performance of a credit instrument, e.g. corporate bond.

Credit Linked Notes are typically created through a special purpose company, or trust, which is collateralized with securities. Investors buy a note from the trust that pays a fixed or floating coupon during the life of the note. At maturity, the investors receive par unless the referenced credit defaults or declares bankruptcy, in which case they receive an amount equal to the recovery rate. The trust enters into a default swap with a deal arranger. In case of default, the trust pays the dealer par minus the recovery rate in exchange for an annual fee which is passed on to the investors in the form of a higher yield on the notes. Credit linked notes may be related to the price, yield or credit rating of the underlying instrument or issuer and may include leverage.

Index linked structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of an underlying financial index or a basket of financial indices

An Index linked structured instrument (such as an index-linked note) is a debt instrument which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of an underlying financial index or a combination of financial indices. Any financial indices used will be UCITS compliant. The Index linked note may include leverage. For example, the instrument may be structured to give the total return of the iBoxx Euro Corporate All Stocks Index above a certain index level, i.e. if the index falls the value of the instrument is preserved, if the index value increases, so does the value of the instrument.

Callable bonds (including callable step-up notes) and puttable bonds

A callable bond (also called a redeemable bond) is a type of debt security that allows the issuer of the bond to retain the privilege of redeeming the bond at some point before the bond reaches its date of maturity. A callable bond includes a step-up bond which is a bond that pays the initial coupon for the first period and a higher coupon for subsequent periods. A puttable bond allows the investor the right to redeem the bond at some point before the bond reaches its date of maturity. In other words, on the call / put date(s), the issuer / the investor has the right, but not the obligation, to buy / sell the bonds at a defined price. The callable and puttable bonds have an embedded derivative, an option, which is not independently contractually transferable.

Warrants and Rights (including covered warrants)



A warrant gives the holder the right, but not the obligation, to buy ('call' warrant) or to sell ('put' warrant) an underlying asset at a specified price by a predetermined date. Warrants are frequently attached to bonds or preferred stock allowing the issuer to pay lower interest rates or dividends. The price paid for this right is the 'premium' and with covered warrants you cannot lose more than this initial premium paid. They are limited liability instruments so there are no further payments or margin calls required to maintain a covered warrant position.

The Fund may use embedded derivatives for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or equity securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

### Mortgage or asset backed securities

Mortgage or asset backed securities in respect of which the Fund may invest, may embed leverage. Therefore as these instruments may contain embedded leverage, any leverage arising from investment in such instruments will be monitored, measured and managed in accordance with the risk management process of the Fund. The Fund will not use these instruments with significant leverage until provision for such instruments has been included in the risk management process of the Company and cleared by the Central Bank.

### **Permitted Financial Indices**

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments to obtain exposure to financial indices as described above. The indices selected by the Investment Adviser will meet the requirements for financial indices as laid out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. In particular they shall be sufficiently diversified, represent an adequate benchmark for the markets to which they refer, are published in an appropriate manner, and are independently managed from the management of the Fund.

Details of any indices used by the Fund will be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Adviser on request and will be set out in the Company's semi-annual and annual accounts. These indices include MSCI Indices, FTSE Indices, iBOXX indices, Markit iTraxx and CDX indices, S&P Dow Jones Indices, BofA Merrill Lynch Indices and Bloomberg Barclays Capital Indices. Any indices will be cleared by the Central Bank or will meet its requirements.

The financial indices to which the Fund may gain exposure will be rebalanced on a quarterly or monthly basis (but not more frequently than monthly). As the Fund will invest in the financial indices using financial derivative instruments, there will be no material impact on its costs arising as a result of the re-balancing of a financial index. Where the weighting of a particular constituent in a financial index subsequently exceeds the UCITS investment restrictions, the Investment Adviser will as a priority objective look to remedy the situation taking into account the interests of Shareholders and the Fund.

### **Risk Management**

The Company is required under the UCITS Regulations to employ a risk management process which will enable it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the risks attached to financial derivatives instruments that it uses and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the Fund. The "Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach" method used by the Investment Adviser is one of the two methods explicitly permitted under the UCITS Regulations for this purpose, and details of this process have been provided to the Central Bank in the risk management process statement the Company has filed with the Central Bank. The Company will, upon request, provide supplementary information to shareholders relating to the risk management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk characteristics of the main category of investments.

VaR is an estimate of the maximum potential loss due to market risk rather than leverage. The VaR approach estimates the maximum potential loss at a given confidence level, or probability, over a specific time period under normal market conditions. The Fund will use the Absolute VaR approach, the VaR calculation will be carried out in accordance with the following parameters:

- i. one-tailed confidence interval of 99 %;
- ii. holding period equivalent to 1 month (20 business days);



- iii. effective observation period (history) of risk factors of at least 1 year (250 business days) unless a shorter observation period is justified by a significant increase in price volatility (for instance extreme market conditions);
- iv. quarterly data set updates, or more frequent when market prices are subject to material changes;
- v. at least daily calculation.

Below are details of an estimate of the expected leverage of the Fund, under normal market conditions, calculated for this purpose as the sum of all notional derivative positions including currency hedging positions.

Liontrust GF European Corporate Bond Fund	Sum of notional derivatives
Expected leverage under normal market conditions	150% of the NAV of the Fund
Maximum leverage levels	250% of the NAV of the Fund

Shareholders should be aware that there is a possibility of higher leverage levels than those under normal market conditions, and in this regard, the maximum leverage levels for the Fund is also shown.

Potential investors in the Fund are also referred to the general policies applicable to each Fund of the Company which appear under "THE COMPANY - Investment Objectives and Policies" in the Prospectus.

# **Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs")**

SFTs include total return swaps; repurchase transactions; securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing; buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions; and margin lending transactions.

With the exception of total return swaps and securities lending, the Fund does not currently engage in SFTs. Securities lending transactions/agreements are transactions by which the Fund transfers securities to another counterparty subject to a commitment that the borrower will return equivalent securities on a future date or when requested to do so by the Fund. Where a Fund engages in SFTs, all revenue, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the Fund. The costs arising from these include any costs payable to the administrator of the securities lending programme. The Supplement will be updated prior to entry into any other SFTs.

The Fund's expected exposure to securities lending will be less than 20% of the assets under management of the Fund, with a maximum of 95% lent for each individual bond position depending on the liquidity of the underlying market. The Fund, although permitted to do so, does not currently use total return swaps but should this change, the Investment Adviser anticipates that the Fund's expected exposure to total return swaps will be less than 20% of the assets under management of the Fund and the maximum exposure of the Fund in respect of total return swaps shall be 4% of the assets under management of the Fund. Higher levels of exposure in respect to total return swaps may be encountered, for example, where the Fund has higher than normal exposures to sectors or countries where it is more efficient to hold total return swaps than the underlying bonds, or where the total return swaps are netting or hedging other investments within the Fund. Where assets subject to Securities Financing Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2015/2365) are received by the Fund they will be safe-kept by the Depositary.

Further information in relation to SFTs including collateral management and eligible counterparties are set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions and Efficient Portfolio Management". Further information on the risks associated with SFTs and collateral management is set out under the heading "Risk Management".

#### INVESTMENT AND BORROWING POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

The investment and borrowing powers and restrictions to which the Fund is subject are described under "Investment Powers and Restrictions", "Restrictions on Borrowing, Lending and Dealing", "Further



Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management", "Changes to Investment and Borrowing Restrictions" in the Prospectus. However, while the Company is generally authorised to invest in other open-ended collective investment schemes, as described in the section of the Prospectus referred to above, the Fund itself will not invest more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in such schemes.

The use of financial derivative instruments is permitted for the Fund subject to the conditions and limits set out under "Investment Objectives and Policies", in the Prospectus and in accordance with the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. These conditions include, for example, a requirement to ensure that where a financial derivative instrument gives rise to a commitment for a Fund it must be covered as follows: (i) in the case of cash settled financial derivative instruments, the Fund must hold sufficient liquid assets at all times to cover the exposure; (2) in the case of financial derivative instruments which requires physical delivery, the asset must be held at all times, or with sufficient liquid assets if the underlying asset consists of highly liquid fixed income securities or the Fund considers that the exposure can be adequately managed, and the position exposure to underlying assets of derivative instruments (other than index based derivatives) (whether used for hedging or for investment purposes), when combined with positions resulting from direct investments, will not exceed the investment limits to which the Fund is subject.

#### **FUND FEES AND EXPENSES**

#### INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES

The Investment Adviser is entitled to receive a monthly Investment Advisory Fee in respect of the Shares of the Fund calculated as set out under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Investment Advisory Charges" in the Prospectus.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, F1 and G1 is 1.00% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class A5, B5, C5, D5, E5, F5 and G5 is 0.50% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class A8, B8, C8, D8, E8, F8 and G8 is 0.35% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class A9, B9, C9, D9, E9, F9 and G9 is 0.80% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class CF is 0.50% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The above fees apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

### OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES

### **Fixed Operating Fee**

The Fund shall be subject to a Fixed Operating Fee, which includes inter alia, the fees and expenses of the Administrator, Depositary, sub-custodial fees and transaction charges, Directors and Auditors fees and expenses, and fees paid to the Investment Adviser for administrative and related expenses. A description of the Fixed Operating Fee is set out in the Prospectus under "Charges and Expenses".

The current amount of Fixed Operating Fee by Share Class is listed below. The Fixed Operating Fee is payable out of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each Share Class.

Share Class	Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Class A1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class A1 Distributing	0.12%



Class A5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class A5 Accumulating  Class A5 Distributing	0.12%
Class A8 Accumulating	0.12%
	0.12%
Class A8 Distributing	
Class A9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class A9 Distributing	0.12%
Class B1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class B1 Distributing	0.12%
Class B5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class B5 Distributing	0.12%
Class B8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class B8 Distributing	0.12%
Class B9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class B9 Distributing	0.12%
Class C1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class C1 Distributing	0.12%
Class C5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class C5 Distributing	0.12%
Class C8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class C8 Distributing	0.12%
Class C9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class C9 Distributing	0.12%
Class D1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class D1 Distributing	0.12%
Class D5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class D5 Distributing	0.12%
Class D8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class D8 Distributing	0.12%
Class D9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class D9 Distributing	0.12%
Class E1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class E1 Distributing	0.12%
Class E5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class E5 Distributing	0.12%
Class E8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class E8 Distributing	0.12%
Class E9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class E9 Distributing	0.12%
Class F1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class F1 Distributing	0.12%
Class F5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class F5 Distributing	0.12%
Class F8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class F8 Distributing	0.12%
Class F9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class F9 Distributing	0.12%
Class G1 Accumulating	0.12%
Class G1 Distributing	0.12%
Class G5 Accumulating	0.12%
Class G5 Distributing	0.12%
Class G8 Accumulating	0.12%
Class G8 Distributing	0.12%
Class G9 Accumulating	0.12%
Class G9 Distributing	0.12%
Class CF Accumulating	0.12%
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For the avoidance of doubt, the Fixed Operating Fees set out above apply when the assets of the Fund do not exceed £500 million. See below for the discount to be applied where the assets of the Fund do



exceed £500 million.

The Fixed Operating Fee shall accrue daily based on the prior day Net Asset Value of each Share Class and the Fixed Operating Fee accrued during a calendar month shall be paid to the Investment Adviser out of the assets of the Fund on or as soon as is practicable after the last business day of that calendar month. The Fixed Operating Fee will be calculated taking account of any discount to be applied, as indicated in the table below, based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund on the last business day of the previous month. In the event that the assets of the Fund exceed £500 million, in order to pass on any savings which may be made through economies of scale, the following discounts will be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee of all Share Classes of the Fund:

Net asset value of the Fund	Discount to be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Below £500 million	0.000%
£500 million to £1 billion	0.010%
£1 billion to £2 billion	0.020%
£2 billion to £3 billion	0.030%
£3 billion to £4 billion	0.040%
£4 billion to £5 billion	0.050%
Over £5 billion	0.060%

The above discounts will not apply in circumstances that the Fixed Operating Fee after the applicable discount would be below 0.10%. For example, if the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.12% then the lowest it can go with the application of a volume discount is 0.10%. If the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.08% then the volume discounts will not apply as the Fixed Operating Fee is already below 0.10%.

Where an applicable threshold level of net asset value is achieved by the Fund on the last business day of any month, the relevant discount above will apply to the Fund in relation to the following month.

The Fixed Operating Fee is not currently subject to VAT, but in the event of Value Added Tax (or any equivalent tax) being imposed this may be levied against the property of the Fund.

Further details of the Fixed Operating Fees relating to the Fund and the Company appear under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus.

## SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

## Initial Offer Period

The Initial Offer Period for all Classes of Shares in the Fund which are available for subscription but have not yet launched will close at 5 p.m. Irish time on 12 July, 2019. The Initial Offer Period in respect of any Class of Shares in the Fund which have not yet launched may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After the closing of the Initial Offer Period, Shares in the Fund will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

#### Initial Offer Price

During the Initial Offer Period Shares will be offered at the Initial Offer Price. The Initial Offer Price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be as follows:

Shares	Initial Offer Price
Class A Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	EUR10
Class B Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	US\$10
Class C Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	GBP10



Class D Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	CHF10
Class E Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	DKK100
Class F Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	NOK100
Class G Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	SEK100
Class CF Shares (Accumulating)	GBP0.01

The Initial Offer Price is exclusive of an initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Initial Offer Price.

# Subscription Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund are available for purchase on each Dealing Day. The Dealing Days for the Fund shall be each Business Day. The subscription price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus) plus any initial charge payable to the Investment Adviser.

The Valuation Point in respect of each subscription Dealing Day is currently midnight (Irish time) on the subscription Dealing Day. The last traded price in each relevant market will be used.

Application Forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 11.59 a.m. (Irish time) on the relevant Dealing Day (the "Subscription Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that Application Forms received after the Subscription Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Subscription Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point. Settlement should be made in accordance with the Prospectus and the instructions in the Application Form.

### Minimum Investment Levels for Subscriptions

The minimum initial and additional investment in Shares of the Fund is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Investments	
	Initial	Additional
Class A1, A9	€1,000	€1,000
Class A5	€5,000,000	€1,000
Class A8	€50,000,000	€1,000
Class B1, B9	\$1,000	\$1,000
Class B5	\$5,000,000	\$1,000
Class B8	\$50,000,000	\$1,000
Class C1, C9	£1,000	£1,000
Class C5	£5,000,000	£1,000
Class C8	£50,000,000	£1,000
Class D1, D9	F1,000	F1,000
Class D5	F5,000,000	F1,000
Class D8	F50,000,000	F1,000
Class E1, E9	kr10,000 (Danish)	kr10,000 (Danish)
Class E5	kr50,000,000 (Danish)	kr10,000 (Danish)
Class E8	kr500,000,000 (Danish)	kr10,000 (Danish)
Class F1, F9	kr10,000 (Norwegian)	kr10,000 (Norwegian)
Class F5	kr50,000,000 (Norwegian)	kr10,000 (Norwegian)
Class F8	kr500,000,000 (Norwegian)	kr10,000 (Norwegian)
Class G1, G9	kr10,000 (Swedish)	kr10,000 (Swedish)
Class G5	kr50,000,000 (Swedish)	kr10,000 (Swedish)
Class G8	kr500,000,000 (Swedish)	kr10,000 (Swedish)
Class CF	Nil	Nil

Class A9, B9, C9, D9, E9, F9 and G9 shares are available to platforms or wealth managers.



