This document is a supplement to the prospectus dated 1 December, 2022 (the "Prospectus") issued by Algebris UCITS Funds plc (the "Company"), forms part of the Prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus. Investors' attention is drawn, in particular, to the risk factors contained in the section of the Prospectus entitled "Risk Factors". Capitalised terms shall have the same meaning herein as in the Prospectus, except where the context otherwise requires.

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

#### ALGEBRIS UCITS FUNDS PLC

(an investment company with variable capital incorporated with limited liability in Ireland with registered number 509801 and established as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between Funds pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011, as amended)

**SUPPLEMENT** 

ALGEBRIS SUSTAINABLE WORLD FUND

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# **DEFINITIONS**

"Accumulating Classes"	means Class B EUR, Class I EUR, Class M EUR, Class R EUR, Class B GBP, Class I GBP, Class M GBP, Class R GBP, Class B CHF, Class I CHF, Class M CHF, Class R CHF, Class B USD, Class I USD, Class M USD, Class R USD, Class B JPY, Class I JPY, Class M JPY, Class R JPY, Class B SGD, Class I SGD, Class M SGD, Class R SGD, Class B HKD, Class I HKD, Class M HKD, Class R HKD. Class B SEK, Class I SEK and Class R SEK Shares in the Fund.
"China A-Shares"	means shares issued by companies listed on either Shanghai Stock Exchange, Shenzhen Stock Exchange or Beijing Stock Exchange, traded in Renminbi and available for investment by investors approved by the China Securities Regulatory Commission.
"Class B"	means Class B EUR, Class B GBP, Class B CHF, Class B USD, Class B JPY, Class B SGD, Class B HKD and Class B SEK in the Fund.
"Class I"	means Class I EUR, Class I GBP, Class I CHF, Class I USD, Class I JPY, Class I SGD, Class I HKD and Class I SEK in the Fund.
"Class M"	means Class M EUR, Class M GBP, Class M CHF, Class M USD, Class M JPY, Class M SGD and Class M HKD in the Fund.
"Class R"	means Class R EUR, Class R GBP, Class R CHF, Class R USD, Class R JPY, Class R SGD, Class R HKD and Class R SEK in the Fund.
"Fund"	means the Algebris Sustainable World Fund.
"Mainland China"	means all the customs territories of the People's Republic of China (not including Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Macao Special Administrative Region and Taiwan).
"RMB"	means Renminbi, the lawful currency of the People's Republic of China.
"SFDR"	means EU Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector.
"Stock Connect"	means the securities trading and clearing linked programme with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between Mainland China and Hong Kong, comprising the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and/or the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect.

"UN Sustainable Development Goals"

means the UN's blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future. They address the global challenges faced, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice. There are 17 interconnected goals and the UN has set a target of achieving them all by 2030.

Please also see "Dealings in the Fund" for further definitions.

#### MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

The Manager shall discharge the discretionary investment management and distribution function with respect to the Fund. As stated in the Prospectus, Algebris (UK) Limited has been appointed by the Manager to act as the promoter of the Company and the investment manager of certain of the other Funds of the Company. Additionally, Algebris (UK) Limited shall also discharge the distribution function with respect to the Fund in conjunction with the Manager.

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund has sustainable investment as its objective within the meaning of Article 9 of the SFDR. The sustainable investment objective of the Fund is to make a positive impact on worldwide environmental sustainability and social standards through investing in global listed companies which make a positive impact on the world (as measured by a positive contribution to one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals) while at the same time having a low environmental footprint and operating within the environmental boundaries that support sustainable planetary thriving. In addition to the sustainable investment objective, the Fund aims to generate positive risk-adjusted returns in the long-term.

#### **Investment Policy**

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objectives by investing in the following asset classes:

- (i) equity and equity-related securities (including ordinary shares, common stock, preference shares, global depositary receipts, American depositary receipts, equity baskets, equity indices, warrants and rights) or exchange traded notes ("ETNs") and eligible exchange traded funds ("ETFs") (which in each case provide exposure to equity and equity-related securities) (the "Primary Asset Classes") (further detail on the Primary Asset Classes is set out below); and
- (ii) ancillary liquid assets, which may include bank deposits, certificates of deposit, floating rate notes, money market funds, freely transferable promissory notes, debt securities issued by governments with fixed or variable interest, investment grade or below investment grade (as rated by Moody's, Standard & Poor's, Fitch or other rating agencies, or unrated), convertible securities (e.g. convertible bonds or convertible preferred stock), hybrid securities (a security which combines both debt and equity characteristics), trust preferred securities (a type of hybrid security) globally) (the "Secondary Asset Classes") (further detail on the Secondary Asset Classes is set out below).

The Fund's total net exposure to the Primary Asset Classes, whether directly or indirectly through the use of FDIs (as outlined below), will be at minimum 80% of its Net Asset Value subject and without prejudice to the investment restrictions set out in Schedule II to the Prospectus. As more particularly set out below exposure to the Primary Asset Classes shall be calculated in accordance with the commitment approach.

The Fund may invest its assets in China A-Shares through the Stock Connect. The Fund will not invest more than 20% of its Net Asset Value through the Stock Connect. For more information in relation to investment through the Stock Connect, please see the sections entitled "Overview of the Stock Connect" and "RISK FACTORS - Risks associated with the Stock Connect" below.

Subject to the investment restrictions set out under the heading "Investment Restrictions" below, there are no limits on the geographic or market sector to which the Fund may have exposure through investment in the Primary Asset Classes or Secondary Asset Classes.

The investment universe is comprised of sectors and companies that will be central to achieving the shift to a more sustainable model of economic activity, by providing solutions to the trade-off between planetary boundaries and minimum social needs. The Fund has identified a set of themes ("ESG Themes") and associated sectors that offer sustainable solutions to the challenges presented as further detailed below which such information is based on the Manager's research of legitimate and reputable sources:

- (i) Theme 1 Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency: 13% of the global population lack access to electricity and 40% lack access to clean cooking fuels. Yet, the energy sector accounts for nearly three fourths of all greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions globally and the International Energy Agency ("IEA") estimates that annual clean energy investment worldwide will need to more than triple by 2030, to reach net zero emissions by 2050. The Fund aims to contribute to global efforts towards addressing this challenge by investing in companies that offer products or services that are instrumental to the green energy transitions, including by not limited to: renewables and clean energy solutions; energy efficiency products and services; energy storage solutions. This theme is closely connected to the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7).
- (ii) Theme 2 Clean Water Tech and Sanitation: Over 800,000 people die due to inadequate water and sanitation every year and it is estimated that to address the threat of water scarcity significant investment will be needed in water and sanitation infrastructure. The Fund aims to contribute to global efforts towards addressing this challenge by investing in companies offering products/services that enable more efficient use, consumption, or treatment of water, including but not limited to: water utilities, desalination, water pipes, infrastructure, smart meters, and water treatment activities. This theme is closely connected to the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Affordable and Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG 6).
- (iii) Theme 3 Protection of Biodiversity and Marine Resources: At the current rate, an equivalent of three planets with the resources of Earth will be needed to meet human annual natural resource needs by 2050. Biodiversity loss, ocean acidification, deforestation, air pollution, species extinction and land degradation, however, threaten the world's natural capital. The Fund aims to contribute to global efforts towards addressing this challenge by investing in companies offering products/services with the potential to reduce the threat of biodiversity loss including but not limited to: forest carbon sequestration, clean air, ocean aquaculture activities, environmental engineering. This theme is closely connected to the UN Sustainable Development Goals of Life on Land (SDG 15) and Life Below Water (SDG 14).
- (iv) Theme 4 Sustainable Agriculture and Food: The world will need 56% more food in 2050 to feed everyone, but by 2030 the world could reach 'peak phosphorus' (the point at which humanity reaches the maximum global production rate of phosphorus as a raw material). This can have a significant impact on food and agriculture as it is a key input for inorganic fertilizers. The Fund aims to contribute to global efforts towards addressing this challenge by investing in companies that offer products/services with the potential to increase the productivity and reduce the environmental impact of agriculture, including but not limited to: precision and vertical farming, animal health, genetic seed editing, plant-based protein/lab grown meat, sustainable food production. This theme is closely connected to the UN

Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger (SDG 2).