Class CF Shares are only available for investment by Liontrust Asset Management plc.

The above minimum investment amounts apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

The Board of Directors reserves the right to waive these Minimum Initial Investment and Minimum Subsequent Investment requirements in accordance with the principle of fair treatment of all Shareholders.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to decline to accept any application for Shares in any Class of the Fund, in particular applications into Classes that have not yet issued any Shares.

### Subscription Charges

An initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Net Asset Value per Share is payable in respect of subscriptions for Shares of the Fund.

The initial charge may be waived in whole or in part by the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser may, in its sole discretion, (i) pay commission to financial intermediaries including but not limited to the Distributors, sub-distributors, intermediaries and introducing agents who refer prospective investors out of the initial charge and the Investment Advisory Fee and/or (ii) waive the initial charge for certain prospective investors based on factors deemed appropriate by the Investment Adviser including, but not limited to, the amount of the proposed investment by a prospective investor.

### **REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

### Redemption Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on each Dealing Day. The redemption price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus).

A Dealing Day in respect of each class of Shares of the Fund is each Business Day.

The Valuation Point in respect of each Dealing Day is currently midnight (Irish time) on the Dealing Day.

Redemption forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 11.59 a.m. (Irish time) on the relevant redemption Dealing Day ("Redemption Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that redemption forms received after the Redemption Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Redemption Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point. Settlement of the redemption proceeds will be made in accordance with the procedures set out under "SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING - Redemptions" in the Prospectus.

### Minimum Redemptions and Holdings

The minimum redemption amount and minimum residual holding for Shares of the Fund is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Redemptions and Holdings	
	Redemption Amount	Residual Holding
Class A1, A9	€1,000	€1,000
Class A5	€1,000	€5,000,000
Class A8	€1,000	€50,000,000
Class B1, B9	\$1,000	\$1,000
Class B5	\$1,000	\$5,000,000
Class B8	\$1,000	\$50,000,000



Class C1, C9	£1,000	£1,000
Class C5	£1,000	£5,000,000
Class C8	£1,000	£50,000,000
Class D1, D9	F1,000	F1,000
Class D5	F1,000	F5,000,000
Class D8	F1,000	F50,000,000
Class E1, E9	kr10,000 (Danish)	kr10,000 (Danish)
Class E5	kr10,000 (Danish)	kr50,000,000 (Danish)
Class E8	kr10,000 (Danish)	kr500,000,000 (Danish)
Class F1, F9	kr10,000 (Norwegian)	kr10,000 (Norwegian)
Class F5	kr10,000 (Norwegian)	kr50,000,000 (Norwegian)
Class F8	kr10,000 (Norwegian)	kr500,000,000 (Norwegian)
Class G1, G9	kr10,000 (Swedish)	kr10,000 (Swedish)
Class G5	kr10,000 (Swedish)	kr50,000,000 (Swedish)
Class G8	kr10,000 (Swedish)	kr500,000,000 (Swedish)
Class CF	Nil	Nil

The above minimum redemption and residual holding amounts apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

If the holding in any Class falls below the "Residual Holding" amount specified in the above table, the Board of Directors reserve the right to compulsorily redeem the holding.

#### **SWITCHING**

Shares of the Fund may be switched into Shares of other Funds in the Company on each Dealing Day on which Shares of both classes are available for subscription and redemption. The Company does not currently propose to charge a switching fee although it reserves the right to levy such a charge generally or in respect of specific Funds. Details of any such switching fees will be disclosed in the relevant Supplements of the Funds concerned. An initial charge may however be made as described above in relation to a transaction which the Company is instructed by Shareholders or their authorised agents to treat as a separate redemption and subscription.

Switching forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11.59 a.m. (Irish time) on the relevant redemption and subscription Dealing Day ("Switching Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders or in respect of specific applications provided that switch forms received after the Switching Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Applications may be accepted after the Switching Dealing Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors provided they are received prior to the Valuation Point.

#### **SHARE PRICES**

The most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund is published following calculation on each Business Day on the following internet website: www.liontrust.co.uk. In addition, the most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (in each currency) may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours and may also be published in such newspaper or journal as the Directors in their sole discretion may determine.

#### **DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY**

This Fund operates income equalisation.

Income distributing shares

The Directors' current intention is to distribute in respect of each accounting period substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) of Fund attributable to the distributing classes, (the "Distributing Classes") in respect of each accounting period. At the Directors' discretion, where



there is insufficient income available in the Fund, dividends may be declared and paid from net realised gains (i.e. realised gains net of realised and unrealised losses; and/or net realised and unrealised losses (i.e. realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses)

The Directors intend to make distributions to holders of the Distributing Classes of net income in respect of each accounting period on or before 31 January, 30 April, 31 July and 31 October with the relevant Share class going ex-dividend on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October (each an Allocation Date) respectively in each year.

Unless a Shareholder elects otherwise, any distributions attributable to the Distributing Classes will be applied in the purchase of additional Shares (or fractions thereof) of the relevant Share class.

#### Income accumulating shares

The Directors do not anticipate that any dividends or other distributions will be paid to the holders of accumulating classes of the Fund (the "Accumulating Classes") out of the earnings and profits of the Fund attributable to such classes of the Accumulating Classes. The amount of net income attributable to a class of the Accumulating Classes on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October (each an Allocation Date) shall become part of the capital property of the Fund.

Investors are referred to "DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY" in the Prospectus for further details on the dividend and reinvestment policy of the Fund.

### **UK Reporting Fund Status**

Accumulating and Distributing versions of Classes C1, C5, C8, C9 and A5 have UK Reporting Fund status. Class CF has UK Reporting Fund status. Distributing versions of Classes A1, A8, A9, B1, B5, B8, B9, D1, D5, D8, D9, E1, E5, E8, E9, F1, F5, F8, F9, G1, G5, G8 and G9 have Reporting Fund status, The remaining classes do not have UK Reporting Fund Status. The Investment Adviser may apply for UK Reporting Fund status for further classes, as required. The full current list of Classes which have UK Reporting Fund status can be found on the www.gov.uk website at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds

### **COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS**

The attention of prospective investors is drawn to "COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS" in the Prospectus.

# **RISK FACTORS**

### General Risks

Potential investors should note that the investments of the Fund are subject to market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities and there can be no assurance that any appreciation in value will occur. The value of investments and the income from them, and therefore the value of, and income from, the Shares of the Fund can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount he/she invests. Changes in exchange rates between currencies may also cause the value of the investments to diminish or increase. An investor who realises Shares of the Fund after a short period may, in addition, not realise the amount originally invested in view of any initial charge made on the issue of Shares of the Fund. The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of Shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

## Currencies and Share Class Risk

Prospective investors should note that as the Base Currency of the Fund is the Euro, the Net Asset Value of the Sterling, US Dollar and Swiss Franc denominated Shares in the Fund will be affected by movements in the exchange rate of Sterling, US Dollars and Swiss Franc against the Euro. The Fund will undertake currency hedging transactions to seek to mitigate these movements but there can be no assurance that such currency hedging transactions, if any, will be successful. The Fund may therefore



be exposed to a foreign exchange risk/currency risk. The benefits, losses and expenses relating to such hedging transactions shall be for the account of the relevant currency class of Shares.

In addition, the Fund may enter into transactions which alter the currency exposure of underlying assets in which the Fund is invested from time to time. The Fund's performance may thus be strongly influenced by movements in foreign exchange rates because currency positions held by a Fund may not correspond with the securities positions held.

### Investment in Debt Securities

Many fixed income securities, including certain sovereign and corporate debt securities in which the Fund may invest, contain call or buy-back features which permit the issuer of the security to call or repurchase it. If an issuer exercises such a "call option" and redeems the security the Fund may have to replace the called security with another security, which may not have the same characteristics, resulting in a decreased rate of return for the Fund.

The Fund may invest in securities where the execution of rights purchased involves discussion with liquidators or other parties representing the issuer and or lawyers and other professionals representing the interests and enforcement of creditor interests in such issuers.

The Investment Adviser will adjust the exposure of the Fund to various points of the yield curve, in line with its views of future inflation and interest rates and how these will cause the yield curve to move. This may mean a substantial portion of the Fund may be exposed to significant shifts in the interest rate curve (i.e. a line/graph that plots interest rates at a set point in time of bonds with equal credit quality but differing maturity dates)..

The Investment Adviser will adjust the exposure of the Fund to different issuer types (e.g. governments, companies etc.), this may mean a substantial portion, or the entire Fund may be exposed to one issuer type at any one time and be particularly exposed to shifts in credit markets.

The proportion of investment (either directly or through derivative positions) in developed and emerging market countries will vary in accordance with the Investment Adviser's opinion on the relative attractiveness and accessibility of each market sector. This may mean a substantial portion of the Fund may be exposed to emerging markets.

### High Yield/Sub-Investment Grade Securities Risk

Investments will be made in debt securities of differing creditworthiness including government debt, investment grade instruments, high yield or speculative grade instruments, or unrated instruments (including CoCo bonds, i.e. bonds which can be converted from debt to equity upon occurrence of a trigger event pre-defined in the contractual terms and conditions, or whose nominal amount can be reduced). The proportion of investment in each of these groups (either directly or through derivative positions) will vary in accordance with the Investment Adviser's opinion on the relative attractiveness and accessibility of each group. This may mean a substantial portion of the Fund may be exposed to instruments rated below investment grade or unrated.

Lower-rated securities will usually offer higher yields than higher-rated securities to compensate for the reduced creditworthiness and increased risk of default that these securities carry. Lower-rated securities generally tend to reflect short-term issuer and market developments to a greater extent than higher-rated securities which react primarily to fluctuations in the general level of interest rates. During an economic downturn or a sustained period of rising interest rates, highly leveraged issuers of high yield securities may experience financial stress and may not have sufficient revenues to meet their interest payment obligations. There are fewer investors in lower-rated securities, and it may be harder to buy and sell securities at an optimum time.

In addition, the market for lower-rated debt securities may be thinner and less active than that for higher rated debt securities, which can adversely affect the prices at which the lower-rated debt securities are sold. Market quotations may not be available for high yield debt securities, and judgment plays a greater role in valuing high yield corporate debt securities than is the case for securities for which more external sources for quotations and last sale information is available. Adverse publicity and changing investor



perception may also affect the availability of outside pricing services to value lower-rated debt securities and the Fund's ability to dispose of these securities.

### Contingent Convertible Instruments

Contingent convertible securities ("CoCos") are a form of hybrid debt security that are intended to either convert into equity or have their principal written down upon the occurrence of certain 'triggers' linked to regulatory capital thresholds or where the issuing banking institution's regulatory authorities question the continued viability of the entity as a going-concern. CoCos will have unique equity conversion or principal write-down features which are tailored to the issuing banking institution and its regulatory requirements. Some additional risks associated with CoCos are set forth below:

- Loss absorption risk: CoCo features have been designed to meet specific regulatory requirements imposed on banking institutions. In particular, CoCos can be converted into equity of the issuing banking institution or have their principal written down if their regulatory capital ratio falls below a pre-determined level or when the relevant regulatory authority deems the banking institution being non-viable. In addition those hybrid debt instruments have no stated maturity and fully discretionary coupons. This means coupons can potentially be cancelled at the banking institution's discretion or at the request of the relevant regulatory authority in order to help the bank absorb losses.
- Subordinated Instruments. CoCos will, in the majority of circumstances, be issued in the form of subordinated debt instruments in order to provide the appropriate regulatory capital treatment prior to a conversion. Accordingly, in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of an issuer prior to a conversion having occurred, the rights and claims of the holders of the CoCos, such as the Funds, against the issuer in respect of or arising under the terms of the CoCos shall generally rank junior to the claims of all holders of unsubordinated obligations of the issuer. In addition, if the CoCos are converted into the issuer's underlying equity securities following a conversion event, each holder will be subordinated due to their conversion from being the holder of a debt instrument to being the holder of an equity instrument.
- Market Value will fluctuate based on unpredictable factors. The value of CoCos is unpredictable and will be influenced by many factors including, without limitation (i) the creditworthiness of the issuer and/or fluctuations in such issuer's applicable capital ratios; (ii) supply and demand for the CoCos; (iii) general market conditions and available liquidity and (iv) economic, financial and political events that affect the issuer, its particular market or the financial markets in general.

# Distribution Policy Risk

Potential investors should note that as part of the distribution policy of the Distributing versions of classes A1, A5, A8, A9, B1, B5, B8, B9, C1, C5, C8, C9, D1, D5, D8, D9, E1, E5, E8, E9, F1, F5, F8, F9, G1, G5, G8 and G9 of the Fund the Directors may distribute substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) and such part of any net realised and unrealised capital gains attributable to those classes as, in their opinion, is appropriate to maintain a satisfactory level of distribution.

Any increase in distributions as a result of this policy may consequently result in a proportional increase in income for tax purposes although the potential for capital gains may correspondingly be lowered, and may have differing tax implications for investors. It is recommended that investors should seek independent professional advice with regards to distribution policy of the Fund.

## Risk of Investment in Deposits

Potential Investors should note an investment in the Fund is not a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. As a result an investment in the Fund is subject to possible fluctuation in its value.

The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of shares for the purposes of



purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

Prospective investors should in addition take into account the Risk Factors referred to under "RISK FACTORS" in the Prospectus when considering whether to invest in Shares of the Fund.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Class CF Shares are participating shares in the Company and have equal voting rights with all other Share Classes in the Fund.

Investors in the Fund should note that Class CF Shares will be held exclusively by employees/representatives of Liontrust Asset Management plc an affiliate of the Investment Adviser. However, Class CF Shareholders will abstain from voting in any general meeting of the Company or the Fund.



If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser duly authorised in this regard. Shares are available for subscription on the basis of the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus and the documents referred to therein.

### LIONTRUST GLOBAL FUNDS plc

(an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between its sub-funds incorporated with a limited liability under the laws of Ireland, registered number 459084 authorised in Ireland as an investment company pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011) as amended

### SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROSPECTUS

for

### LIONTRUST GF ABSOLUTE RETURN BOND FUND

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Liontrust GF Absolute Return Bond Fund (the "Fund"), the thirteenth fund of Liontrust Global Funds plc (the "Company"). It forms part of and must be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus of the Company dated 1 October, 2019 and in particular the information contained therein relating to:

- · the Company, its Funds and Shares;
- charges and expenses (including those for investment, administration and custody);
- subscription, redemption and switching of Shares; and
- · Taxation, conflicts of interest and risk factors.

Distribution of this Supplement is only authorised if accompanied by the Prospectus of the Company. In addition, distribution of this Supplement and the Prospectus is not authorised in any jurisdiction unless accompanied by the most recent annual and/or, if more recent, semi-annual report of the Company.

The Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments for hedging or for investment purposes. This may have the effect of increasing volatility. Investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be suitable for all investors.

Investment in the Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is subject to the risk that the principal invested in the Fund is capable of fluctuation and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.

Dated 1 October, 2019



# **BASE CURRENCY OF FUND**

The Base Currency of the Fund is US Dollar.