- (v) Theme 5 Waste Disposal and Circular Economy: each year approximately 11 billion tons of waste are generated and only 9% of 100+ billion tons of materials that enter the economy are reused, with 50% of all plastic waste ending up in landfills. To contribute to global efforts towards addressing this challenge, the Fund aims to invest in companies engaged in activities that offer products/services that contribute to the transition to a circular economy by enabling increased recycling and reducing the environmental impact of waste, including but not limited to: waste management services, recycling services; waste to energy solutions, plastic reduction, paper and packaging; sustainable and/or carbon negative consumer goods. This theme is closely connected to the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG 12).
- (vi) Theme 6 Health and Wellbeing: Almost 2 billion people have no access to medicines, and more than 50% of the global population lacks essential health care, while pollution kills millions of people every year. At the same time, due to the aging population in developed countries and the increased healthcare demand globally, many countries would face shortages of healthcare workers, higher cost of health services, poor quality of health services and wellness scarcity. The Fund aims to contribute to global efforts towards addressing this challenge by investing in companies offering products/services that can contribute to enhance efficiency, delivery, and personalization/precision of healthcare services including but not limited to: pharma and biotech; healthcare providers, telemedicine, wellness providers, health digital technologies; digital health; life science; air quality solutions. This theme is closely connected to the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Good Health and Wellbeing (SDG 3).
- (vii) *Theme 7 Skills and Education:* Over 250 million children do not have access to education, and 773 million adults are illiterate. Almost 1 billion workers may need reskilling by 2030, requiring a sizeable investment in life-long learning and continuous training. To contribute to global efforts towards addressing the challenge of a growing education deficit, the Fund aims to invest in companies engaging in activities that have the potential to increase availability and affordability of quality education including but not limited to: mobile learning, digital skills app platforms, massive open online courses, corporate training and development, services for vocational education and employment; media services. This theme is closely connected to the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Quality Education (SDG 4).
- (viii) *Theme 8 Industry, Innovation and Digitalization:* digital technologies and solutions will play a central role in the structural shift of our economy towards a more environmentally and socially sustainable model. The Fund therefore envisages to invest also in firms offering digital solutions and technologies instrumental to the themes described above, including but not limited to: IT hardware and software solutions, industrials; machinery; semiconductor capital equipment (such as semiconductors) and related equipment; electric vehicles and batteries; electrical equipment. This theme is closely connected to the UN Sustainable Development Goals of Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure (SDG 9) and Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG 11).

To achieve its sustainable investment objective, the Fund thoroughly considers material ESG factors throughout the investment process – from the definition of the relevant investment universe all the way to stock picking and portfolio construction. The Fund's ESG investment framework includes a combination of:

- (i) Strict ESG exclusion policies;
- (ii) Monitoring of ESG controversies;
- (iii) ESG best in class screening on companies' operations and business practices;
- (iv) Positive screening for environmental and social impact (SDG alignment and contribution);
- (v) Positive screening for low environmental footprint (planet boundaries and/or EU Principal

Adverse Impact indicators); and Active ESG engagement and voting.

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More detail on (i) to (vi) above can be found under the heading *The Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation* and in Schedule II hereto which forms an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with this Supplement.

The strategy aims to take advantage of mispriced opportunities by constructing a diversified portfolio across sectors addressing the above ESG Themes. The Manager will typically seek to take positions in companies exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics: (i) change in revenue growth prospects; (ii) change in projected operating expenses; (iii) change in balance sheet quality; (iv) speculation regarding a possible sale, disposal or acquisition; (v) change in execution capability and/or strategic direction due to a change in management; (vi) change in capital discipline; (vii) change in regulation; or (viii) a change in overall risk appetite.

The ultimate construction and positioning of the Fund's portfolio is underpinned by a bottom-up financial analysis, which involves in-depth fundamental analysis of individual securities, short and long-term economic prospects of the target companies, as well as an assessment of the target company's intrinsic value. The bottom-up methodology is combined with a macro analysis of the economic environment and an analysis of the technical flows (e.g., money flows and liquidity) across all permitted asset classes, which allows the Manager to maximize the risk diversification and liquidity of the Fund, in line with the investment restrictions detailed above and in Schedule II to the Prospectus.

The Fund's investments will be made on a global basis in assets denominated in the Base Currency or other currencies.

The Fund may, subject to the requirements laid down by the Central Bank, enter into financial derivative instruments ("FDIs") and securities which may embed a derivative component for investment, efficient portfolio management and hedging (e.g. currency risk management) purposes.

FDIs may be exchange traded or over-the-counter ("OTC"). These FDIs will include swaps, options, futures and forwards contracts. The Fund may take both long and short positions synthetically through the use of each of these FDIs as well as long positions through its direct investments. As outlined above, the Fund may hold both long positions and short positions in implementing its investment strategy. The Fund's total net long position is not expected to exceed 130% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund (calculated in accordance with the commitment approach). The Fund may invest up to 100% of its Net Asset Value in short positions, however, the Fund will not be net short (i.e. its total short exposure will not exceed its total long exposures, calculated in accordance with the commitment approach).

For example: (i) swaps on debt securities and ETFs may be utilised on an ancillary basis to hedge or protect against future declines in value of securities that the Fund owns or to protect against adverse movements in the market generally; (ii) credit default swaps may be purchased for hedging and to manage existing credit exposures; (iii) interest rate swaps, interest rate futures and options on interest rates and interest rate future may be used for hedging and to manage the Fund's interest rate exposures; (iv) put options on equity securities, debt securities, ETFs, eligible indices and futures may be purchased to provide an efficient, liquid and effective mechanism for "locking in" gains, to protect against future declines in value on the securities that the Fund owns, or to protect against adverse movements in the market generally; (v) put and call options may be sold on debt securities, ETFs, eligible indices and futures for hedging and for the reduction of risk; (vi) swaps and options on currencies may be used for hedging and to manage the Fund's currency exposures; (vii) futures and forwards contracts on debt securities may be utilised to credit exposures and interest rate risk; and (viii) forward currency exchange contracts (otherwise known as FX forward transactions) may be utilised for hedging and currency risk management.

The Manager may also use FDIs where practicable to hedge all non-Base Currency exposures of the

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Fund arising where Shares are denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency of the Fund. In addition, as the Fund's investments will be made in assets denominated in the Base Currency or other currencies, the Manager may hedge any non-Base Currency denominated holdings against the Base Currency, in order to minimise the foreign exchange ("FX") risk. The Fund may use spot and FX forward, FX futures and/or FX options transactions for hedging and currency risk management purposes. See also the section entitled "Currency Transactions" in the Prospectus.

The use of such FDIs will result in leverage of up to 100 per cent of the Net Asset Value of the Fund under the commitment approach and be consistent with the risk profile of the Fund.

For further information on the types of FDIs that the Fund may enter into and further details as to other commercial purposes, please see the section entitled "Investment Techniques and Instruments" below.

The Fund may enter into repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements, subject to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, for efficient portfolio management purposes.

The Fund may invest in other UCITS (other than feeder UCITS) and eligible alternative investment funds to give the Fund exposure to the Primary Asset Classes and Secondary Asset Classes set out above. These investments, which include open-ended ETFs (as more particularly described below) and money market funds, may not exceed 10% of the total Net Asset Value of the Fund. The underlying collective investment schemes may be leveraged.

Set out below is a description of the Primary Asset Classes and Secondary Asset Classes in which the Fund may invest.

#### **Equity Securities**

Equity securities of companies are shares. The total amount of shares represents the capital stock of the company. Based on the fact that there is a total amount of durable money invested in the business of the company, e.g. a company in the financial securities sector, a share has a certain declared face value, commonly known as the par value of a share. The par value is the minimum amount of money that a business may issue. An equity security of a company represents a fraction of ownership in the respective business of the company. Depending on the company there may be different classes of shares (e.g. ordinary shares or preference shares) each having distinctive ownership rules, privileges, or share values.