# SHARES AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Shares of the Fund are currently available for subscription in the following denominations:-

Shares	Currency of Denomination
Class A1 Accumulating	Euro
Class A1 Distributing	Euro
Class A5 Accumulating	Euro
Class A5 Distributing	Euro
Class A8 Accumulating	Euro
Class A8 Distributing	Euro
Class A9 Accumulating	Euro
Class A9 Distributing	Euro
Class A10 Accumulating	Euro
Class A10 Distributing	Euro
Class B1 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B1 Distributing	US Dollar
Class B5 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B5 Distributing	US Dollar
Class B8 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B8 Distributing	US Dollar
Class B9 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B9 Distributing	US Dollar
Class B10 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B10 Distributing	US Dollar
Class C1 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C1 Distributing	Sterling
Class C5 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C5 Distributing	Sterling
Class C8 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C8 Distributing	Sterling
Class C9 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C9 Distributing	Sterling
Class C10 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C10 Distributing	Sterling
Class D1 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D1 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class D5 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D5 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class D9 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D9 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class E1 Accumulating	Danish krone
Class E1 Distributing	Danish krone
Class E5 Accumulating	Danish krone
Class E5 Distributing	Danish krone
Class E9 Accumulating	Danish krone
Class E9 Distributing	Danish krone
Class F1 Accumulating	Norwegian krone
Class F1 Distributing	Norwegian krone
Class F5 Accumulating	Norwegian krone
Class F5 Distributing	Norwegian krone
Class F9 Accumulating	Norwegian krone
Class F9 Distributing	Norwegian krone



Class G1 Accumulating	Swedish krona
Class G1 Distributing	Swedish krona
Class G5 Accumulating	Swedish krona
Class G5 Distributing	Swedish krona
Class G9 Accumulating	Swedish krona
Class G9 Distributing	Swedish krona
Class CF Accumulating	Sterling (Founder)

The net asset value per Share will be calculated in the currency of the relevant Share Class.

## **Hedged Classes**

Other than Class CF, all classes that are not designated in the Base Currency of the Fund will be hedged ("Hedged Classes"). Further information on Share Class Hedging is set out below at the section entitled "Use of Derivatives" and in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management".

#### **RISK PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INVESTOR**

The Fund is considered to be suitable for investors seeking positive absolute returns over a rolling 12 month investment horizon and who are prepared to accept a low level of volatility. The Fund's potential use of derivatives may lead to a higher risk in the management of its assets.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate positive absolute returns over a rolling 12 month period, irrespective of market conditions. The Fund will invest in bond and credit markets worldwide (including developed and emerging markets).

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

The Investment Adviser will seek to achieve the investment objective of the Fund by investing directly in bond and credit instruments (as described below) or through the use of derivatives (specifically currency forwards, total return swaps, credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, futures, options and embedded derivatives as described further below).

The Fund's investments will be broadly diversified, however at times the Investment Adviser may choose to hold a portfolio with concentrated exposure to certain instrument types, issuer types, creditworthiness, duration or geography. In normal market conditions, the majority of the Fund's investments will be in bond and credit markets, although it is possible that at certain times, (i.e. where market factors dictate or at times of significant subscription and redemptions in the Fund), a substantial portion, or the entire Fund could be invested in cash or cash equivalents such as Money Market Instruments (i.e. short-term bonds, treasury bills, certificates of deposit and commercial paper).

The Fund will invest in government bond and credit markets through investments in debt securities namely bonds which may be fixed or floating rate, corporate or sovereign, inflation or index linked bonds and other forms of securitised debt (including embedded derivatives as outlined in greater detail below) such as credit linked notes, mortgage or other asset backed debt instruments.

The Fund will buy debt securities of differing creditworthiness (including sovereign debt, investment grade instruments, high yield or speculative grade instruments, or unrated instruments) issued by governments, corporate issuers and borrowers in developed and emerging market countries and those of, or guaranteed by, supranational, national and local governments and government related entities in such countries. The Fund will maintain an average weighted credit rating of at least 'BBB' and furthermore is not permitted to invest in bonds rated below 'B'. Asset backed instruments will be limited to investment grade instruments only. Where instruments are unrated, the Investment Adviser will calculate an internal rating, first assessing whether the issuer has any other rated bonds which may be used to assess an appropriate rating for the unrated instrument and then using objective criteria such as a comparison of credit metrics (such as interest cover) and fundamental drivers of the business issuing the instrument to other companies in the same industry. Additionally, investments in



subordinated bonds which can be converted from debt to equity upon occurrence of a trigger event predefined in the contractual terms and conditions, or whose nominal amount can be reduced (so-called CoCo bonds), will be limited to 5% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Further detail is set out in the "Risk Factors – Contingent Convertible Instruments" section below.

Investments will be in debt securities denominated in hard currencies (including the US Dollar, Sterling and Euro and the other currencies of the developed countries) and may invest up to 10% of the Fund in soft currencies (for example, emerging markets).

Generally any non-US Dollar denominated investments will be hedged back to US Dollar; however, at times, up to 10% of Fund net assets may be denominated in non-US currencies that are not hedged back to US dollars.

Investment may be made in debt securities (either directly or through derivative positions) in developed or emerging markets. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in what the Investment Adviser considers to be emerging markets. For the purposes of the Fund, emerging market countries can be defined as all the countries in the world other than those classified as "advanced" by the International Monetary Fund ("IMF"). Due to the constantly changing definition and perception of what is an emerging or developing economy, the definition of an emerging market country may change as the position of previously developing market countries approach or equate, in the Investment Adviser's opinion, to that of advanced economies in terms of development factors such as size, liquidity, risk profile and such countries will not be treated as emerging market countries. The Fund's investment in emerging markets will be on a worldwide basis and, due to the constantly changing definition and perception of what is an emerging or developing economy, such investment will not have a particular geographic focus but will encompass countries with relatively low gross national product per capita and with the potential for rapid economic growth. Emerging market countries are generally located in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and the developing countries of Europe. There are no formal limits on the investment in any one region or country. With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities or in units of open ended collective investment schemes, investment by the Fund in securities is restricted to securities listed or dealt in on the Recognised Exchanges listed in the Prospectus.

The Fund will use derivatives for investment purposes, for efficient portfolio management and for hedging purposes. This may include using derivatives to produce synthetic short positions, in order to achieve the desired exposures as detailed below.

### **Investment Strategy**

The Investment Adviser uses an investment process to select and manage investments in the Fund in order to aim to meet the investment objective. This investment process uses a number of different investment approaches that aim to generate an absolute return for the investor over a rolling twelve month period whilst also aiming to minimise the Fund's volatility and reducing the possibility of a significant drawdown (i.e. a period where the fund is worth less than the initial investment at the start of a 12 month period). This investment process adopts a fundamental approach to investing in the bond and credit markets, based on the premise that fixed income markets are not efficient. The approaches in the investment process are designed to capture these inefficiencies, but each of these approaches work best at different points of an investment cycle and the Investment Adviser will use a top-down analysis for making strategic decisions on which approaches to use at any one time (including the proportion of the fund in each) as well as a detailed bottom-up analysis to tailor the implementation of each approach to current market conditions and opportunities. The investment process uses the same tools to examine both top down and bottom up factors. For each investment, fundamental, valuation and technical factors (such as volatility indicators) are considered to ensure consistency in decision making and to provide a flexible approach to bond investment.

# Investment Approaches

The predominate investment approach the Fund uses is to take advantage of investments with a "Carry Component" which provides for investment returns in excess of Central Bank interest rates relevant to currencies in which the Fund is invested, for example the Federal Funds Interest Rate or the Bank of England Base Rate ("Central Bank Interest Rates") over the economic and monetary cycle, albeit with



higher volatility than the Central Bank Interest Rates. These excess returns come from holding an investment with additional liquidity risk (ability to sell the investment), term risk (holding an investment for longer than overnight) and credit risk (chance of default).

The Carry Component of the Fund is created by investments in short dated investment grade developed market credit instruments. The Investment Adviser selects investments where it believes the yield received is above the respective (i.e. of similar maturity) government bond yield as well as the required premium to compensate for any additional credit and liquidity risk. Additionally, these short dated investment grade bonds take advantage of the natural "pull-to-par" of bonds as they approach maturity (meaning the return delivered as a result of the value of a bond converging to par as maturity is approached due to reducing term risk). For the majority of the time the shorter dated part of government bond yield curves is upward sloping (i.e. you are typically rewarded for holding less liquid government bonds for longer periods than overnight hence they yield more than Central Bank Interest Rates) thus the Fund is also capturing some of these premiums within the Carry Component. The Investment Adviser's analysis shows that investments in short dated investment grade developed market credit instruments have historically exhibited reasonably low price volatility.

The Fund also aims to generate additional absolute returns using the investment process to capture market inefficiencies. There are three broad approaches which the Investment Adviser focuses on to deliver these returns: rates, allocation and selection. The Investment Adviser implements these approaches in a predominately market neutral way (i.e. limiting overall market exposure) in order to minimise unwanted market volatility whilst still accessing additional absolute returns. These approaches are further detailed below:

- The rates component is where the Investment Adviser aims to identify opportunities to capture the differential in interest rates paid between two investments, typically buying the higher yielding position and selling short the lower yielding position while ensuring the duration risk is hedged. These opportunities may be found in:
  - The difference between two countries' sovereign debt yields (cross market positions);
  - The difference in yield between two similar investments with different maturity dates (yield curve positions); or
  - The difference in yield between a conventional bond and a similar index linked bond (index-linked breakeven positions).
- The allocation approach is where the Investment Adviser has identified an investment opportunity via its strategic top down analysis (further described below) between two different parts of the credit market. In order to exploit these opportunities, the Fund will take positive and negative positions in different parts of the credit markets while hedging out directional market and duration risk. These positions allow the fund to benefit from a change in market expectations, these opportunities may be found in:
  - investments in different currency blocs (e.g. holding European investment grade bonds and having a negative exposure to US investment grade credit);
  - o investments across different levels of creditworthiness based on the Investment Adviser's expectations of the future return potential of sovereign, investment grade, and high yield bonds. For example, in an improving economy, high yield bonds would be expected to outperform sovereign bonds and the Fund may hold high yield bonds and hedge out the market and duration risk though a negative exposure to sovereign bond futures to take advantage of this; or
  - the developed and emerging markets. At different parts of the investment cycle, developed markets will outperform emerging markets and vice versa. The Fund may be positioned to take advantage of these shifts in relative valuations whilst hedging out duration and market risk.
- The selection approach includes investing in bonds (that do not fit the stringent criteria for the
  bonds held in the Carry Component, as described above) where the Investment Adviser
  believes there is mispricing (where a corporate bond is cheap (measured by credit spreads)
  relative to similar issuers or the generic credit market) and where the credit risk can be reduced
  using index level derivatives allowing absolute returns to be captured whilst minimising potential



market volatility (For a further description of the use of such derivatives, please refer to "Financial Derivative Instruments - "Swap agreements" and "Futures").

### Strategic top-down analysis

This is used to assess the attractiveness of different areas of the global bond and credit markets as well as regions, countries and currencies (on a hedged basis, which includes the 10% unhedged limit as referenced above). Factors in the top-down analysis include the political environment and macroeconomic variables such as real GDP growth, inflation, budget and current account deficits, monetary and fiscal policy, foreign exchange reserves and debt burden, as well as forward looking surveys (such as surveys of investor sentiment) and indicators (such as inflation expectations and business capital expectations). The fundamentals, absolute and relative valuations, and technical factors (for example government bond auctions, bond buying programmes by central banks and volatility measures) of each market that the Fund is invested in are assessed. The output from this part of the investment process determines the top down shape of the Fund. The Investment Adviser will position the Fund in accordance with its opinion on the relative attractiveness and accessibility of each of the different areas of the exposure of the Fund to issuer type (e.g. sovereign versus corporate), creditworthiness (e.g. investment grade versus speculative grades), geography (e.g. developed versus emerging markets) and currency (e.g. developed currencies versus emerging currencies).

Judgements are made not only about absolute value but also about relative value - for example between sovereign and corporate bonds, one country and another, or one currency bloc and another.

### Bottom-up analysis

On an ongoing basis, each of the holdings of the Fund is reviewed to ensure that it is still an appropriate investment for the portfolio given the prevailing macroeconomic backdrop, i.e. that the balance between risk and reward of the individual security remains in line with the investment objective of the Fund when considered as part of the overall portfolio; it also provides a valuable feedback loop to challenge the top down view.

As part of this bottom-up analysis, creditworthiness of the issuers of debt securities is assessed. The aim is to assess an issuer's creditworthiness, with respect to both ability and willingness to pay commitments in a timely manner. Factors in the bottom-up analysis of corporates include the quality of management, financial variables such as interest coverage (a measure of the number of times a company is able to pay (or cover) its interest payment obligations) and debt ratios, and the sensitivity of the business to changes in the environment for its products. The analysis of sovereigns is generally based upon macro, top-down, factors although at an individual country sovereign level, the political environment and macro-economic variables mentioned above may be considered also as bottom-up factors.

#### Security selection

The attractiveness of various bonds whether sovereign or corporate, in developed or emerging markets, is judged after consideration of a number of factors, such as:

- The expected total return relative to the assessed risk
- The contribution from income and capital, to the expected return
- Issue size and liquidity
- Currency of denomination
- Outstanding term to maturity
- Duration
- Sustainability of cashflows

# Portfolio construction

A portfolio is constructed that, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, best meets the objectives of the Fund as to expected total return, income yield, duration, risk to capital, volatility and leverage.



In constructing the portfolio, the Investment Adviser will consider the most efficient way of achieving the investment objective using the securities identified in the selection process and any other instruments required, namely through the use of financial derivative instruments (including derivative instruments with leverage). The Investment Adviser may also create synthetic short positions to allow the Fund to benefit from downwards movement in prices or overpricing of securities or market factors by taking short or negative exposures as further described under "Use of Derivatives" below.

# **Cash and Currency Management**

Investments will be made in assets denominated in a number of currencies. The Investment Adviser may, at its discretion, choose to hedge all or a proportion of the non-US Dollar denominated assets of the Fund into US Dollar, the Base Currency of the Fund, in order to mitigate the impact of currency fluctuations on the value of non-US Dollar denominated assets. Such hedging might incur costs, especially if forward interest rate levels are higher in non-US Dollar currencies. Any such hedging activity will be for the purposes of efficient portfolio management within the limits laid down by the Central Bank as set out in the Prospectus.

Generally any non-US Dollar denominated investments will be hedged back to US Dollar; however, at times, up to 10% of Fund net assets may be denominated in non-US currencies that are not hedged back to US dollars.

It is possible that at certain times, a substantial portion of the Fund could be invested in cash, i.e. deposits with credit institutions (in accordance with the UCITS deposit risk spreading rules whereby no more than 20% on the Net Asset Value of the Fund may be invested with any one credit institution). The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in units or shares in collective investment schemes (including exchange traded funds ("ETF")), such as short term money market funds for cash management purposes.

Potential investors in the Fund are also referred to the general policies applicable to each Fund of the Company which appear under "Investment Objectives and Policies" in the Prospectus.

### **Use of Derivatives**

The Fund may engage in transactions in financial derivative instruments (specifically currency forwards, total return swaps, futures, options and embedded derivatives) for efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes as set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Investment Powers and Restrictions".

Any derivative instrument in which the Fund enters will be in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements, the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and subject to limits in respect of derivative counterparties.

The financial derivative instruments which may be invested in by the Fund to provide exposure to government bond, credit and currency markets to achieve the Fund's investment objective and policy include forwards, credit default swaps ("CDS") (on single names and/or indices), swaps (including interest rate swaps and total return swaps (on single names (i.e. underlying reference obligation or company) or indices), futures and options (including options on CDS). Further details on the different derivative types can be found below. Derivatives may be traded by the Fund either on exchange or over-the-counter. The Fund may also have derivative exposure to foreign exchange rates or currencies for hedging purposes.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes. The use of derivatives will create leverage or synthetic long positions (i.e. positions which are in economic terms equivalent to long positions). The Fund may create synthetic long or short positions by, for example, the use of futures, options and swaps. The synthetic short positions allow the Fund to benefit from downwards movement in prices or overpricing of securities or market factors by having short or negative position in the underlying security. The Fund's exposure to synthetic short positions will be limited to 100% of Net Asset Value. The synthetic long positions permit the Fund to gain exposure to assets where the Investment Adviser believes that a derivative exposure to the underlying asset represents better value



or is more efficient than a direct exposure. The Fund's exposure to synthetic long positions will be limited to 100% of Net Asset Value.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments (specifically currency forwards, total return swaps, CDS, futures and embedded derivatives) for efficient portfolio management subject to the conditions and limits set out in the UCITS Regulations and Central Bank UCITS Regulations to manage risk and invest more efficiently. Where the Investment Adviser has decided to increase or reduce debt security specific and / or market risk in response to the Investment Adviser's views on market prospects, prices and values it may be more efficient to do so using financial derivatives as well as purchasing units or shares in collective investment schemes (including ETFs). For example, the Investment Adviser might reduce the Fund's exposure to credit risk through the use of CDS instruments, or may increase the Fund's exposure to US Treasuries through purchasing shares/units in an appropriate ETF. The total exposure to collective investment schemes (including ETFs) including those used for cash management purposes will not exceed 10% of its Net Asset Value.

Although the Base Currency of the Fund is US Dollar, the Investment Adviser anticipates holding securities denominated in currencies other than US Dollar and reserves the right to enter into foreign exchange and/or derivative transactions selectively with the aim of hedging or maintaining the value of the Fund in absolute terms. The Fund may utilise forwards, futures and total return swaps to hedge against currency fluctuations at a Fund level, but there can be no assurance that such hedging transactions will be undertaken and, if undertaken, will be effective or beneficial.

Forward foreign exchange contracts may also be used to hedge the value of certain classes of Shares in the Fund ("Share Class Hedging") against changes in the exchange rate between the currency of denomination of the class of Shares and the Base Currency of the Fund, which is US Dollar. In respect of the Hedged Classes outlined above, such Share Class Hedging does not protect any of the Share classes from any non-US Dollar exposure that might be held in the Fund.

Further information is set out in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management". It should be noted that the successful execution of a hedging strategy which mitigates this currency risk exactly cannot be assured.

Where a class is unhedged, a currency conversion will take place on subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and distributions at prevailing exchange rates. In such circumstances, the value of the Share expressed in the class currency will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency.

# **Financial Derivative Instrument Types**

The Fund may use the following financial derivative instruments:

# Forwards

Forwards, such as forward foreign exchange contracts, are an obligation to purchase or sell a specific asset at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. In currency forward contracts, the contract holders are obligated to buy or sell the currency at a specified price, at a specified quantity and on a specified future date. The Fund may also use non-deliverable forwards ("NDF") where the difference between the contracted NDF price or rate and the prevailing spot price or rate on an agreed notional amount is settled in an agreed currency. The Fund may use Forwards for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

### Swap agreements

Swap agreements are two party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than a year. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realised on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," (i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular



amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency or security, or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index). For example, a single total return swap may allow a view to be taken on the price movement of individual fixed income securities. They can be used to express both positive and negative views on securities (by creating a synthetic long or short position). Swap agreements may be used to allow the general market risk to be neutralised (or adjusted) from the Investment Adviser's view of a particular fixed income security or index provided such indices meet the requirements of the Central Bank. Swap agreements may be used either individually or in combinations. The Fund will only enter into swap agreements with counterparties who are "Approved Institutions" as defined under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions – Eligible Counterparties". The Fund may use swap agreements for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

#### Credit Default Swaps (CDS)

The "buyer" in a CDS contract is obligated to pay the "seller" a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract in return for a contingent payment upon the occurrence of a credit event with respect to an underlying reference obligation. Generally, a credit event means bankruptcy, failure to pay or obligation acceleration. If a credit event occurs, the seller typically must pay the contingent payment to the buyer, which is typically the "par value" (full notional value) of the reference obligation. The contingent payment may be a cash settlement or by physical delivery of the reference obligation in return for payment of the face amount of the obligation. The Fund may be either the buyer or seller in the transaction. If the Fund is a buyer and no credit event occurs, the Fund may lose its investment and recover nothing. However, if a credit event occurs, the buyer typically receives full notional value for a reference obligation that may have little or no value. If the Fund is a seller, the Fund receives a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the contract, which typically is between one month and five years, provided that no credit event occurs. If a credit event occurs, the seller may pay the buyer the full notional value of the reference obligations. CDS involve greater risks than if the Fund had invested in the reference obligation directly. In addition to general market risks, CDS are subject to liquidity risk, credit risk and basis risk. If a credit event were to occur, the value of the reference obligation received by the seller, coupled with the periodic payments previously received, may be less than the full notional value it pays to the buyer, resulting in a loss of value to the Fund. The Fund may use CDS for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities and efficient investing.

### **Futures**

Futures are contracts to buy or sell a standard quantity of a specific asset (or, in some cases, receive or pay cash based on the performance of an underlying asset, instrument or index) at a pre-determined future date and at a price agreed through a transaction undertaken on an exchange. Futures may be used, for example, by the Fund to manage cash inflows and outflows whereby the Fund can gain efficiency by using futures as compared to fixed income securities. The Fund may use futures for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

# **Options**

There are two forms of options, put and call options. Put options are contracts sold for a premium that gives one party (the buyer) the right, but not the obligation, to sell to the other party (the seller) of the contract, a specific quantity of a particular product or financial instrument at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Call options are similar contracts sold for a premium that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy from the seller of the option at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Options may also be cash settled. Options may also be used to take a positional view on the volatility of individual debt securities, baskets of debt securities, CDS, interest rates, credit indices and/or credit index sector, or to sell exposure to volatility. The Fund may use options for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

### Embedded Derivatives



Some financial instruments (as described further below in this section) and other contracts combine, in a single contract, both a derivative and a non-derivative with the effect that some of the cash flows of the contract vary in a way similar to a stand-alone derivative. The embedded derivative may modify the value of the contract in relation to changes in a variable, such as an interest rate or yield, security, index or commodity price, credit rating, or foreign exchange rate. Embedded derivatives may provide leveraged exposure to the variable or the variable may itself be leveraged. The Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives which do not have significant leverage or hidden leverage, i.e. the Fund is only permitted to use embedded derivatives where the market value or notional value is accurately captured using the conversion methodologies for the commitment approach as laid out in the risk management process of the Company.

The Fund may use embedded derivatives for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

Instruments with embedded derivatives that may be used by the Fund are listed below:

Other exchangeable bonds / credit instruments

Some bonds, which are normally subordinated within a company's capital structure, can switch from fixed rate to floating interest payments at call dates for the security. In extremis, some bonds can convert into a fixed number of common or preference shares of the issuing company or other agreed asset such as cash usually if the issuing company is under severe financial stress. These bonds may also give the holder rights to a fixed rate coupon (sometimes cumulative).

Credit Linked Notes (including participatory notes) whose performance is linked to the performance of a credit instrument, e.g. corporate bond.

Credit Linked Notes are typically created through a special purpose company, or trust, which is collateralized with securities. Investors buy a note from the trust that pays a fixed or floating coupon during the life of the note. At maturity, the investors receive par unless the referenced credit defaults or declares bankruptcy, in which case they receive an amount equal to the recovery rate. The trust enters into a default swap with a deal arranger. In case of default, the trust pays the dealer par minus the recovery rate in exchange for an annual fee which is passed on to the investors in the form of a higher yield on the notes. Credit linked notes may be related to the price, yield or credit rating of the underlying instrument or issuer and may include leverage.

Index linked structured instruments whose performance is linked to the performance of an underlying financial index or a basket of financial indices

An Index linked structured instrument (such as an index-linked note) is a debt instrument which differs from a standard fixed-income security in that the final payout is determined by the performance of an underlying financial index or a combination of financial indices. Any financial indices used will be UCITS compliant. The Index linked note may include leverage. For example, the instrument may be structured to give the total return of the Citigroup World Government Bond Index above a certain index level, i.e. if the index falls the value of the instrument is preserved, if the index value increases, so does the value of the instrument.

Callable bonds (including step-up notes) and puttable bonds

A callable bond (also called a redeemable bond) is a type of debt security that allows the issuer of the bond to retain the privilege of redeeming the bond at some point before the bond reaches its date of maturity. A callable bond includes a step-up note which refers to the increase in a bond's coupon payment (as set out in the bond's legal documentation) if certain circumstances occur. Such circumstances include the failure to redeem the bond by a call date or if the credit rating of the bond falls. A puttable bond allows the investor the right to redeem the bond at some point before the bond reaches its date of maturity. In other words, on the call / put date(s), the issuer / the investor has the right, but not the obligation, to buy / sell the bonds at a defined price. The callable and puttable bonds have an embedded derivative, an option, which is not independently contractually transferable.



Warrants and Rights (including covered warrants)

A warrant gives the holder the right, but not the obligation, to buy ('call' warrant) or to sell ('put' warrant) an underlying asset at a specified price by a predetermined date. Warrants are frequently attached to bonds or preferred stock allowing the issuer to pay lower interest rates or dividends. The price paid for this right is the 'premium' and with covered warrants you cannot lose more than this initial premium paid. They are limited liability instruments so there are no further payments or margin calls required to maintain a covered warrant position.

The Fund may use embedded derivatives for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or equity securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

### Mortgage or asset backed securities

Mortgage or asset backed securities in respect of which the Fund may invest, may embed leverage. Therefore as these instruments may contain embedded leverage, any leverage arising from investment in such instruments will be monitored, measured and managed in accordance with the risk management process of the Fund. The Fund will not use these instruments with significant leverage until provision for such instruments has been included in the risk management process of the Company and cleared by the Central Bank.

#### **Permitted Financial Indices**

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments to obtain exposure to financial indices as described above. The indices selected by the Investment Adviser will meet the requirements for financial indices as laid out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. In particular they shall be sufficiently diversified, represent an adequate benchmark for the markets to which they refer, are published in an appropriate manner, and are independently managed from the management of the Fund.

Details of any indices used by the Fund will be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Adviser on request and will be set out in the Company's semi-annual and annual accounts. These indices include MSCI Indices, FTSE Indices, iBOXX indices, Markit iTraxx and CDX indices, S&P Dow Jones Indices, BofA Merrill Lynch Indices and Bloomberg Barclays Capital Indices. Any indices will be cleared by the Central Bank or will meet its requirements.

The financial indices to which the Fund may gain exposure will be rebalanced on a quarterly or monthly basis (but not more frequently than monthly). As the Fund will invest in the financial indices using financial derivative instruments, there will be no material impact on its costs arising as a result of the re-balancing of a financial index. Where the weighting of a particular constituent in a financial index subsequently exceeds the UCITS investment restrictions, the Investment Adviser will as a priority objective look to remedy the situation taking into account the interests of Shareholders and the Fund.

#### **Risk Management**

The Company is required under the UCITS Regulations to employ a risk management process which will enable it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the risks attached to financial derivatives instruments that it uses and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the Fund. The "Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach" method used by the Investment Adviser is one of the two methods explicitly permitted under the UCITS Regulations for this purpose, and details of this process have been provided to the Central Bank in the risk management process statement the Company has filed with the Central Bank. The Company will, upon request, provide supplementary information to shareholders relating to the risk management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk characteristics of the main category of investments.

VaR is an estimate of the maximum potential loss due to market risk rather than leverage. The VaR approach estimates the maximum potential loss at a given confidence level, or probability, over a specific time period under normal market conditions. The Fund will use the Absolute VaR approach, the VaR calculation will be carried out in accordance with the following parameters:



- i. one-tailed confidence interval of 99 %;
- ii. holding period equivalent to 1 month (20 business days);
- iii. effective observation period (history) of risk factors of at least 1 year (250 business days) unless a shorter observation period is justified by a significant increase in price volatility (for instance extreme market conditions);
- iv. quarterly data set updates, or more frequent when market prices are subject to material changes;
- v. at least daily calculation.

Below are details of an estimate of the expected leverage of the Fund, under normal market conditions, calculated for this purpose as the sum of all notional derivative positions including currency hedging positions.

Liontrust GF Absolute Return Bond	Sum of notional
Fund	derivatives
Expected leverage under normal market conditions	200% of the NAV of the Fund
Maximum leverage levels	350% of the NAV of the Fund

Shareholders should be aware that there is a possibility of higher leverage levels than those under normal market conditions, and in this regard, the maximum leverage levels for the Fund is also shown.

Potential investors in the Fund are also referred to the general policies applicable to each Fund of the Company which appear under "THE COMPANY - Investment Objectives and Policies" in the Prospectus.

# **Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs")**

SFTs include total return swaps; repurchase transactions; securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing; buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions; and margin lending transactions.

With the exception of total return swaps and securities lending, the Fund does not currently engage in SFTs. Securities lending transactions/agreements are transactions by which the Fund transfers securities to another counterparty subject to a commitment that the borrower will return equivalent securities on a future date or when requested to do so by the Fund. Where a Fund engages in SFTs, all revenue, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the Fund. The costs arising from these include any costs payable to the administrator of the securities lending programme. The Supplement will be updated prior to entry into any other SFTs.

The Fund's expected exposure to securities lending will be 20% of the assets under management of the Fund, with a maximum of 95% lent for each individual bond position depending on the liquidity of the underlying market. The Fund, although permitted to do so, does not currently use total return swaps but should this change, the Investment Adviser anticipates that the Fund's expected exposure to total return swaps would be less than 20% of the assets under management of the Fund and the maximum exposure of the Fund in respect of total return swaps shall be 40% of the assets under management of the Fund. Higher levels of exposure in respect to total return swaps may be encountered, for example, where the Fund has higher than normal exposures to sectors or countries where it is more efficient to hold total return swaps than the underlying bonds, or where the total return swaps are netting or hedging other investments within the Fund. Where assets subject to Securities Financing Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2015/2365) are received by the Fund they will be safe-kept by the Depositary.

Further information in relation to SFTs including collateral management and eligible counterparties are set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions and Efficient Portfolio Management". Further information on the risks associated with SFTs and collateral management is set out under the heading "Risk Management".

# INVESTMENT AND BORROWING POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS



The investment and borrowing powers and restrictions to which the Fund is subject are described under "Investment Powers and Restrictions", "Restrictions on Borrowing, Lending and Dealing", "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management", "Changes to Investment and Borrowing Restrictions" in the Prospectus. However, while the Company is generally authorised to invest in other open-ended collective investment schemes, as described in the section of the Prospectus referred to above, the Fund itself will not invest more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in such schemes.