#### Convertible Securities

A convertible security is a security that can be converted into a predetermined amount of shares of common stock in the issuing company at certain times during its life, usually at the discretion of the bondholder. A convertible security is a security with an embedded option to exchange the bond for equity. The Fund may use convertible securities to obtain exposure to an issuer or to acquire the equity securities of such issuer consistent with the Fund's investment policies. The credit standing of the issuer and other factors such as interest rates may also affect the investment value of a convertible security. The conversion value of a convertible security is determined by the market price of the underlying equity security and therefore is exposed broadly to the same risks as that of the underlying equity security. A convertible security may be subject to redemption at the option of the issuer at a price established in the convertible security's governing instrument.

#### **Hybrid Securities**

Hybrid securities combine generally both debt and equity characteristics. "Equity" features contain more or less (i) no maturity; (ii) no on-going payment that could lead to default; and (iii) loss absorption in the case of a bankruptcy. The opposite can be seen as the features of "debt." Hybrid

securities are instruments with potential benefits for both income-oriented investors and issuers due to the fact that the specific security can be arranged to both the issuers and the investors' interests. Securities would be treated as "hybrid" if they contain hybrid characteristics, which can be described in two ways. Firstly, securities can bear some characteristics of debt and of equity at the same time. For example, preferred stock with call options regularly has a stated maturity date (which is in contrast to the "equity"-quality) but contains features like no on-going payments and a loss absorption-tool (typical "equity"-like). Secondly, convertible securities which change from debt to equity may also bear hybrid characteristics. For example, a debt security which is convertible into an equity instrument, whether at the option of the issuer or the holder, upon occurrence of a conversion event or at a conversion date, can be said to have the characteristics of both equity and debt.

#### **ETFs**

Exchange Traded Funds ("ETFs") represent interests in: (i) fixed portfolios of equity shares or debt securities designed to track the price and dividend yield performance of a broad-based securities indices (such as the S&P 500 or NASDAQ 100); (ii) "baskets" of industry-specific securities; or (iii) commodities. Shares or units in ETFs are traded on an exchange like equity shares in companies, and the value of such shares or units fluctuate in relation to changes in the value of the underlying asset of the ETF. However, the market price of such shares or units in ETFs may not be equivalent to the prorata value of the underlying asset of the ETF. Shares and units of the ETFs are subject to the risks of an investment in a broad-based portfolio of equity shares or to the risks of a concentrated, industry-specific investment in equity shares. Furthermore, certain ETFs in which the Fund may invest may leverage their assets, thereby significantly increasing the potential volatility of such ETFs.

#### **ETNs**

Exchange traded notes ("ETNs") are debt securities typically issued by banks. The Fund will typically invest in ETNs which are listed or traded on a Regulated Market. The Fund may use ETNs to obtain exposure to an eligible index, market or asset class in line with the investment policy. They are designed to track the total return of an underlying market index or other benchmark minus fees and provide investors with exposure to the total returns of various market indices, including indices linked to stocks, bonds and currencies. The value of an ETN depends on the movements of a stock index or, sometimes, an individual stock. When an investor buys an ETN, the issuer promises to pay the amount reflected in the index, minus fees upon maturity. ETNs can offer investment exposure to market sectors and asset classes that may be difficult to achieve in a cost-effective way with other types of investments.

A list of the Regulated Markets on which the Fund's investments may be listed, quoted or traded and the countries and territories to which the Fund may gain exposure (other than permitted unlisted investments) is set out in Schedule I to the Prospectus.

#### Financial Indices

The Fund may use an FDI to gain exposure to financial indices for investment purposes where considered appropriate to the Fund's investment objective and policies. In particular, financial indices will be used when the Manager aims to take exposure to a broad market or segment as a whole.

Due to the nature of the Manager's strategy, it is not possible to comprehensively list all of the financial indices to which exposure may be taken, as they have not, as of the date of this Supplement, been selected and they may change from time to time.

The Manager shall only gain exposure to financial indices for investment purposes which constitute indices which reflect equity or equity-related securities. Exposure to the financial indices will be generated through the use of FDI as described herein. Details of any financial indices used by the Fund will be provided to Shareholders of the Fund by the Manager on request.

In addition, any such financial indices will be rebalanced/adjusted on a periodic basis in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank e.g. on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis. 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 investment restrictions set down in the Regulations, the Manager will as a priority objective look to remedy the situation taking into account the interests of Shareholders of the relevant Fund.

#### Overview of the Stock Connect

The Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing linked programme developed by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("SEHK"), the Shanghai Stock Exchange ("SSE"), the Shenzhen Stock Exchange ("SZSE") and the China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation ("ChinaClear"), with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between Mainland China and Hong Kong. It comprises the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect.

Each of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a northbound trading link and a southbound trading link. Under the northbound trading link, investors, through their Hong Kong brokers who are eligible participants of the Stock Connect, may be able to place orders to trade eligible securities listed on the SSE or the SZSE by routing orders to the SSE or the SZSE (as the case may be). Under the southbound trading link, eligible investors, through Mainland Chinese securities firms who are eligible participants of the Stock Connect, may be able to place orders to trade eligible securities listed on the SEHK by routing orders to the SEHK.

All Hong Kong and overseas investors may be allowed to trade SSE-listed securities and SSZE-listed securities (as described below) through the Stock Connect (through the northbound trading link), subject to rules and regulations issued from time to time.

The following summary presents some key points about the northbound trading link (which may be utilized by the Fund to invest in the Mainland China):

# Eligible securities

Among the different types of SSE-listed securities and SZSE-listed securities, only China A-Shares are currently permitted for northbound trading under the Stock Connect. Currently, Hong Kong and overseas investors are allowed to trade certain securities listed on the SSE market ("SSE Securities") and the SZSE market (the "SZSE Securities").

SSE Securities include all the constituent stocks from time to time of the SSE 180 Index and SSE 380 Index, and all the SSE-listed China A-Shares that are not included as constituent stocks of the relevant indices but which have corresponding H-Shares (means shares issued by companies incorporated in Mainland China and listed on the SEHK and traded in Hong Kong dollars) listed on the SEHK, except the following:

- a) SSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB; and
- b) SSE-listed shares which are under "risk alert".

The Science and Technology Innovation Board of the SSE ("STAR Board") is a board of SSE launched in 2019, for enterprises of science and technology innovation that serve Mainland China's national strategy, achieve breakthroughs in core technologies and enjoy wide recognition from the market. Eligible shares listed on the STAR Board are available for northbound trading under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect. Investors eligible to trade shares that are listed on the STAR Board under northbound trading will be limited to institutional professional investors.

SZSE Securities include all the constituent stocks of the SZSE Component Index and the SZSE Small/Mid Cap Innovation Index which have a market capitalisation of not less than RMB 6 billion, and all the SZSE-listed China A-Shares which have corresponding H-Shares listed on SEHK, except the following:

- a) SZSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB; and
- b) SZSE-listed shares which are under "risk alert" or under delisting arrangement.

The ChiNext Board of the SZSE ("ChiNext Board") is a board of SZSE launched in 2009, which aims to provide an important platform for implementing Mainland China's national strategy of independent innovation and to help accelerate the transformation of the mode of economic development and promote growth in emerging industries of strategic importance. Eligible shares listed on the ChiNext Board are available for northbound trading under the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect. Investors eligible to trade shares that are listed on the ChiNext Board under northbound trading will be limited to institutional professional investors.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review.

# Trading day

Due to differences in public holidays between Hong Kong and Mainland China, there may be differences in the trading days in the two markets. Even if the Mainland China markets are open on a certain day, the Fund may not necessarily be able to invest in SSE Securities and/or SZSE Securities through northbound trading. For example, the Hong Kong market will close on Easter and Christmas every year, but those are trading days in Mainland China. Likewise, during Lunar New Year and the National Day golden week periods, Mainland China will usually arrange for seven-day consecutive holidays by reshuffling workdays and weekends. Even on days both markets are scheduled to be open for business, there could be differences because of other reasons such as typhoon number 8 signal in Hong Kong. Investors (including the Fund) will only be allowed to trade on the other market on days where both markets are open for trading, and banking services are available in both markets on the corresponding settlement days.

# Trading quota

Trading under the Stock Connect will be subject to a daily quota ("Daily Quota"), which will be separate for northbound and southbound trading, for each of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect. The Daily Quota limits the maximum net buy value of cross-boundary trades under the Stock Connect each day. The quotas do not belong to the Fund and are utilised on a first-come-first-serve basis. The SEHK monitors the quota and publishes the remaining balance of the northbound Daily Quota at scheduled times on the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited's website.

#### Settlement and Custody

The Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited ("HKSCC"), a wholly owned subsidiary of SEHK, will be responsible for the clearing, settlement and the provision of depository, nominee and other related services of the trades executed by Hong Kong market participants and investors.

The SSE Securities and SZSE Securities traded through the Stock Connect are issued in scripless form, so investors will not hold any physical shares. Investors do not hold SSE Securities or SZSE Securities directly – these are held through their brokers' or custodians' accounts with the Central Clearing and Settlement System ("CCASS"), operated by the HKSCC.

#### Corporate actions and shareholders' meetings

Notwithstanding the fact that the HKSCC does not claim proprietary interests in the SSE Securities or SZSE Securities held in its omnibus stock account in ChinaClear, ChinaClear as the share registrar for the SSE Securities and SZSE Securities will still treat the HKSCC as one of the shareholders when it handles corporate actions in respect of such SSE Securities or SZSE Securities. The HKSCC will monitor the corporate actions affecting SSE Securities or SZSE Securities and keep the relevant CCASS participants informed of all such corporate actions that require CCASS participants to take steps in order to participate in them.

#### Currency

Hong Kong and overseas investors will trade and settle SSE Securities and SZSE Securities in RMB only. Hence, the Fund will need to use its RMB funds to trade and settle SSE Securities and SZSE Securities.

#### Trading fees and taxes

In addition to paying trading fees and stamp duties in connection with the trading of SSE Securities and/or SZSE Securities, the Fund may be subject to other fees and taxes concerned with income arising from transfers of stocks which are determined by the relevant authorities.

Further information about the Stock Connect is available at the website: https://www.hkex.com.hk/mutual-market/stock-connect?sc\_lang=en.
(The website(s) referred to in this sub-section have not been reviewed by the SFC.)

No assurance can be given that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

The Fund is expected to, at times, experience high volatility as a result of its investment strategies.

Investors should note that Shares in the Fund are not bank deposits and are not insured or guaranteed by any government or any government agency or other guarantee scheme which may protect the holders of bank deposits. The value of a holding in the Fund would be expected to fluctuate more than a bank deposit.

#### PROFILE OF A TYPICAL INVESTOR

The Fund is an actively managed investment product suitable for investors who have sustainable investment as an objective and seek capital growth, while being prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility with a long-term investment horizon.

#### **BASE CURRENCY**

The Base Currency of the Fund is Euro.

# INVESTMENT TECHNIQUES AND INSTRUMENTS

#### **Financial Derivative Instruments**

In accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, the Manager employs a risk management process which enables it to accurately measure, monitor and manage the various risks associated with FDIs. Any other FDI proposed to be used by the Fund which is not set out herein and not included in the risk management process will not be used until such time as this Supplement has been updated and a revised risk management process has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. In relation to the use of FDIs, investors' attention is drawn to "Information on Risk Management" in the Prospectus regarding the risk management process.

The Fund may employ investment techniques and instruments for investment, efficient portfolio management and for hedging purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank. These techniques and instruments may involve the use of FDIs. FDI may be exchange traded or OTC. The Fund may utilise the following FDIs: swaps, options, futures and forward contracts. The Fund may invest in convertible securities and ETNs which may embed leverage or embed a derivative component.

# **Swaps**

The Fund may enter into swaps on debt securities, ETFs, currencies and interest rates. Swap agreements are individually negotiated and can be structured to include exposure to a variety of different types of investments or market factors. A swap contract is a derivative contract between two parties to exchange a series of future cash flow obligations for a stated period of time.

The Fund may also use credit default swaps (which such term includes credit default swap indices) which reference single or multiple issuers (including both corporate and government issuers) and/or single or multiple obligations. The Fund is the buyer in a credit default swap transaction. The "buyer" in a credit default contract is obligated to pay the "seller" a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default on an underlying reference obligation has occurred.

Swap agreements do not involve the purchase or sale of an asset, only the agreement to receive or pay the movement in its price.

#### TRS

TRS shall have the meaning set out in SFTR and are OTC derivative contracts whereby the Fund agrees to pay a stream of payments based on an agreed interest rate in exchange for payments representing the total economic performance, including income from interest and fees, gains and losses from price movements and credit losses, over the life of the swap of a reference obligation to another counterparty.

TRS may be used as a substitute for investing in standardised ETFs, futures or options contracts. TRS may be held for the same purposes described in the futures and options sections below. For example, if the Manager wishes to gain exposure to a section of the market that is not readily tradable via a standard ETF, futures or options contract then it may be desirable to hold a return swap which provides exposure to a financial index, individual security or a bespoke basket of securities.

The counterparties to any TRS shall be entities which satisfy the counterparty criteria set down by the Central Bank UCITS Regulations or are otherwise permitted by the Central Bank and shall specialise in such transactions. Subject to compliance with those conditions and the policy of the Manager with respect to the selection of such counterparties, the Manager has full discretion as to the appointment of counterparties when entering into TRS in furtherance of the Fund's investment objective and policies. It is not possible to comprehensively list in this Supplement all the counterparties as they have not, as of the date of issue of this Supplement, been selected and they may change from time to time.

The counterparty to any TRS entered into by the Fund shall not assume any discretion over the composition or management of the investment portfolio of the Fund or of the underlying of the total return swap.

As set out above, the Fund may enter into TRS to receive the total performance of an index, individual security or a bespoke basket of securities. The TRS may be terminated by the Fund at any time at their fair value or on the occurrence of certain events with respect to either the Fund or the approved counterparty including, but not limited to, an event of default (such as a failure to pay, breach of agreement or bankruptcy) or a termination event (which is not due to the fault of either party, for example, illegality or a tax event). If the TRS are terminated, due to an event of default or termination

event, a close-out amount will be determined with respect to the TRS. An amount equal to the relevant close-out amount (calculated in accordance with the terms of the TRS) or such other amount as agreed between the parties will be settled between the approved counterparty and the Fund. The TRS will at all times be valued in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus.

#### **Options**

The Fund may purchase and sell put and call exchange traded options or may enter into options traded OTC. An option contract allows the holder to buy or sell an underlying security at a given price. The Fund may purchase and sell put and call options on debt securities, ETFs, eligible indices, currencies, interest rates, futures, interest rate futures for hedging and efficient portfolio management purposes. The Fund may also buy put options on equity securities.

As a purchaser of put options on equity securities the Fund pays a premium to the seller of the option for the right to sell the underlying equity security to the seller at an agreed price ("Strike Price") at a particular point in time. Such an option contract is described as being "in the money" where the Strike Price of the equity security underlying the option contract is higher than the current market price of the equity security plus premium paid.

It is the general intention that any options over ordinary equity securities purchased by the Fund which are physically settled and "in the money" would be sold or closed out on or prior to their final exercise date. However there may be circumstances in which the Fund may purchase the ordinary equity security required to physically settle an option over an ordinary equity security owned by it. It is intended that the Fund will only purchase or acquire ordinary equity securities for this purpose where (i) the option contract is in the money; (ii) the option contract is physically settled; and (iii) the Manager is satisfied that the exercise of the option in this manner is in the best interests of the Fund.