The use of financial derivative instruments is permitted for the Fund subject to the conditions and limits set out under "Investment Objectives and Policies", in the Prospectus and in accordance with the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. These conditions include, for example, a requirement to ensure that where a financial derivative instrument gives rise to a commitment for a Fund it must be covered as follows: (i) in the case of cash settled financial derivative instruments, the Fund must hold sufficient liquid assets at all times to cover the exposure; (2) in the case of financial derivative instruments which requires physical delivery, the asset must be held at all times, or with sufficient liquid assets if the underlying asset consists of highly liquid fixed income securities or the Fund considers that the exposure can be adequately managed, and the position exposure to underlying assets of derivative instruments (other than index based derivatives) (whether used for hedging or for investment purposes), when combined with positions resulting from direct investments, will not exceed the investment limits to which the Fund is subject.

#### **FUND FEES AND EXPENSES**

#### **INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES**

The Investment Advisor is entitled to receive a monthly Investment Advisory Fee in respect of the Shares of the Fund calculated as set out under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Investment Advisory Charges" in the Prospectus.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, F1 and G1 is 1.00% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A5, B5, C5, D5, E5, F5 and G5 is 0.30% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A8, B8 and C8 is 0.225% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A9, B9, C9, D9, E9, F9 and G9 is 0.70% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A10, B10 and C10 is 0.1875% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class CF is 0.50% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The above fees apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

# **OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES**

## **Fixed Operating Fee**

The Fund shall be subject to a Fixed Operating Fee, which includes inter alia, the fees and expenses of the Administrator, Depositary, sub-custodial fees and transaction charges, Directors and Auditors fees and expenses, and fees paid to the Investment Adviser for administrative and related expenses. A description of the Fixed Operating Fee is set out in the Prospectus under "Charges and Expenses".

The current amount of Fixed Operating Fee by Share Class is listed below. The Fixed Operating Fee is



payable out of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each Share Class.

Share Class	Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Class A1 Accumulating	0.10%
Class A1 Distributing	0.10%
Class A5 Accumulating	0.10%
Class A5 Distributing	0.10%
Class A8 Accumulating	0.075%
Class A8 Distributing	0.075%
Class A9 Accumulating	0.10%
Class A9 Distributing	0.10%
Class A9 Distributing  Class A10 Accumulating	0.0625%
Class A10 Accumulating  Class A10 Distributing	0.0625%
Class B1 Accumulating	0.10%
Class B1 Distributing	0.10%
Class B5 Accumulating	0.10%
Class B5 Distributing	0.10%
Class B8 Accumulating	0.075%
Class B8 Distributing	0.075%
Class B9 Accumulating	0.10%
Class B9 Distributing	0.10%
Class B10 Accumulating	0.0625%
Class B10 Distributing	0.0625%
Class C1 Accumulating	0.10%
Class C1 Distributing	0.10%
Class C5 Accumulating	0.10%
Class C5 Distributing	0.10%
Class C8 Accumulating	0.075%
Class C8 Distributing	0.075%
Class C9 Accumulating	0.10%
Class C9 Distributing	0.10%
Class C10 Accumulating	0.0625%
Class C10 Distributing	0.0625%
Class D1 Accumulating	0.10%
Class D1 Distributing	0.10%
Class D5 Accumulating	0.10%
Class D5 Distributing	0.10%
Class D9 Accumulating	0.10%
Class D9 Distributing	0.10%
Class E1 Accumulating	0.10%
Class E1 Distributing	0.10%
Class E5 Accumulating	0.10%
Class E5 Distributing	0.10%
Class E9 Accumulating	0.10%
Class E9 Distributing	0.10%
Class F1 Accumulating	0.10%
Class F1 Distributing	0.10%
Class F5 Accumulating	0.10%
Class F5 Distributing	0.10%
Class F9 Accumulating	0.10%
Class F9 Distributing	0.10%
Class G1 Accumulating	0.10%
Class G1 Distributing	0.10%
Class G5 Accumulating	0.10%
Class G5 Distributing	0.10%
Class G9 Accumulating	0.10%
Class G9 Distributing	0.10%
Class CF Accumulating	0.10%
Class of Accumulating	0.10/0



For the avoidance of doubt, the Fixed Operating Fees set out above apply when the assets of the Fund do not exceed £500 million. See below for the discount to be applied where the assets of the Fund do exceed £500 million.

The Fixed Operating Fee shall accrue daily based on the prior day Net Asset Value of each Share Class and the Fixed Operating Fee accrued during a calendar month shall be paid to the Investment Adviser out of the assets of the Fund on or as soon as is practicable after the last business day of that calendar month. The Fixed Operating Fee will be calculated taking account of any discount to be applied, as indicated in the table below, based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund on the last business day of the previous month. In the event that the assets of the Fund exceed £500 million, in order to pass on any savings which may be made through economies of scale, the following discounts will be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee of all Share Classes of the Fund:

Net asset value of the Fund	Discount to be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Below £500 million	0.000%
£500 million to £1 billion	0.010%
£1 billion to £2 billion	0.020%
£2 billion to £3 billion	0.030%
£3 billion to £4 billion	0.040%
£4 billion to £5 billion	0.050%
Over £5 billion	0.060%

The above discounts will not apply in circumstances that the Fixed Operating Fee after the applicable discount would be below 0.10%. For example, if the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.12% then the lowest it can go with the application of a volume discount is 0.10%. If the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.08% then the volume discounts will not apply as the Fixed Operating Fee is already below 0.10%.

Where an applicable threshold level of net asset value is achieved by the Fund on the last business day of any month, the relevant discount above will apply to the Fund in relation to the following month.

The Fixed Operating Fee is not currently subject to VAT, but in the event of Value Added Tax (or any equivalent tax) being imposed this may be levied against the property of the Fund.

Further details of the Fixed Operating Fees relating to the Fund and the Company appear under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus.

### SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

#### Initial Offer Period

The Initial Offer Period for all Classes of Shares in the Fund which are available for subscription but have not yet launched will close at 5 p.m. Irish time on 27 March, 2019. The Initial Offer Period in respect of any Class of Shares in the Fund which have not yet launched may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After the closing of the Initial Offer Period, Shares in the Fund will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

# Initial Offer Price

During the Initial Offer Period Shares will be offered at the Initial Offer Price. The Initial Offer Price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be as follows:



Shares	Initial Offer Price
Class A Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	EUR10
Class B Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	US\$10
Class C Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	GBP10
Class D Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	CHF10
Class E Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	DKK100
Class F Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	NOK100
Class G Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	SEK100
Class CF Shares (Accumulating)	GBP0.01

The Initial Offer Price is exclusive of an initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Initial Offer Price.

# Subscription Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund are available for purchase on each Dealing Day. The Dealing Days for the Fund shall be each Business Day. The subscription price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus) plus any initial charge payable to the Investment Adviser.

The Valuation Point in respect of each subscription Dealing Day is currently midday (Irish time) on the subscription Dealing Day. The last traded price in each relevant market will be used.

Application Forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 11.59 a.m. (Irish time) on the relevant Dealing Day (the "Subscription Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that Application Forms received after the Subscription Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Settlement should be made in accordance with the Prospectus and the instructions in the Application Form.

## Minimum Investment Levels for Subscriptions

The minimum initial and additional investment in Shares of the Fund (net of initial charges) is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Investments	
	Initial	Additional
Class A1, A9	€1,000	€1,000
Class A5	€5,000,000	€1,000
Class A8	€50,000,000	€1,000
Class A10	€250,000,000	€1,000
Class B1, B9	\$1,000	\$1,000
Class B5	\$5,000,000	\$1,000
Class B8	\$50,000,000	\$1,000
Class B10	\$250,000,000	\$1,000
Class C1, C9	£1,000	£1,000
Class C5	£5,000,000	£1,000
Class C8	£50,000,000	£1,000
Class C10	£250,000,000	£1,000
Class D1, D9	F1,000	F1,000
Class D5	F5,000,000	F1,000
Class E1, E9	kr10,000 (Danish)	kr10,000 (Danish)
Class E5	kr50,000,000 (Danish)	kr10,000 (Danish)
Class F1, F9	kr10,000 (Norwegian)	kr10,000 (Norwegian)
Class F5	kr50,000,000 (Norwegian)	kr10,000 (Norwegian)
Class G1, G9	kr10,000 (Swedish)	kr10,000 (Swedish)
Class G5	kr50,000,000 (Swedish)	kr10,000 (Swedish)
Class CF	Nil	Nil



Class A9, B9, C9, D9, E9, F9 and G9 shares are available to platforms or wealth managers with advisory clients.

Class CF Shares are only available for investment by Liontrust Asset Management plc.

The above minimum investment amounts apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

In the case of Class A10, B10 and C10 Shares, the minimum initial investment amount is applied at the level of the Fund as a whole.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to waive these Minimum Initial Investment and Minimum Subsequent Investment requirements in accordance with the principle of fair treatment of all Shareholders.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to decline to accept any application for Shares in any Class of the Fund, in particular applications into Classes that have not yet issued any Shares.

### Subscription Charges

An initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Net Asset Value per Share is payable in respect of subscriptions for Shares of the Fund.

The initial charge may be waived in whole or in part by the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser may, in its sole discretion, (i) pay commission to financial intermediaries including but not limited to the Distributors, sub-distributors, intermediaries and introducing agents who refer prospective investors out of the initial charge and the Investment Advisory Fee and/or (ii) waive the initial charge for certain prospective investors based on factors deemed appropriate by the Investment Adviser including, but not limited to, the amount of the proposed investment by a prospective investor.

# **REDEMPTION OF SHARES**

# Redemption Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on each Dealing Day. The redemption price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus).

A Dealing Day in respect of each class of Shares of the Fund is each Business Day.

The Valuation Point in respect of each Dealing Day is currently midday (Irish time) on the Dealing Day.

Redemption forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 11.59 a.m. (Irish time) on the relevant redemption Dealing Day ("Redemption Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that redemption forms received after the Redemption Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Settlement of the redemption proceeds will be made in accordance with the procedures set out under "SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING - Redemptions" in the Prospectus.

### Minimum Redemptions and Holdings

The minimum redemption amount and minimum residual holding for Shares of the Fund is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Redemptions and Holdings	
	Redemption Amount	Residual Holding
Class A1, A9	€1,000	€1,000
Class A5	€1,000	€5,000,000



Class A8	€1,000	€50,000,000
Class A10	€1,000	€250,000,000
Class B1, B9	\$1,000	\$1,000
Class B5	\$1,000	\$5,000,000
Class B8	\$1,000	\$50,000,000
Class B10	\$1,000	\$250,000,000
Class C1, C9	£1,000	£1,000
Class C5	£1,000	£5,000,000
Class C8	£1,000	£50,000,000
Class C10	£1,000	£250,000,000
Class D1, D9	F1,000	F1,000
Class D5	F1,000	F5,000,000
Class E1, E9	kr10,000 (Danish)	kr10,000 (Danish)
Class E5	kr10,000 (Danish)	kr50,000,000 (Danish)
Class F1, F9	kr10,000 (Norwegian)	kr10,000 (Norwegian)
Class F5	kr10,000 (Norwegian)	kr50,000,000 (Norwegian)
Class G1, G9	kr10,000 (Swedish)	kr10,000 (Swedish)
Class G5	kr10,000 (Swedish)	kr50,000,000 (Swedish)
Class CF	Nil	Nil

The above minimum redemption and residual holding amounts apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

In the case of Class A10, B10 and C10 Shares, the minimum residual holding amount is applied at the level of the Fund as a whole.

If the holding in any Class falls below the "Residual Holding" amount specified in the above table, the Directors reserve the right to compulsorily redeem the holding.

### **SWITCHING**

Shares of the Fund may be switched into Shares of other Funds in the Company on each Dealing Day on which Shares of both classes are available for subscription and redemption. The Company does not currently propose to charge a switching fee although it reserves the right to levy such a charge generally or in respect of specific Funds. Details of any such switching fees will be disclosed in the relevant Supplements of the Funds concerned. An initial charge may however be made as described above in relation to a transaction which the Company is instructed by Shareholders or their authorised agents to treat as a separate redemption and subscription.

Switching forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11.59 a.m. (Irish time) on the relevant redemption and subscription Dealing Day ("Switching Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders or in respect of specific applications provided that switch forms received after the Switching Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day.

# **SHARE PRICES**

The most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund is published following calculation on each Business Day on the following internet website: www.liontrust.co.uk. In addition, the most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (in each currency) may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours and may also be published in such newspaper or journal as the Directors in their sole discretion may determine.

# **DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY**

This Fund operates income equalisation.

Income distributing shares



The Directors' current intention is to distribute in respect of each accounting period substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) of Fund attributable to the distributing classes, (the "Distributing Classes") in respect of each accounting period. At the Directors' discretion, where there is insufficient income available in the Fund, dividends may be declared and paid from net realised gains (i.e. realised gains net of realised and unrealised losses; and/or net realised and unrealised losses (i.e. realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses).

The Directors intend to make distributions to holders of the Distributing Classes on or before 31 January, 30 April, 31 July and 31 October with the relevant Share class going ex-dividend on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October (each an Allocation Date) respectively in each year\*.

Unless a Shareholder elects otherwise, any distributions attributable to the Distributing Classes will be applied in the purchase of additional Shares (or fractions thereof) of the relevant Share class.

### Income accumulating shares

The Directors do not anticipate that any dividends or other distributions will be paid to the holders of accumulating classes of the Fund (the "Accumulating Classes") out of the earnings and profits of the Fund attributable to such classes of the Accumulating Classes. The amount of net income attributable to a class of the Accumulating Classes on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October (each an Allocation Date) shall become part of the capital property of the Fund\*.

Investors are referred to "DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY" in the Prospectus for further details on the dividend and reinvestment policy of the Fund.

# **UK Reporting Fund Status**

Accumulating and Distributing versions of Classes A5, C1, C5, C8, C9, C10 and B5 have UK Reporting Fund status. Class CF has UK Reporting Fund status. Distributing versions of Classes A1, A8, A9, A10, B1, B8, B9, B10, D1, D5, D9, E1, E5, E9, F1, F5, F9, G1, G5 and G9 have Reporting Fund status, The remaining classes do not have UK Reporting Fund Status. The Investment Adviser may apply for UK Reporting Fund status for further classes, as required. The full current list of Classes which have UK Fund found Reporting status can be on the www.gov.uk website https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds

# **COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS**

The attention of prospective investors is drawn to "COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS" in the Prospectus.

## **RISK FACTORS**

## General Risks

Potential investors should note that the investments of the Fund are subject to market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities and there can be no assurance that any appreciation in value will occur. The value of investments and the income from them, and therefore the value of, and income from, the Shares of the Fund can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount he/she invests. Changes in exchange rates between currencies may also cause the value of the investments to diminish or increase. An investor who realises Shares of the Fund after a short period may, in addition, not realise the amount originally invested in view of any initial charge made on the issue of Shares of the Fund. The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of Shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

Currencies and Share Class Risk



Prospective investors should note that as the Base Currency of the Fund is US Dollar, the Net Asset Value of the Sterling, Euro and Swiss Franc denominated Shares in the Fund will be affected by movements in the exchange rate of Sterling, Euro and Swiss Franc against the US Dollar. The Fund will undertake currency hedging transactions to seek to mitigate these movements but there can be no assurance that such currency hedging transactions, if any, will be successful. The Fund may therefore be exposed to a foreign exchange risk/currency risk. The benefits, losses and expenses relating to such hedging transactions shall be for the account of the relevant currency class of Shares.

In addition, the Fund may enter into transactions which alter the currency exposure of underlying assets in which the Fund is invested from time to time. The Fund's performance may thus be strongly influenced by movements in foreign exchange rates because currency positions held by a Fund may not correspond with the securities positions held.