#### **Futures**

The Fund may enter into futures on FX, equity and equity-related securities, debt securities and interest rates. A futures contract is an agreement between two parties to buy or sell a specified quantity of the financial instrument called for in the contract at a pre-determined price in the future. Futures can be cash settled as well as physically settled.

The purchase of futures contracts can serve as a long hedge and the sale of futures contracts can serve as a limited short hedge. Futures contracts allow the Fund to hedge against market risk. Since these contracts are marked-to-market daily, the Fund can, by closing out its position, exit from its obligation to buy or sell the underlying assets prior to the contract's delivery date.

#### **Forward contracts**

The Fund may enter into forward contracts on debt securities and currencies. Forward contracts are non-standardised contracts between two parties to buy or sell an asset at a specified future time at a price to be agreed at the time that contract is entered into. Forward currency exchange contracts are FDIs where the parties agree on the sale and purchase of one currency against another currency at a pre-agreed price and a specific delivery date in the future.

A description of the current conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank in relation to FDIs is set out in Schedules II and III to the Prospectus. Investors' attention is drawn to the description of the risks associated with the use of FDIs included in the section headed "Risk Factors" in the Prospectus.

# Collateral Management Policy

The policy that will be applied to collateral arising from OTC derivative transactions or efficient portfolio management techniques relating to the Fund is to adhere to the requirements set out in Schedule III of the Prospectus. This sets out the permitted types of collateral, level of collateral

required and haircut policy and, in the case of cash collateral, the re-investment policy prescribed by the Central Bank pursuant to the Regulations. To the extent that the Fund receives any collateral, the categories of collateral which may be received by the Fund include cash and non-cash assets such as equities, debt securities and money market instruments. From time to time and subject to the requirements in Schedule III, the policy on levels of collateral required and haircuts may be adjusted, at the discretion of the Manager, where this is determined to be appropriate in the context of the specific counterparty, the characteristics of the asset received as collateral, market conditions or other circumstances. The haircuts applied (if any) by the Manager are adapted for each class of assets received as collateral, taking into account the characteristics of the assets such as the credit standing and/or the price volatility, as well as the outcome of any stress tests performed in accordance with the requirements in Schedule III. Each decision to apply a specific haircut, or to refrain from applying any haircut, to a certain class of assets should be justified on the basis of this policy. If cash collateral received by the Fund is re-invested, the Fund is exposed to the risk of loss on that investment. Should such a loss occur, the value of the collateral will be reduced and the Fund will have less protection if the counterparty defaults. The risks associated with the re-investment of cash collateral are substantially the same as the risks which apply to the other investments of the Fund. For further details see the section entitled "Risk Factors".

#### General

Direct and indirect operational costs and fees arising from the efficient portfolio management techniques of repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements may be deducted from the revenue delivered to the Fund. These costs and fees do not and should not include hidden revenue. All the revenues arising from such efficient portfolio management techniques, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the Fund. The entities to which direct and indirect costs and fees may be paid may include banks, investment firms, broker-dealers or other financial institutions or intermediaries and may be related parties to the Company, the Manager or the Depositary. The Fund shall ensure that revenues arising from such efficient portfolio management techniques for the relevant reporting period, together with the direct and indirect operational costs and fees incurred and the identity of the counterparty(ies) to these efficient portfolio management techniques (if any), will be disclosed in the annual and half-yearly reports of the Company.

#### Securities Financing Transactions and TRS

As set out above, the Fund may enter into repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements for efficient portfolio management purposes only where the objective of using such instruments is to hedge against risk and/or to reduce costs borne by the Fund or to generate additional capital or income which is consistent with the risk profile of the Fund and the risk diversification rules set down in the Regulations.

As set out above, the Fund may also enter into TRS within the meaning of the SFTR.

All types of assets which may be held by the Fund in accordance with its investment objectives and policies may be subject to a securities financing transaction or TRS.

The maximum proportion of the Fund's assets which can be subject to securities financing transactions and/or TRS is 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

However, the expected proportion of the Fund's assets which will be subject to securities financing transactions and/or TRS is between 0% and 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund's assets. The proportion of the Fund's assets which are subject to securities financing transactions and/or TRS at any given time will depend on prevailing market conditions and the value of the relevant investments. The amount of assets engaged in each type of securities financing transactions and TRS, expressed as an absolute amount and as a proportion of the Fund's assets, as well as other relevant information relating to the use of securities financing transactions and/or TRS shall be disclosed in the annual report

and semi-annual report of the Company.

For the purposes of the above, a TRS shall have the meaning set out in SFTR as outlined above.

Further information relating to securities financing transactions and TRS is set out in the Prospectus at the sections entitled "Securities Financing Transactions" and "Total Return Swaps".

#### Share Class Currency Hedging

Foreign exchange transactions may be used for Class currency hedging purposes. Where a Class of Shares is designated as a hedged Class, as stipulated in Schedule 1 hereto, that Class will be hedged against exchange rate fluctuation risks between the denominated currency of the Share Class and the Base Currency of the Fund. Such hedging strategy shall be subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank and may not be implemented in the following circumstances:

- (i) if the Net Asset Value of the Fund falls below a level whereby the Manager considers that it can no longer hedge the currency exposure in an effective manner:
- (ii) if the FX markets are closed for business; and
- (iii) where a material tolerance of the size of the hedge is applied to share class hedging to avoid unnecessary frictional trading costs.

Further information is set out in the Prospectus at the section entitled "Currency Considerations". 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 and/or in relation to the designated currencies of the underlying assets.

# THE SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURE REGULATION

The Manager has categorised the Fund as meeting the provisions set out in Article 9 of the SFDR for products that have a sustainable investment objective. Further information on the Fund's investment objective and ESG strategy is set out below and in Schedule II hereto which forms an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with this Supplement.

In order to meet the sustainable investment objective, the Manager applies binding criteria to the selection of underlying assets as part of its investment decision making process. These binding criteria are reflected in the following strategies.

#### **Exclusion Policies**

The Fund is subject the below exclusion policies, comprising of exclusion lists of restricted companies. These are constructed by the ESG team of the Algebris group through internal research combining the data of non-governmental organisations ("NGOs") and product involvement reports from specialized ESG data firms. Algebris' ESG & Responsible Investment Policy and ESG Exclusion Policy are available on Algebris website (at: <a href="https://www.algebris.com/esg/policies-and-disclosures/">https://www.algebris.com/esg/policies-and-disclosures/</a>).

The below policies form part of ESG Exclusion Policy. Further details on each policy can be found in Algebris' ESG Exclusion Policy (at: <a href="https://www.algebris.com/esg/policies-and-disclosures/">https://www.algebris.com/esg/policies-and-disclosures/</a>).

#### Ethical ESG Exclusions:

# (i) Controversial weapons exclusion policy

The Fund will not invest in companies that the Manager believes to be involved in, and derive any revenue from, the manufacturing of controversial weapons. This includes both companies involved in production of the core weapon system and companies providing components/services for the core weapon system even if they are not tailor-made or essential for the lethal use of the weapon. Further the Fund will not invest in any companies that have significant ownership in the companies described above.

In addition to the above, the Fund will not knowingly invest in debt or equity issued by the top-5 global investors in nuclear weapons and in the top-5 global investors in cluster weapons.

# (ii) Predatory lending exclusion policy

The Fund will not invest in companies that: (1) derive any revenues (0% threshold) from predatory lending activities, and/or (2) have a significant ownership in companies under (1).

#### (iii) Tobacco exclusion policy

The Fund will not invest in companies that: (1) derive any revenues (0% threshold) from the manufacturing of tobacco products, and/or (2) derive at least 5% of revenues from supply of tobacco-related products or services, and /or (3) have a significant ownership in companies under (1) or (2).

#### (iv) Alcohol

The Fund will not invest in companies that: (1) derive at least 5% of revenues from production of alcoholic beverages and related products or services, and /or (2) have a significant ownership in companies under (1).