### Investment in Debt Securities

Many fixed income securities, including certain sovereign and corporate debt securities in which the Fund may invest, contain call or buy-back features which permit the issuer of the security to call or repurchase it. If an issuer exercises such a "call option" and redeems the security the Fund may have to replace the called security with another security, which may have different characteristics, resulting in a decreased rate of return for the Fund.

The Fund may invest in securities where the execution of rights purchased involves discussion with liquidators or other parties representing the issuer and or lawyers and other professionals representing the interests and enforcement of creditor interests in such issuers.

The Investment Adviser will adjust the exposure of the Fund to various points of the interest rate curve (i.e. a line/graph that plots interest rates at a set point in time of bonds with equal credit quality but differing maturity dates), in line with its views of future inflation and interest rates and how these will cause the yield curve to move. This may mean a substantial portion of the Fund may be exposed to significant shifts in the interest rate curve.

The Investment Adviser will adjust the exposure of the Fund to different issuer types (e.g. governments, companies etc.), this may mean a substantial portion, or the entire Fund may be exposed to one issuer type at any one time and be particularly exposed to shifts in credit markets.

The proportion of investment (either directly or through derivative positions) in developed and emerging market countries will vary in accordance with the Investment Adviser's opinion on the relative attractiveness and accessibility of each market sector. This may mean a substantial portion of the Fund may be exposed to emerging markets.

### High Yield/Sub-Investment Grade Securities Risk

Investments will be made in debt securities of differing creditworthiness including government debt, investment grade instruments, high yield or speculative grade instruments, or unrated instruments. The proportion of investment in each of these groups (either directly or through derivative positions) will vary in accordance with the Investment Adviser's opinion on the relative attractiveness and accessibility of each group. This may mean a portion of the Fund may be exposed to instruments rated below investment grade or unrated.

Lower-rated securities will usually offer higher yields than higher-rated securities to compensate for the reduced creditworthiness and increased risk of default that these securities carry. Lower-rated securities generally tend to reflect short-term issuer and market developments to a greater extent than higher-rated securities which react primarily to fluctuations in the general level of interest rates. During an economic downturn or a sustained period of rising interest rates, highly leveraged issuers of high yield securities may experience financial stress and may not have sufficient revenues to meet their interest payment obligations. There are fewer investors in lower-rated securities, and it may be harder to buy and sell securities at an optimum time.



In addition, the market for lower-rated debt securities may be thinner and less active than that for higher rated debt securities, which can adversely affect the prices at which the lower-rated debt securities are sold. Market quotations may not be available for high yield debt securities, and judgment plays a greater role in valuing high yield corporate debt securities than is the case for securities for which more external sources for quotations and last sale information is available. Adverse publicity and changing investor perception may also affect the availability of outside pricing services to value lower-rated debt securities and the Fund's ability to dispose of these securities.

# Contingent Convertible Instruments

Contingent convertible securities ("CoCos") are a form of hybrid debt security that are intended to either convert into equity or have their principal written down upon the occurrence of certain 'triggers' linked to regulatory capital thresholds or where the issuing banking institution's regulatory authorities question the continued viability of the entity as a going-concern. CoCos will have unique equity conversion or principal write-down features which are tailored to the issuing banking institution and its regulatory requirements. Some additional risks associated with CoCos are set forth below:

- Loss absorption risk: CoCo features have been designed to meet specific regulatory requirements imposed on banking institutions. In particular, CoCos can be converted into equity of the issuing banking institution or have their principal written down if their regulatory capital ratio falls below a pre-determined level or when the relevant regulatory authority deems the banking institution being non-viable. In addition those hybrid debt instruments have no stated maturity and fully discretionary coupons. This means coupons can potentially be cancelled at the banking institution's discretion or at the request of the relevant regulatory authority in order to help the bank absorb losses.
- Subordinated Instruments. CoCos will, in the majority of circumstances, be issued in the form of subordinated debt instruments in order to provide the appropriate regulatory capital treatment prior to a conversion. Accordingly, in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of an issuer prior to a conversion having occurred, the rights and claims of the holders of the CoCos, such as the Funds, against the issuer in respect of or arising under the terms of the CoCos shall generally rank junior to the claims of all holders of unsubordinated obligations of the issuer. In addition, if the CoCos are converted into the issuer's underlying equity securities following a conversion event, each holder will be subordinated due to their conversion from being the holder of a debt instrument to being the holder of an equity instrument.
- Market Value will fluctuate based on unpredictable factors. The value of CoCos is unpredictable and will be influenced by many factors including, without limitation (i) the creditworthiness of the issuer and/or fluctuations in such issuer's applicable capital ratios; (ii) supply and demand for the CoCos; (iii) general market conditions and available liquidity and (iv) economic, financial and political events that affect the issuer, its particular market or the financial markets in general.

#### Distribution Policy Risk

Potential investors should note that as part of the distribution policy of the Distributing versions of classes A1, A5, A8, A9, A10, B1, B5, B8, B9, B10 C1, C5, C8, C9, C10, D1, D5, D9, E1, E5, E9, F1, F5, F9, G1, G5 and G9 of the Fund the Directors may distribute substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) and such part of any net realised and unrealised capital gains attributable to those classes as, in their opinion, is appropriate to maintain a satisfactory level of distribution.

Any increase in distributions as a result of this policy may consequently result in a proportional increase in income for tax purposes although the potential for capital gains may correspondingly be lowered, and may have differing tax implications for investors. It is recommended that investors should seek independent professional advice with regards to distribution policy of the Fund.

Risk of Investment in Deposits



Potential Investors should note an investment in the Fund is not a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. As a result an investment in the Fund is subject to possible fluctuation in its value.

The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.

Prospective investors should in addition take into account the Risk Factors referred to under "RISK FACTORS" in the Prospectus when considering whether to invest in Shares of the Fund.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Class CF Shares are participating shares in the Company and have equal voting rights with all other Share Classes in the Fund.

Investors in the Fund should note that Class CF Shares will be held exclusively by employees/representatives of Liontrust Asset Management plc an affiliate of the Investment Adviser. However, Class CF Shareholders will abstain from voting in any general meeting of the Company or the Fund.



If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser duly authorised in this regard. Shares are available for subscription on the basis of the information contained in this Supplement and the Prospectus and the documents referred to therein.

### LIONTRUST GLOBAL FUNDS plc

(an open-ended umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between its sub-funds incorporated with a limited liability under the laws of Ireland, registered number 459084 authorised in Ireland as an investment company pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011) as amended

### SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROSPECTUS

for

### LIONTRUST GF SUSTAINABLE FUTURE GLOBAL GROWTH FUND

This Supplement contains specific information in relation to the Liontrust GF Sustainable Future Global Growth Fund (the "Fund"), the fourteenth fund of Liontrust Global Funds plc (the "Company"). It forms part of and must be read in the context of and together with the Prospectus of the Company dated 1 October, 2019 and in particular the information contained therein relating to:-

- the Company, its Funds and Shares;
- charges and expenses (including those for investment, administration and custody);
- · subscription, redemption and switching of Shares; and
- Taxation, conflicts of interest and risk factors.

Distribution of this Supplement is only authorised if accompanied by the Prospectus of the Company. In addition, distribution of this Supplement and the Prospectus is not authorised in any jurisdiction unless accompanied by the most recent annual and/or, if more recent, semi-annual report of the Company.

Investment in the Fund is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is subject to the risk that the principal invested in the Fund is capable of fluctuation and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account.

The Net Asset Value of the Fund is likely to have a medium to high volatility due to its investment policy and portfolio management techniques.

Dated 1 October, 2019



# **BASE CURRENCY OF FUND**

The Base Currency of the Fund is the US Dollar.

## SHARES AVAILABLE FOR SUBSCRIPTION

Shares of the Fund are currently available for subscription in the following denominations:-

Shares	Currency of Share Denomination
Class A1 Accumulating	Euro
Class A1 Distributing	Euro
Class A5 Accumulating	Euro
Class A5 Distributing	Euro
Class A8 Accumulating	Euro
Class A8 Distributing	Euro
Class B1 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B1 Distributing	US Dollar
Class B5 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B5 Distributing	US Dollar
Class B8 Accumulating	US Dollar
Class B8 Distributing	US Dollar
Class C1 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C1 Distributing	Sterling
Class C5 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C5 Distributing	Sterling
Class C8 Accumulating	Sterling
Class C8 Distributing	Sterling
Class D1 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D1 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class D5 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D5 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class D8 Accumulating	Swiss Franc
Class D8 Distributing	Swiss Franc
Class CF Accumulating	Sterling (Founder)

# **Hedged Classes**

There are currently no hedged classes in the Fund. Accordingly, Classes that are not designated in the Base Currency of the Fund will be unhedged. Further information on Share Class Hedging is set out below at the section entitled "Use of Derivatives" and in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management".

## **RISK PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INVESTOR**

The Fund is considered to be suitable for investors seeking capital growth over the long term (greater than 5 years) with a medium to high level of volatility.

# INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY



The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long term capital growth by predominantly investing in a portfolio of global equities.

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

The Investment Adviser will seek to achieve the investment objective of the Fund through investment in companies that provide or produce more sustainable products and services as well as having a more progressive approach to the management of environmental, social and governance issues. Further details on how the investments are selected and the portfolio constructed are below in the section "Investment Strategy".

The Fund is not expected to have any exposure to financial derivative instruments in normal circumstances, but the Investment Adviser may on occasion, where it deems it appropriate in seeking to achieve the investment objective of the Fund, use financial derivative instruments (namely futures, options and total return swaps) for efficient portfolio management, for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes. Further details are set out under the heading "Use of Derivatives" below. The use of financial derivative instruments may, at times, result in the Fund being substantially invested in short term Money Market Instruments (as described below) and/or cash to support such exposures.

In normal conditions, the Fund invests at least 90% of its Net Asset Value in global equities and the Investment Adviser aims to hold a diversified portfolio of such equities. However, the Investment Adviser may decide to hold a more concentrated portfolio at certain times (i.e. where market factors dictate or at times of significant subscriptions and redemptions in the Fund) and it is possible that a substantial portion of the Fund could be invested in cash or Money Market Instruments. In addition the Fund may invest in exchange traded funds (which are classified as collective investment schemes) and other open-ended collective investment schemes. No more than 10% of the net assets of the Fund will be invested in aggregate in open-ended collective investment schemes. The Fund may invest in closed-ended funds that qualify as transferable securities and any such investment will be subject to the relevant UCITS investment restrictions relating to investment in transferable securities. Investment in closed-ended funds will further be confined to schemes which are considered by the Investment Adviser to be relatively liquid in nature and such an investment shall constitute an investment in a transferable security in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. Investment in closed-ended funds is not expected to comprise a very significant portion of the Fund's net assets and will not typically exceed 10% of net assets.

The Fund may invest in equity securities of companies in all economic sectors in all parts of the world which are listed on a recognised stock exchange or traded on an organised market as set out in Appendix I. The Fund expects to invest predominantly in developed market securities and investment in emerging market securities will not exceed 20% of net assets.

The Fund may invest in and have direct access to certain eligible China A Shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (collectively, the "Stock Connects").

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

The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shanghai Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shenzen Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shanghai/Shenzhen Trading Links, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Fund), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong ("SEHK"), may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SSE ("SSE securities") by routing orders to SSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.



### **Investment Strategy**

The Investment Adviser believes that the companies that will ultimately survive and thrive in a fast-changing world are those which: improve people's quality of life, be it through medical, technological or educational advances; drive improvements in the efficiency with which we use increasingly scarce resources (such as companies which seek to improve the efficiency of energy use or improve sanitation and access to clean water); or help to build a more stable, resilient and prosperous economy. The investment process seeks to invest in these high-quality organisations with robust business fundamentals, strong management and attractive valuations.

#### **Investment Process**

The investment process aims to consistently identify stocks that the Investment Adviser believes will generate superior performance; these are high quality sustainable companies with predictable earnings growth that are attractively valued. From the identified stocks, the Investment Adviser constructs a portfolio designed to diversify risk and minimise the volatility of returns.

### Identifying superior stocks

This process first involves the identification of high quality companies - these must exhibit three characteristics: strong growth prospects; excellent management, products or services that are making a positive contribution to society (environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors); and the ability to translate these into leading returns on equity:

- I. Strong and dependable growth prospects: The Investment Adviser has identified a number of areas of long-term growth within our economies and believes that companies exposed to these themes are likely to see stronger and more persistent growth than those that are not. These areas of long-term growth include themes and trends that (i) make us more efficient, e.g. in our use of fuel/water etc.; (ii) make us healthier and enhance quality of life, e.g. the development of innovative treatments and production of healthier foods; or (iii) enhance safety and resilience, e.g. making food production more sustainable and reducing pollution from cars and industry.
- II. ESG factors: For each company, the Investment Adviser determines the key ESG factors that are important indicators of future success, and assesses how well these are managed. The Investment Adviser analyses and rates both product sustainability (the extent to which a company's core business helps or harms society and/or the environment) and management quality (whether a company has appropriate structures, policies and practices in place for managing its environmental, social and governance risks and impacts). For companies that are ultimately selected for the portfolio, these factors are monitored on an ongoing basis either by engaging with the companies, reviewing their governance documentation or using third party data and analysis services.
- III. Return on equity: Companies must demonstrate robust business fundamentals with a perceived ability to deliver high returns on equity over the long term. Typically, these companies have a maintainable competitive advantage through scale, technology or business model.

For those companies that exhibit the above characteristics, the Investment Adviser predicts the likely sales, earnings and other financial returns expected over the next three to five years, integrating its view of the impact of the three factors above into these forecasts. Using appropriate historic valuation multiples, the Investment Adviser then derives a three year expected future value for the stock.

The final step is to compare these expected future valuations against the current valuation of the companies to identify companies with significant potential valuation gains.

# Portfolio construction



The Investment Adviser selects a portfolio of the best combination of typically 35 to 70 stocks, aiming to diversify risk and minimise the volatility of returns. This results in a portfolio with exposure across a wide variety of industry sectors and aims to benefit from our distinct and uncorrelated growth themes. Outperformance will come from the stock selection, while disciplined portfolio construction aims to diversify risk and minimise the volatility of returns. Once an initial portfolio has been constructed as above, the Investment Adviser will examine the portfolio as a whole using quantitative risk models, and will set limits on, and monitor various portfolio characteristics including expected portfolio volatility and risk factors as laid out in the risk management process.

The Investment Adviser has a long term approach to investing which means that when an investment is made, it is generally kept for at least three years. Positions in the Fund are sold when they reach a valuation where further upside is not anticipated and the case for selling and investing in a company with greater return prospects is compelling. The alternative is when the stock does not perform as envisaged and events reveal a side to the investment rationale that was not anticipated. Where this negates the original investment thesis, the position will be closed.

### **Cash and Currency Management**

Investments will be made in assets denominated in a number of currencies. The Investment Adviser may, at its discretion, choose to hedge all or a proportion of the non-US Dollar denominated assets of the Fund into US Dollar, the Base Currency of the Fund, in order to mitigate the impact of currency fluctuations on the value of non-US Dollar denominated assets. Such hedging might incur costs, especially if forward interest rate levels are higher in non-US Dollar currencies. The instruments used will be forwards, non-deliverable forwards ("NDF") and currency futures. Any such hedging activity will be for the purposes of efficient portfolio management within the limits laid down by the Central Bank as set out in the Prospectus.

In certain circumstances, e.g. for liquidity, short term tactical capital protection, collateral, income or ancillary cash management purposes or in situations where the Investment Adviser deems an appropriate investment opportunity is not available, the Fund may also hold and/or invest in, significant amounts of cash and cash equivalents (such as certificates of deposit), debt securities including government and corporate bonds and Money Market Instruments (including treasury bills, certificates of deposit, bankers acceptances and commercial paper). Deposits with credit institutions will be in accordance with the UCITS deposit risk spreading rules whereby no more than 20% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund may be invested with any one credit institution. Any investment in bonds will be in corporate and government fixed or floating rate instruments which may be rated investment grade or above by Standard & Poor's, Moody's, Fitch or any other recognized rating agency, or unrated (up to 10% of the net assets of the Fund may be invested in below investment grade and/or unrated bonds). The Fund may pledge or charge its investments in debt securities as collateral for financial derivative instruments.

### **Use of Derivatives**

The Fund may engage in transactions in financial derivative instruments (specifically forwards, futures, options and total return swaps) for efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes and/or hedging purposes as set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Investment Powers and Restrictions".

Any derivative instrument in which the Fund enters will be in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements, the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and limits in respect of derivative counterparties. Although the underlying exposure to the derivatives will usually be to equities and equity indices in line with the investment objective, the Fund may also have derivative exposure to foreign exchange rates or currencies for hedging purposes. Further details on the different derivative types can be found below. Derivatives may be traded by the Fund either on exchange or over-the-counter.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes. The use of derivatives will create synthetic long positions (i.e. positions which are in economic terms equivalent to long equity positions). The Fund may create synthetic long positions through the use of futures and total return swaps. The Investment Adviser will take long positions through the use of derivatives to gain exposure to equities as described in this Supplement and to seek both to protect and to enhance the returns



achieved. The synthetic long positions permit the Fund to gain exposure to assets where the Investment Adviser believes that a derivative exposure to the underlying asset represents better value or is more efficient than a direct exposure. The Fund will not have any short positions for investment purposes.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments (specifically forwards, total return swaps and futures) for efficient portfolio management subject to the conditions and limits set out in the UCITS Regulations and Central Bank UCITS Regulations to manage risk and invest more efficiently. Where the Investment Adviser has decided to increase or reduce security specific and / or market risk in response to the Investment Adviser's views on market prospects, prices and values it may be more efficient to do so using financial derivatives as well as purchasing units or shares in collective investment schemes (including ETFs). For example, the Investment Adviser might reduce the Fund's exposure to market risk through the use of equity index futures, or may increase the Fund's exposure to a market sector through purchasing shares/units in an appropriate ETF.

Although the base currency of the Fund is the US Dollar, the Investment Adviser anticipates holding securities denominated in currencies other than the US Dollar and reserves the right to enter into foreign exchange and/or derivative transactions selectively with the aim of hedging or maintaining the value of the Fund in absolute terms. The Fund may utilise forwards, futures and total return swaps to hedge against currency fluctuations at a Fund level, but there can be no assurance that such hedging transactions will be undertaken and, if undertaken, will be effective or beneficial.

A forward foreign exchange contract is an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. In currency forward contracts, the contract holders are obligated to buy or sell the currency at a specified price, at a specified quantity and on a specified future date. Spot and forward foreign exchange contracts are also used more specifically to hedge the value of certain classes of Shares in the Company's Funds against changes in the exchange rate between the currency of denomination of the class of Shares and the Base Currency of the Fund, which is the US Dollar ("Share Class Hedging"). Where a class of Shares is hedged ("Hedged Classes"), such Share Class Hedging does not protect any of the Share classes from any non-US Dollar exposure that might be held in the Fund.

Further information is set out in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Further Detail on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management". It should be noted that the successful execution of a hedging strategy which mitigates this currency risk exactly cannot be assured.

Where a class is unhedged, a currency conversion will take place on subscriptions, redemptions, conversions and distributions at prevailing exchange rates. In such circumstances, the value of the Share expressed in the class currency will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency.

### **Financial Derivative Instrument Types**

The Fund may use the following financial derivative instruments:

## Forwards

Forwards, such as forward foreign exchange contracts, are an obligation to purchase or sell a specific asset at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. In currency forward contracts, the contract holders are obligated to buy or sell the currency at a specified price, at a specified quantity and on a specified future date. The Fund may also use non-deliverable forwards ("NDF") where the difference between the contracted NDF price or rate and the prevailing spot price or rate on an agreed notional amount is settled in an agreed currency. The Fund may use Forwards for hedging, tactical asset allocation (as disclosed in the Prospectus), taking views on the direction of markets, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

Swap agreements including total return swaps

Swap agreements are two party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than a year. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to



exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realised on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," (i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency or security, or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index). For example, a single total return swap may allow a view to be taken on the price movement of individual equity securities. They can be used to express both positive and negative views on securities (by creating a synthetic long or short position). Swap agreements may be used to allow the general market risk to be neutralised (or adjusted) from the Investment Adviser's view of a particular equity security or equity index provided such indices meet the requirements of the Central Bank. Swap agreements may be used either individually or in combinations. The Fund will only enter into swap agreements with counterparties who are "Approved Institutions" as defined under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions". The Fund may use swap agreements for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or equity securities, currency and cash management and efficient investing

#### **Futures**

Futures are contracts to buy or sell a standard quantity of a specific asset (or, in some cases, receive or pay cash based on the performance of an underlying asset, instrument or index) at a pre-determined future date and at a price agreed through a transaction undertaken on an exchange. Futures may be used, for example, by the Fund to manage cash inflows and outflows whereby the Fund can gain efficiency by using futures as compared to equity securities. The Fund may use futures for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets, currency and cash management and efficient investing.

### **Options**

There are two forms of options, put and call options. Put options are contracts sold for a premium that gives one party (the buyer) the right, but not the obligation, to sell to the other party (the seller) of the contract, a specific quantity of a particular product or financial instrument at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Call options are similar contracts sold for a premium that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy from the seller of the option at a specified price by, or at, a specified date. Options may also be cash settled. Options may also be used to take a positional view on the volatility of individual securities, baskets of securities and indices or to sell exposure to volatility. The Fund may use options for hedging, tactical asset allocation, taking views on the direction of markets or debt securities, duration management, currency management and cash management and efficient investing.

### **Permitted Financial Indices**

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments to obtain exposure to financial indices as described above. The indices selected by the Investment Adviser will meet the requirements for financial indices as laid out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. In particular they shall be sufficiently diversified, represent an adequate benchmark for the markets to which they refer, are published in an appropriate manner, and are independently managed from the management of the Fund. The equity indices selected will offer exposure to companies listed or traded on Recognised Exchanges listed from time to time under "RECOGNISED EXCHANGES" in the Prospectus. The financial indices selected by the Investment Adviser will offer exposure to the global equity market or regional/country markets.

Details of any indices used by the Fund will be provided to Shareholders by the Investment Adviser on request and will be set out in the Company's semi-annual and annual accounts. These indices include MSCI Indices, FTSE Indices and S&P Dow Jones Indices. Any indices will meet the Central Bank's requirements.

The financial indices to which the Fund may gain exposure will be rebalanced on a quarterly or monthly basis (but not more frequently than monthly). As the Fund will invest in the financial indices using financial derivative instruments, there will be no material impact on its costs arising as a result of the re-balancing of a financial index. Where the weighting of a particular constituent in a financial index subsequently exceeds the UCITS investment restrictions, the Investment Adviser will as a priority objective look to remedy the situation taking into account the interests of Shareholders and the Fund.



### **Risk Management**

The Company is required under the UCITS Regulations to employ a risk management process which will enable it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the risks attached to financial derivatives instruments that it uses and their contribution to the overall risk profile of the Fund. The commitment method used by the Investment Adviser is one of the two methods explicitly permitted under the UCITS Regulations for this purpose, and details of this process have been provided to the Central Bank in the risk management process statement the Company has filed with the Central Bank. The Company will, upon request, provide supplementary information to shareholders relating to the risk management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk characteristics of the main category of investments.

The global exposure of the Fund to derivatives is calculated using the commitment approach. The commitment approach requires the Fund to convert each derivative position into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative. The Fund may take into account netting and hedging arrangements when calculating its global exposure, where these arrangements do not disregard obvious and material risks and result in a clear reduction in risk exposure.

The Fund's global exposure to derivatives will be limited to 100% of Net Asset Value of the Fund.

### **Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs")**

SFTs include total return swaps; repurchase transactions; securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing; buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions; and margin lending transactions.

With the exception of total return swaps and securities lending, the Fund does not currently engage in SFTs. Securities lending transactions/agreements are transactions by which the Fund transfers securities to another counterparty subject to a commitment that the borrower will return equivalent securities on a future date or when requested to do so by the Fund. Where a Fund engages in SFTs, all revenue, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the Fund. The costs arising from these include any costs payable to the administrator of the securities lending programme. The Supplement will be updated prior to entry into any other SFTs.

The Fund's expected exposure to securities lending is between 2% and 5% of the assets under management of the Fund, with a maximum of 95% lent for each individual equity position depending on the liquidity of the underlying market. The Fund, although permitted to do so, does not currently use total return swaps but should this change, the Investment Adviser anticipates that the Fund's expected exposure to total return swaps would be 10% of the assets under management of the Fund and the maximum exposure of the Fund in respect of total return swaps shall be 100% of the assets under management of the Fund. Higher levels of exposure in respect to total return swaps may be encountered, for example, where the Fund has higher than normal exposures to sectors or countries where it is more efficient to hold total return swaps than the underlying equities, or where the total return swaps are netting or hedging other investments within the Fund. Where assets subject to Securities Financing Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2015/2365) are received by the Fund they will be safe-kept by the Depositary.

Securities lending agreements will be used for efficient portfolio management purposes only. Further information in relation to SFTs including collateral management and eligible counterparties are set out in the Prospectus under the heading "Securities Financing Transactions and Efficient Portfolio Management". Further information on the risks associated with SFTs and collateral management is set out under the heading "Risk Management".

## INVESTMENT AND BORROWING POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

The investment and borrowing powers and restrictions to which the Fund is subject are described under "Investment Powers and Restrictions", "Restrictions on Borrowing, Lending and Dealing", "Further Details on the Use of Financial Derivative Instruments" and "Techniques for Efficient Portfolio Management", "Changes to Investment and Borrowing Restrictions" in the Prospectus. However, while the Company is generally authorised to invest in other open-ended collective investment schemes, as



described in the section of the Prospectus referred to above, the Fund itself will not invest more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in such schemes.

The use of financial derivative instruments is permitted for the Fund subject to the conditions and limits set out under "Investment Objectives and Policies", in the Prospectus and in accordance with the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. These conditions include, for example, a requirement to ensure that where a financial derivative instrument gives rise to a commitment for a Fund it must be covered as follows: (i) in the case of cash settled financial derivative instruments, the Fund must hold sufficient liquid assets at all times to cover the exposure; (ii) in the case of financial derivative instruments which requires physical delivery, the asset must be held at all times, or with sufficient liquid assets if the underlying asset consists of highly liquid equity securities or the Fund considers that the exposure can be adequately managed, and the position exposure to underlying assets of derivative instruments (other than index based derivatives) (whether used for hedging or for investment purposes), when combined with positions resulting from direct investments, will not exceed the investment limits to which the Fund is subject.

### **FUND FEES AND EXPENSES**

#### INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES

The Investment Adviser is entitled to receive a monthly Investment Advisory Fee in respect of the Shares of the Fund calculated as set out under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES - Investment Advisory Charges" in the Prospectus.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A1, B1, C1 and D1 is 1.50% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A5, B5, C5 and D5 is 0.75% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Classes A8, B8, C8 and D8 is 0.50% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The specified annual Investment Advisory Fee percentage in respect of Class CF is 0.75% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the class.

The above fees apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

## **OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES**

### **Fixed Operating Fee**

The Fund shall be subject to a Fixed Operating Fee, which includes inter alia, the fees and expenses of the Administrator, Depositary, sub-custodial fees and transaction charges, Directors and Auditors fees and expenses, and fees paid to the Investment Adviser for administrative and related expenses. A description of the Fixed Operating Fee is set out below.

Ordinary operating expenses incurred by the Fund will be paid out of the assets of the relevant Funds. To protect the shareholders from fluctuations in these expenses, the Investment Adviser has agreed to meet these operating expenses and to be reimbursed out of the assets of the Fund at a flat rate per annum of the Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Share Class of the Fund ("Fixed Operating Fees"). The current amount of these Fixed Operating Fees is set out below and any operating expenses in excess of such "Fixed Operating Fees" will be borne by the Investment Adviser. Conversely, the Investment Adviser will be entitled to retain any amount by which the Fixed Operating Fee exceeds the actual operating expenses of the Fund.

These rates have been arrived at after reviewing the historic pattern of costs incurred in relation to the Company, each Fund and Share Class. The Fixed Operating Fees will be reviewed periodically. The Investment Adviser may amend the fixed rate of the Fixed Operating Fee applicable to each Share



Class at any time at its discretion. In the event that the Investment Adviser exercises this discretion, Shareholders will be notified of the new rates on 30 calendar day's written notice, and this Supplement will be updated accordingly in advance of any change.

The Fixed Operating Fee for the Share Classes includes the following expenses:

- a) Expenses directly incurred by the Fund, including but not limited to:
  - Depositary fees and expenses;
  - Sub-custodian fees and transaction charges
  - Auditor's fees and expenses; and
  - Directors' fees and expenses.
- b) Fees paid to the Investment Adviser for operational and related portfolio management services which will constitute the remaining amount of the Fixed Operating Fees after deduction of the expenses detailed under section a) above. The Investment Adviser then bears all expenses incurred in the day-to-day operation and administration of the Fund, including all third party expenses and other recoverable costs incurred by or on behalf of the Fund from time to time, including but not limited to:
  - Administrator, Registrar and Secretary fees and expenses;
  - Distributors fees and expenses;
  - Legal fees and expenses;
  - In the event that such a listing is sought, the cost of obtaining and maintaining a listing of its Shares on any stock exchange;
  - Miscellaneous fees including but not limited to: the cost of publication of the Share prices, rating fees, postage, telephone, facsimile transmission and other electronic means of communication, fund registration costs and expenses of preparing, printing and distributing the Prospectus, translation costs, Key Investor Information Documents or any offering document, financial reports and other documents made available to Shareholders, fees payable to permanent representatives and other agents of the Investment Adviser, Paying Agent/local representative fees, Investor Servicing teams fees and expenses.

The Fixed Operating Fee for the Share Classes does not include at least the following expenses which will be incurred by the Company and are payable out of the assets of the Fund:

- Any of the applicable Initial charge or Investment Advisory Charges, Performance Fees and Redemption charges as described in this Supplement; or
- Any of the following costs and expenses:
  - o Dilution levy, broker commission, fiscal charges (including any issue or transfer taxes or stamp duty or SDRT chargeable) and other disbursements which are necessarily incurred in effecting transactions;
  - o Interest on and other charges relating to permitted borrowings;
  - o Taxation and other duties payable in respect of the scheme property or on the issue or redemption of Shares;
  - o Correspondent and other banking charges;
  - o In the case of the Fund investing in another collective investment scheme, any double charging of fees and expenses, in particular the duplication of the fees payable to the custodian(s), registrar(s), investment manager(s) and other agents, and subscription and redemption charges, which are generated both at the level of the Fund and of the target funds in which the Fund invests;
  - o Extraordinary expenses including but not limited to expenses that would not be considered as ordinary expenses: litigation expenses, exceptional measures, particularly legal, business or tax expert appraisals or legal proceedings undertaken to protect shareholders' interests, any expense linked to non-routine arrangements made by the Domiciliary Agent, the Administrator and the Listing Agent in the interests of the investors and all similar charges and expenses.