# (v) Gambling

The Fund will not invest in companies that: (1) derive at least 5% of revenues from gambling operations, gambling specialized equipment and supporting products or services, and /or (2) have a significant ownership in companies under (1).

# (vi) Military Contracting

The Fund will not invest in companies that: (1) derive at least 5% of revenues from military contracting, and /or (2) have a significant ownership in companies under (1).

#### (vii) Small Arms

The Fund will not invest in companies that: (1) derive at least 5% of revenues from production of small arms and/or (2) at least 10% revenues from retail and distribution of small arms, and/or (3) have a significant ownership in companies under (1) or (2).

# **Climate ESG Exclusions**:

The Fund is included in Algebris' Net Zero AUM commitment, and as such is subject to restrictions on investment in fossil fuels – which are detailed in Algebris Fossil Fuels Investment Policy available on Algebris website (at: <a href="https://www.algebris.com/esg/policies-and-disclosures/">https://www.algebris.com/esg/policies-and-disclosures/</a>).

The below policies from part of Algebris Fossil Fuels Investment Policy. Further details on each policy can be found in Algebris Fossil Fuels Investment Policy (at: https://www.algebris.com/esg/policies-and-disclosures/).

# (viii) Thermal coal exclusion policy

The Fund will not invest in companies that: (1) derive any revenues (0% threshold) from the extraction of thermal coal, and/or (2) derive any revenues (0% threshold) from thermal coal power generation; and/or (3) have a significant ownership in companies under (1) or (2).

In addition to the above, the Fund will not knowingly invest in debt or equity issued by the top-5 equity and bondholders in coal power plant developers, nor in the banks providing the largest share of lending to coal mining.

The Fund will also not invest in companies that are listed on the Global Coal Exit List (GCEL) as having coal power or coal mining expansion plans – regardless of the share of revenues they derive from thermal coal.

## (ix) Unconventional oil and gas exclusion policy

The Fund will not invest in companies: (1) deriving any (0% threshold) revenues from exploration/extraction of either Tar Sands or Arctic Oil; and (2) any company having a significant ownership in the companies excluded under (1).

#### (x) Conventional oil and gas exclusion policy

The Fund will not invest in companies that: (1) derive any (0% threshold) revenues from the production of conventional oil and gas; and/or (2) companies that derive more than 40% of revenues from conventional oil and gas power generation.

#### (xi) *UNGC Screening*

The Fund is subject to a screening that evaluates the alignment of investee companies with the 10 Principals of the United Nations Global Compact ("UNGC"). Algebris' ESG research team carries out a UNGC screening underpinned by data from third party ESG data providers, as well as internal research. The aim of the Manager's UNGC screening is to minimize exposure to companies with especially poor practices in key UNGC-relevant areas and identify potential issues on which to engage with companies in the portfolio.

From an operational standpoint, the UNGC screening restricts investment in companies that are identified to be involved in very serious violations of any of the UNGC principles (human rights, labour rights, nondiscrimination, environment, corruption). The Manager defines a very serious violation as the case of a company being involved in persistent UNGC-related controversies, where the controversy is of critical severity and the company is non-reactive.

# Positive Screening

# (i) Social Impact

The Manager will measure the extent to which the activities of the investee companies of the Fund align and contribute to one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals ("SDG"). The SDG are the following set of recognized goals for sustainable development:

(1) Ending poverty in all its forms everywhere ("SDG 1");

- (2) Ending hunger, achieving food security and improving nutrition and the promotion of sustainable agriculture ("SDG 2");
- (3) Ensuing healthy lives and the promotion of well-being for all at all ages ("SDG 3");
- (4) Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and the promotion of lifelong learning opportunities for all ("SDG 4");
- (5) Achievement of gender equality and empowerment for all women and girls ("SDG 5");
- (6) Ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all ("SDG 6");
- (7) Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all ("SDG 7");
- (8) Sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all ("SDG 8");
- (9) Building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and fostering innovation ("SDG 9");
- (10) Reducing inequality within and among countries ("SDG 10");
- (11) Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable ("SDG 11");
- (12) Ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns ("SDG 12");
- (13) Taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts ("SDG 13");
- (14) Conserving and sustainably using the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development ("SDG 14");
- (15) Protecting, restoring and promoting sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably managed forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss ("SDG 15");
- (16) Promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels ("SDG 16"); and
- (17) Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development ("SDG 17").

This assessment will investigate what share of the investee company's revenues derive from activities positively contributing to one or more SDGs, while at the same time checking whether the investee company also operates any business lines potentially conflicting with the SDGs. Only companies that derive at least 20% of the enterprise value (or sales, EBIT or EBITDA) from activities that contribute positively towards one or more of the SDGs will be eligible. The Fund will undertake this assessment through the use of SDG revenue alignment data covering approximately 18,000 companies, from an established ESG third party data provider complemented by the Manager's internal research based on public information and

dialogue with the relevant company. In case any company deemed of interest is not covered by third party data, an internal assessment will be conducted to establish the degree of revenue alignment with the SDGs, based on public information and dialogue with the relevant company.

#### (ii) Environmental Consciousness

The Manager will scrutinize the environmental impact of the investee companies' operations and products, to verify that these are compatible with not overshooting environmental boundaries. This analysis will be underpinned by a collection of the environmental key performance indicators (KPIs) at investee company level. These KPIs will be used to construct an index of environmental performance, which the Manager will use to rate the sustainability of companies' operations.

#### (iii) Broader ESG Best-In-Class Screening

The Manager will also perform a broader ESG due diligence to establish the degree to which ESG factors are integrated in the prospective investees' business operations, managerial practices, and organizational developments. For each sector that it invests in, the Fund aims at keeping the average ESG score of companies selected as part of the portfolio above the respective average score of the sectors where the investees operate. Companies whose global ESG score falls in the bottom 15% of the relative sector's ESG scores distribution will be excluded from the investment universe (ESG Best-in-Class).

In limited and rare occasions, exemptions to the general rules outlined above might be considered. ESG exemption policy is detailed in Algebris ESG Exclusion Policy (at: <a href="https://www.algebris.com/esg/policies-and-disclosures/">https://www.algebris.com/esg/policies-and-disclosures/</a>).

#### Net Zero AuM

The Manager is a signatory of the Net Zero Asset Managers Initiative ("NZAM") and has set an initial target of 57% of its total AuM to be managed in line with attaining net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner (the "Initial Target") which will be reviewed at least every five years. The Fund is part of the Manager's Initial Target and will in accordance with NZAM:

- (a) set an interim decarbonization target for 2030 consistent with a fair share of 50% global reduction in CO2 identified as a requirement in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ("IPCC") special report on global warming of 1.5°C. This target will be set using one of the following methodologies: (1) the Paris Aligned Investment Initiative Net Zero Investment Framework; (2) the Science Based Targets Initiative for Financial Institutions; or (3) the Net Zero Asset Owner Alliance Target Setting Protocol.
- (b) Priorities the achievement of real economy emissions reductions within the sectors and companies in which the Fund invests.

Net Zero AuM Commitment and the methodologies are detailed on the Manager's website at: <a href="https://www.algebris.com/esg/policies-and-disclosures/">https://www.algebris.com/esg/policies-and-disclosures/</a>).

#### Active Engagement and Voting

The Manager encourages good governance and sustainable corporate practices, which contribute to long-term value creation. The Manager's Proxy Voting Policy and Shareholder Engagement Policy set the principals to be applied for determining when and how any voting rights held in respect of investments are exercised. Additional information on this is available on the Managers website at: <a href="https://www.algebris.com/esg/policies-and-disclosures/">https://www.algebris.com/esg/policies-and-disclosures/</a>).

# TAXONOMY REGULATION

For the purposes of the product disclosure requirements in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (the "Taxonomy Regulation"), the Fund confirms as follows.