- o Any value added or similar tax applicable to any of the other payments of the scheme property listed above.
- o Establishment expenses of the Fund.

The current amount of Fixed Operating Fee by Share Class is listed below. The Fixed Operating Fee is payable out of the Net Asset Value of the Fund attributable to each Share Class.

Share Class	Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Class A1	0.16%
Class A5	0.16%
Class A8	0.16%
Class B1	0.16%
Class B5	0.16%
Class B8	0.16%
Class C1	0.16%
Class C5	0.16%
Class C8	0.16%
Class D1	0.16%
Class D5	0.16%
Class D8	0.16%
Class CF	0.16%

For the avoidance of doubt, the Fixed Operating Fees set out above apply when the assets of the Fund do not exceed £500 million. See below for the discount to be applied where the assets of the Fund do exceed £500 million.

The Fixed Operating Fee shall accrue daily based on the prior day Net Asset Value of each Share Class and the Fixed Operating Fee accrued during a calendar month shall be paid to the Investment Adviser out of the assets of the Fund on or as soon as is practicable after the last business day of that calendar month. The Fixed Operating Fee will be calculated taking account of any discount to be applied, as indicated in the table below, based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund on the last business day of the previous month. In the event that the assets of the Fund exceed £500 million, in order to pass on any savings which may be made through economies of scale, the following discounts will be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee of all Share Classes of the Fund:

Net asset value of the Fund	Discount to be applied to the Fixed Operating Fee (per annum)
Below £500 million	0.000%
£500 million to £1 billion	0.010%
£1 billion to £2 billion	0.020%
£2 billion to £3 billion	0.030%
£3 billion to £4 billion	0.040%
£4 billion to £5 billion	0.050%
Over £5 billion	0.060%

The above discounts will not apply in circumstances that the Fixed Operating Fee after the applicable discount would be below 0.10%. For example, if the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.12% then the lowest it can go with the application of a volume discount is 0.10%.



If the Fixed Operating Fee for the Fund before any volume discount is 0.08% then the volume discounts will not apply as the Fixed Operating Fee is already below 0.10%.

Where an applicable threshold level of net asset value is achieved by the Fund on the last business day of any month, the relevant discount above will apply to the Fund in relation to the following month.

The Fixed Operating Fee is not currently subject to VAT, but in the event of Value Added Tax (or any equivalent tax) being imposed this may be levied against the property of the Fund.

Further details of the Fixed Operating Fees relating to the Fund and the Company appear under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus.

### **OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES**

The fees and expenses relating to the establishment of the Fund are estimated not to exceed US\$40,000. Such fees and expenses will be amortised over the first five accounting periods of the Fund or such other period as the Directors may determine.

Details of other charges and expenses relating to Fund and the Company appear under "CHARGES AND EXPENSES" in the Prospectus.

#### SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

### Initial Offer Period

The Initial Offer Period for all Classes of Shares in the Fund shall be from 9am (Irish time) on 2 October, 2019 to 1pm Irish time on 27 March, 2020 during which Shares will be offered at their Initial Offer Price detailed below.

The Initial Offer Period in respect of any Class of Shares in the Fund which have not yet launched may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis. After the closing of the Initial Offer Period, Shares in the Fund will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

### Initial Offer Price

During the Initial Offer Period Shares will be offered at the Initial Offer Price. The Initial Offer Price of each Class of Shares during the Initial Offer Period shall be as follows:

Share Class	Initial Offer Price
Class A Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	EUR10
Class B Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	US\$10
Class C Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	GBP10
Class D Shares (Accumulating and Distributing)	CHF10
Class CF Shares (Accumulating)(Unhedged)	GBP0.01

The Initial Offer Price is exclusive of an initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Initial Offer Price.

## Subscription Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund are available for purchase on each Dealing Day. The Dealing Days for the Fund shall be each Business Day. The subscription price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus) plus any initial charge payable to the Investment Adviser.

The Valuation Point in respect of each subscription Dealing Day is currently midnight (Irish time) on the subscription Dealing Day. The last traded price in each relevant market will be used.



Application Forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 11.59 a.m. (Irish time) on the relevant Dealing Day (the "Subscription Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that Application Forms received after the Subscription Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Settlement should be made in accordance with the Prospectus and the instructions in the Application Form.

# Minimum Investment Levels for Subscriptions

The minimum initial and additional investment in Shares of the Fund (net of initial charges) is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Investments	
	Initial	Additional
Class A1	EUR1,000	EUR1,000
Class A5	EUR5,000,000	EUR1,000
Class A8	EUR25,000,000	EUR1,000
Class B1	US\$1,000	US\$1,000
Class B5	US\$5,000,000	US\$1,000
Class B8	US\$25,000,000	US\$1,000
Class C1	GBP1,000	GBP1,000
Class C5	GBP5,000,000	GBP1,000
Class C8	GBP25,000,000	GBP1,000
Class D1	CHF1,000	CHF 1,000
Class D5	CHF5,000,000	CHF 1,000
Class D8	CHF25,000,000	CHF 1,000
Class CF	Nil	Nil

Class CF Shares are only available for investment by Liontrust Asset Management plc.

The above minimum investment amounts apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

The Board of Directors reserves the right to waive these Minimum Initial Investment and Minimum Subsequent Investment requirements in accordance with the principle of fair treatment of all Shareholders.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to decline to accept any application for Shares in any Class of the Fund, in particular applications into Classes that have not yet issued any Shares.

### Subscription Charges

An initial charge of up to 5 per cent of the Net Asset Value per Share is payable in respect of subscriptions for Shares of the Fund.

The initial charge may be waived in whole or in part by the Investment Adviser. The Investment Adviser may, in its sole discretion, (i) pay commission to financial intermediaries including but not limited to the Distributors, sub-distributors, intermediaries and introducing agents who refer prospective investors out of the initial charge and the Investment Advisory Fee and/or (ii) waive the initial charge for certain prospective investors based on factors deemed appropriate by the Investment Adviser including, but not limited to, the amount of the proposed investment by a prospective investor.

#### **REDEMPTION OF SHARES**



### Redemption Dealing Days and Valuation Points

Shares of the Fund may be redeemed on each Dealing Day. The redemption price per Share of the Fund is the Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures referred to under "Calculation of Net Asset Value and Subscription and Redemption Proceeds" in the Prospectus).

A Dealing Day in respect of each class of Shares of the Fund is each Business Day.

The Valuation Point in respect of each Dealing Day is currently midnight (Irish time) on the Dealing Day.

Redemption forms, duly completed, must be received no later than 11.59 a.m. (Irish time) on the relevant redemption Dealing Day ("Redemption Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders provided that redemption forms received after the Redemption Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day. Settlement of the redemption proceeds will be made in accordance with the procedures set out under "SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND SWITCHING - Redemptions" in the Prospectus.

### Minimum Redemptions and Holdings

The minimum redemption amount and minimum residual holding for Shares of the Fund is as follows:-

Share Class	Minimum Redemptions and Holdings		
	Redemption Amount	Residual Holding	
Class A1	EUR1,000	EUR1,000	
Class A5	EUR1,000	EUR5,000,000	
Class A8	EUR1,000	EUR25,000,000	
Class B1	US\$1,000	US\$1,000	
Class B5	US\$1,000	US\$5,000,000	
Class B8	US\$1,000	US\$25,000,000	
Class C1	GBP1,000	GBP1,000	
Class C5	GBP1,000	GBP5,000,000	
Class C8	GBP1,000	GBP25,000,000	
Class D1	CHF 1,000	CHF1,000	
Class D5	CHF 1,000	CHF5,000,000	
Class D8	CHF 1,000	CHF25,000,000	
Class CF	Nil	Nil	

The above minimum redemption and residual holding amounts apply to both Accumulating and Distributing versions of each Class where such versions are available (see "Shares Available for Subscription").

If the holding in any Class falls below the "Residual Holding" amount specified in the above table, the Directors reserve the right to compulsorily redeem the holding.

## **SWITCHING**

Shares of the Fund may be switched into Shares of other Funds in the Company on each Dealing Day on which Shares of both classes are available for subscription and redemption. The Company does not currently propose to charge a switching fee although it reserves the right to levy such a charge generally or in respect of specific Funds. Details of any such switching fees will be disclosed in the relevant Supplements of the Funds concerned. An initial charge may however be made as described above in relation to a transaction which the Company is instructed by Shareholders or their authorised agents to



treat as a separate redemption and subscription.

Switching forms, duly completed must be received no later than 11.59 a.m. (Irish time) on the relevant redemption and subscription Dealing Day ("Switching Dealing Deadline") or such other day and/or time as the Directors shall from time to time determine generally and as notified in advance to Shareholders or in respect of specific applications provided that switch forms received after the Switching Dealing Deadline will be processed on the next Business Day.

## **SHARE PRICES**

The most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund is published following calculation on each Business Day on the following internet website: www.liontrust.co.uk. In addition, the most up-to-date Net Asset Value per Share of the Fund (in each currency) may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours and may also be published in such newspaper or journal as the Directors in their sole discretion may determine.

#### **DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY**

### Income distributing shares

The Directors' current intention is to distribute in respect of each accounting period substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) of the Fund attributable to the Fund distributing classes, (the "Distributing Classes") in respect of each accounting period. At the Directors' discretion, where there is insufficient income available in the Fund, dividends may be declared and paid from net realised gains (i.e. realised gains net of realised and unrealised losses); and/or net realised and unrealised losses (i.e. realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses).

The Directors intend to make distributions to holders of the Distributing Classes on or before 31 January and 31 July with the relevant Share class going ex-dividend on 1 January and 1 July (each an Allocation Date) respectively in each year\*.

\*The first Allocation Date for the Distributing Classes is 1 July, 2020 (assuming the Distributing Classes have launched prior to that date) with dividends in respect of the period from launch to 30 June, 2019 being paid to Shareholders on or before 31 July, 2020.

### Income accumulating shares

The Directors do not anticipate that any dividends or other distributions will be paid to the holders of accumulating classes of the Fund (the "Accumulating Classes") out of the earnings and profits of the Fund attributable to such classes of the Accumulating Classes. The amount of net income attributable to a class of the Accumulating Classes on 1 July (Allocation Date) shall become part of the capital property of the Fund\*\*.

\*The first Allocation Date for the Accumulating Classes is 1 July, 2020 (assuming the Accumulating Classes have launched prior to that date).

This Fund operates income equalisation further details of which are set out in the Prospectus under the heading "United Kingdom Taxation".

## **UK Reporting Fund Status**

Accumulating and Distributing versions of Classes C1, C5, C8, and B5 have UK Reporting Fund status. Class CF has UK Reporting Fund status. Distributing versions of Classes A1, A5, A8, B1, B8, D1, D5, and D8 have Reporting Fund status. The remaining classes do not have UK Reporting Fund Status. The Investment Adviser may apply for UK Reporting Fund status for further classes, as required. The full current list of Classes which have UK Reporting Fund status can be found on the <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-funds-list-of-reporting-funds</a>

Investors are referred to "DIVIDEND AND REINVESTMENT POLICY" in the Prospectus for further



details on the dividend and reinvestment policy of the Fund.

#### **COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS**

The attention of prospective investors is drawn to "COMPANY AND SHAREHOLDER TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS" in the Prospectus.

### **RISK FACTORS**

#### General Risks

Potential investors should note that the investments of the Fund are subject to market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities and there can be no assurance that any appreciation in value will occur. The value of investments and the income from them, and therefore the value of, and income from, the Shares of the Fund can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount he/she invests. Changes in exchange rates between currencies may also cause the value of the investments to diminish or increase. An investor who realises Shares of the Fund after a short period may, in addition, not realise the amount originally invested in view of any initial charge made on the issue of Shares of the Fund. The difference at any one time between the Net Asset Value of Shares for the purposes of purchases and redemptions means that investment in the Fund should be viewed as long term (i.e. greater than five years).

### Currencies and Share Class Risk

Prospective investors should note that as the Base Currency of the Fund is the US Dollar, the Net Asset Value of the Sterling, Euro and Swiss Franc denominated Shares in the Fund will be affected by movements in the exchange rate of Sterling, Euro and Swiss Franc against the US Dollar, i.e. the Unhedged Classes will be subject to exchange rate risk. Some Classes may be hedged against these currency fluctuations. Where the Fund seeks to hedge against currency fluctuations at Class level, while not intended, this could result in over-hedged or under-hedged positions due to external factors outside the control of the Fund. However, over-hedged positions will not exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value of the Class and under-hedged positions shall not fall short of 95% of the portion of the Net Asset Value of the Class which is to be hedged against currency risk. Hedged positions will be reviewed daily to ensure that over-hedged do not exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value of the relevant hedged Share Class and that any position that is materially in excess of 100% will not be carried forward from month to month. Under-hedged positions shall also be kept under review to ensure that such positions are not carried forward from month to month. To the extent that hedging is successful for a hedged Class, the performance of the hedged Share Class is likely to move in line with the performance of the underlying assets (adjusted for the interest rate differential between the respective Share Class and Sterling) with the result that investors in that Hedged Share Class will not gain if the Class currency falls against the Base Currency and/or the currency in which the assets of the Fund are denominated.

Investments will be made in assets denominated in a number of currencies. The Investment Adviser may, at its discretion, choose to hedge up to 20% of the non-US Dollar denominated assets of the Fund into US Dollar, the Base Currency of the Fund, in order to mitigate the impact of currency fluctuations on the value of non-US Dollar denominated assets.

There can be no assurance that currency hedging transactions, if any, will be successful. The Fund will therefore be exposed to a foreign exchange risk/currency risk. The benefits, losses and expenses relating to such hedging transactions shall be attributable to the Fund as a whole.

# Distribution Policy Risk

Potential investors should note that as part of the distribution policy of the Distributing versions of classes A1, A5, A8, B1, B5, B8, C1, C5, C8, D1, D5 and D8 of the Fund the Directors may distribute substantially the whole of the net income (including interest and dividends) and such part of any net realised and unrealised capital gains attributable to those classes as, in their opinion, is appropriate to maintain a satisfactory level of distribution.



Any increase in distributions as a result of this policy may consequently result in a proportional increase in income for tax purposes although the potential for capital gains may correspondingly be lowered, and may have differing tax implications for investors. It is recommended that investors should seek independent professional advice with regards to distribution policy of the Fund.

Prospective investors should in addition take into account the Risk Factors referred to under "RISK FACTORS" in the Prospectus when considering whether to invest in Shares of the Fund.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Class CF Shares are participating shares in the Company and have equal voting rights with all other Share Classes in the Fund.

Investors in the Fund should note that Class CF Shares will be held exclusively by employees/representatives of Liontrust Asset Management plc an affiliate of the Investment Adviser. However, Class CF Shareholders will abstain from voting in any general meeting of the Company or the Fund.