It is intended that the investments carried out by the Fund will contribute to one or more of the following sustainable environmental objectives as defined under Article 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Taxonomy Regulation:

- Climate change mitigation;
- Climate change adaptation;
- The sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources;
- The transition to a circular economy;
- Pollution prevention and control; and
- The protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

# INTEGRATION OF SUSTAINABILITY RISKS INTO THE INVESTMENT DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

The Manager adopts the following strategies when integrating sustainability risks into the investment decision making process:

Issuer Exclusion lists

The investment decisions observe a number of exclusion lists as described above under the heading "Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation – Ethical ESG Exclusion". They are applied at the issuer level and prevent investing in both equity and debt issued by the issuer. They are reviewed on an annual basis and positions on newly excluded issuers are exited within 30 days.

The investment decisions also observe an environmental screening, aimed at scrutinizing the environmental impact of the investee companies' operations and products, to verify that these are compatible with not overshooting environmental boundaries. This analysis will be underpinned by a collection of the environmental key performance indicators (KPIs) – including those on the EU Principal Adverse Impact Indicators list – at investee company level. These KPIs will be used to construct an index of environmental performance, which the Manager will use to rate the sustainability of companies' operations.

The investment decisions will also be subject to a broader ESG due diligence to establish the degree to which ESG factors are integrated in the prospective investees' business operations, managerial practices, and organizational developments. For each sector that it invests in, the Fund aims at keeping the average ESG score of companies selected as part of the portfolio above the respective average score of the sectors where the investees operate. Companies whose global ESG score falls in the bottom 15% of the relative sector's ESG scores distribution will be excluded from the investment universe (ESG Best-in-Class). This ESG Best-in-Class restricted list will be reviewed at least quarterly.

The Manager monitors compliance with the social and environmental characteristics outlined above for the purposes of integrating sustainability risk into its investment –decision making process on an ongoing basis through controls coded into Algebris' internal automated controls system, which include fully integrated pre- and post-trade controls that implement and safeguard the exclusion lists described above. Breaches are communicated systematically to the relevant teams via automated email notification and they are escalated to relevant boards and committees of the Algebris group, as appropriate.

# Voting Policy

Where the Manager is given the opportunity to exercise voting rights in relation to the positions held in the Fund, it is the policy of the Manager that these are made in the best interests of the investors after considering the long-term sustainability of the respective issuer. While abstaining can be the best option in a limited number of cases, the relevant policy in place commits the Manager to take an active role in the company's decision-making process, with sustainability being a prime consideration.

#### ESG Scoring

The Manager also assesses the governance practices of issuers through a variety of scores covering various aspects of firm-level governance, from a combination of external ESG data providers (such as Standard & Poors ("S&P")) in order to satisfy itself that the relevant issuers follow good governance practices, in particular with respect to sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance. The investment team of the Manager may also engage with investee companies about specific governance-related issues.

# ASSESSMENT OF THE LIKELY IMPACT OF SUSTAINABILITY RISKS ON THE RETURN OF FINANCIAL PRODUCTS

Sustainability risks may adversely affect the returns of the Fund. The Manager has implemented a policy in respect of the integration of sustainability risks in its investment decision making process. A sustainable risk is an environmental, social or governance event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or potential material negative impact on the value of an investment, and hence the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

The Fund invests primarily in the securities of companies that address one or more of the ESG Themes (as detailed above). The sustainability risks of such investments include the sustainability risks of the investments made by the Fund's investee companies as well as other sustainability risks that relate only to the Fund's investee companies themselves.

The Fund's investments are exposed to losses resulting from reputational damage an investee issue may face for a variety of reasons, including:

- environmental, social or governance concerns in relation to the operation of the issuer;
- compromise of human rights or labour rights;
- breaches to intellectual property and privacy (GDPR) rights;
- occupational health and safety;
- gender, race and/or other non-discrimination standards; and/or
- other controversies or scandals.

The Fund's investments are also exposed to the risk of losses resulting from reputational damage an investee issuer may face in connection with its lending and funding operations in the case of financial institutions, for example in connection with the following sectors:

- GHG and air pollutants (like SO2 and CO2 emissions);
- mining, oil and gas extraction specific issues (like offshore drilling, Shale Oil and Gas Hydraulic Fracturing), coal extraction, dams and chemicals, including plastics;

- Controversial Weapons, nuclear weapons proliferation and Defense equipment;
- agricultural, forestry and related to pulp, paper and palm oil;
- animal testing and animal welfare;
- tobacco, alcohol and addictive substances;
- World Heritage sites and Ramsar wetlands;
- water use, resources and pollution; and
- gambling and predatory lending.

Reputational damage to an investee company may lead to a consequential fall in demand for its products or services, loss of key personnel, exclusion form potential business opportunities, increased costs of doing business and/or increased cost of capital.

In the case of investment in financial institutions, the Fund's investments are also exposed to the risk that where investee companies have provided finance to borrowers, sustainability risk events may impact the ability of such borrowers to repay their debt to investee companies.

#### INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The Fund's investments will be limited to investments permitted by the Regulations, as set out in Schedule II to the Prospectus. If the Regulations are altered during the life of the Company, the investment restrictions may be changed to take account of any such alterations but any such changes shall be in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements and Shareholders will be advised of such changes in an updated Prospectus or a Supplement and in the next succeeding annual or half-yearly report of the Company. In the event that any alterations to the Regulations necessitate a material change in the investment policy of the Fund, such a change to the investment policy may only be made on the basis of a majority of votes cast at a general meeting or with the prior written approval of all Shareholders and a reasonable notification period shall be provided to Shareholders to enable them to redeem their Shares prior to the implementation of such a change.

The Directors may from time to time impose such further investment restrictions as shall be compatible with or in the interests of Shareholders, including in order to comply with the laws and regulations of the countries where Shareholders are located and any additional investment restrictions or limits will be set down in the "Investment Policy" section above.

The investment restrictions, as well as the policies of the Fund as to ratings of portfolio investments, will apply only at the time of purchase of the investments. If these limits are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of the Fund, the Fund shall adopt as a priority objective for its sales transactions the remedying of that situation taking account of the interests of the Fund and its Shareholders.

#### SHARE CLASSES

Shares are available in the different Classes of Shares as shown in the table set out at Schedule 1 hereto.

The Manager may in its discretion vary the minimum initial subscription or minimum additional subscription amounts in the future and may choose to waive these criteria.

Investors should note that as at the date of this Supplement only certain Classes of Shares may currently be available for purchase at the discretion of the Directors.

Class B Shares are only available for subscription with the prior approval of the Manager and the Manager may refuse to accept new subscriptions for Class B Shares at its sole and absolute discretion.

Class M Shares are only available for subscription by (i) employees, members or affiliates of the Manager including, without limitation, members of the immediate families of such persons, and trusts or other entities for their benefit; and (ii) other investors who have agreed separate fee arrangements with the Manager. Class M Shares are not subject to management fee, and are not subject to minimum initial or additional subscription amounts.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

It is not currently intended to declare distributions in respect of any Class of Shares.

Shareholders will be notified in advance of any change to the distribution policy the details of which will be included in an updated Supplement.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS AND REDEMPTIONS

The minimum initial subscription amounts and minimum additional subscription amounts are set out in Schedule I hereto.

Please see the section in the Prospectus entitled "Administration of the Company" as amended for further information on subscriptions and redemptions.

The Initial Offer Period is set out in Schedule I hereto.

#### **DEALINGS IN THE FUND**

"Trade Cut-off Time for Subscriptions"	12 p.m. (Irish time) on the Dealing Day.
"Trade Cut-off Time for Redemptions"	12 p.m. (Irish time) on the Dealing Day.
"Business Day"	means, unless otherwise determined by the Directors and notified in advance to Shareholders, a day on which retail banks are open for business in Ireland and the United Kingdom.
"Dealing Day"	means every Business Day or such other days as the Directors may determine and notify in advance to Shareholders, and provided that there shall be at least one Dealing Day each fortnight.
"Valuation Day"	means, unless otherwise determined by the Directors and notified in advance to Shareholders, every Business Day.
"Valuation Point"	means 5.30 pm (New York time) on the Valuation Day.
"Settlement Time (for subscriptions)"	within 3 Business Days following the relevant Dealing Day.

"Settlement Time (for redemptions)"	within 3 Business Days following the relevant Dealing Day.

Unless a Class of Shares is otherwise closed to new subscriptions by the Directors, Shares shall be issued on the relevant Dealing Day. In respect of the Fund, dealing requests received subsequent to the relevant Trade Cut-Off Time shall be effective on the next applicable Dealing Day (e.g. if a subscription or redemption request is received at 12:01 pm on Monday, it shall be effective on Tuesday, presuming that both Monday and Tuesday are Dealing Days).

#### Conversion of Shares

Investors' attention is drawn to the section of the Prospectus entitled "Conversion of Shares".

In particular, investors should note that the length of time for completion of conversions involving the Fund may differ to that for subscriptions and redemptions and will vary depending on the "Trade Cutoff Time for Redemptions" as detailed in the Supplement in respect of the relevant Class to be converted and the "Trade Cut-off Time for Subscriptions" as detailed in the Supplement in respect of the new Class.

Instructions to convert should be received prior to the earlier of the "Trade Cut-off Time for Redemptions" in the relevant Class to be converted and "Trade Cut-off Time for Subscriptions" in the new Class as specified in the relevant Supplement(s).

#### **FEES AND EXPENSES**

Investors' attention is drawn to the section of the Prospectus entitled "Fees and Expenses".

Class B and Class I Shares are available to those financial intermediaries providing independent investment advisory services or discretionary investment management as defined in MiFID II and those financial intermediaries providing non-independent investment services and activities who have separate fee arrangements with their clients under which they have agreed not to receive and retain inducements. Such Classes shall be referred to in the tables in Schedule I of this Supplement as "Clean" Classes.

# **Initial Sales Charge**

An initial sales charge of up to 3.00% in respect of subscriptions for all Class R Shares. Any such sales charge may be payable to the relevant distributors. In addition, the distributors may, in their sole discretion, waive payment of the initial sales charge or reduce the initial sales charge payable by a subscriber for Class R Shares.

There shall be no initial sales charge for the Class B Shares and Class I Shares.

In addition to the sales charge described above, a local paying agent or local representative may charge customer service fees in connection with subscribed/redeemed Shares.

#### **Redemption Charge**

No redemption charge will be payable on redemptions with respect to any Class of Shares.

# Fees in respect of the Manager

#### Management Fee

The Manager shall be entitled to receive an overall investment management fee (the "Management Fee") from the Company in respect of the Fund equal to 0.60% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Class B Shares, 0.80% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Class I Shares and 1.90% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Class R Shares.

The Management Fee shall be (i) calculated and accrued daily; and (ii) is calculated by reference to the Net Asset Value of the relevant Shares before the deduction of that day's Management Fee. The Management Fee is normally payable in arrears within 14 days' of the end of the relevant month end.

No Management Fee shall be payable in respect of Class M Shares.

In addition, the Manager shall be entitled to be reimbursed its reasonably vouched out- of-pocket expenses incurred with respect to the Company and the Fund. The Fund shall bear its pro-rata share of the out-of-pocket expenses relating to the Company as a whole.

#### Performance Fee

No performance fees shall be payable in respect of the Fund.

#### Depositary's Fee

The Depositary shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund a fee, accrued and calculated daily and payable monthly in arrears, at a rate of 0.01% per annum of the Fund's Net Asset Value subject to a minimum annual fee of €600,000 at the level of the Company (as above, to include administration and depositary services).

The Depositary shall also be entitled to receive transaction charges and all sub-custodian charges will be recovered by the Depositary from the Company out of the assets of the Fund as they are incurred by the relevant sub-custodians. All such charges shall be charged at normal commercial rates. The Depositary is also entitled to reimbursement for its reasonable vouched out-of-pocket expenses.

# Administrator's Fee

The Administrator shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund a fee, accrued and calculated daily and payable monthly in arrears, at a rate of up to 0.035% per annum of the Fund's Net Asset Value for the first  $\[ \in \] 200$  million, 0.03% per annum of the Fund's Net Asset Value between  $\[ \in \] 200$  million and 0.02% per annum of the Fund's Net Asset Value above  $\[ \in \] 500$  million subject to a minimum annual fee of  $\[ \in \] 600,000$  at the level of the Company (to include administration and depositary services).

In addition, the Company shall pay out of the assets of the Fund its portion of the Administrator's annual financial statement preparation fee of  $\in$ 5,000 per annum (at the level of the Company) and  $\in$ 1,000 per annum (per Fund) for the preparation of financial statements for the Company and a preparation fee of  $\in$ 3,000 per annum (at Company level) and  $\in$ 750 per annum (per Fund) for the semi-annual financial statement. In addition, the Administrator shall be entitled to be reimbursed for its reasonable vouched out-of-pocket expenses, transaction and account fees.

#### **Establishment Costs**

The costs of establishing the Fund are not expected to exceed €100,000 and will be amortised over the first five years of the Fund.

# **RISK FACTORS**

The attention of investors is drawn to the section headed "Risk Factors" in the Prospectus and to the following additional risks relating to the Fund:

#### Risks associated with the Stock Connect

The Fund may invest through the Stock Connect and is subject to the following risks:

**Quota limitations risk** – The Stock Connect is subject to quota limitations. In particular, once the remaining balance of the northbound Daily Quota drops to zero or the northbound Daily Quota is exceeded during the opening call session, new buy orders will be rejected (though investors will be allowed to sell their cross-boundary securities regardless of the quota balance). Therefore, quota limitations may restrict the Fund's ability to invest in the eligible securities through the Stock Connect on a timely basis, and the Fund may not be able to effectively pursue its investment strategies.

Front-end monitoring risk — Mainland Chinese regulations require that in order for an investor to sell any SSE Securities and/or SZSE Securities on a certain trading day, there must be sufficient SSE Securities or SZSE Securities (as the case may be) in the investor's account before market opens on that day. If there are insufficient SSE Securities or SZSE Securities in the investor's account, the sell order will be rejected by the SSE or the SZSE. The SEHK carries out pre-trade checking on SSE Securities and SZSE Securities sell orders of its participants (i.e. stock brokers) to ensure that this requirement is satisfied. This means that investors must transfer SSE Securities and SZSE Securities to the accounts of its brokers before the market opens on the day of selling (the "trading day"). If an investor fails to meet this deadline, it will not be able to sell SSE Securities or SZSE Securities on the relevant trading day. Because of this requirement, investors may not be able to dispose of holdings of SSE Securities or SZSE Securities in a timely manner. This also raises concerns as to counterparty risks as securities may need to be kept by brokers overnight.

To facilitate investors whose SSE Securities or SZSE Securities are maintained with custodians to sell their SSE Securities or SZSE Securities without having to pre-deliver the SSE Securities or SZSE Securities from their custodians to their executing brokers, the SEHK introduced an enhanced pre-trade checking model in March 2015, under which an investor may request its custodian to open a Special Segregated Account ("SPSA") in CCASS to maintain its holdings in SSE Securities and SZSE Securities. Such investors only need to transfer SSE Securities or SZSE Securities from its SPSA to its designated broker's account after execution and not before placing the sell order. If the Fund is unable to utilise this model, it would have to deliver SSE Securities or SZSE Securities to brokers before the trading day and the above risks may still apply.

**Suspension risk** – It is contemplated that SEHK, SSE and SZSE would reserve the right to suspend northbound and/or southbound trading if necessary for ensuring an orderly and fair market and that risks are managed prudently. Consent from the relevant regulator would be sought before a suspension is triggered. Where a suspension in the northbound trading through Stock Connect is effected, the Fund's ability to access the Mainland China market will be adversely affected.

**Differences in trading day risk** – The Stock Connect only operates on days when both Mainland China and Hong Kong markets are open for trading and when banks in both markets are open on the corresponding settlement days. So it is possible that there are occasions when it is a normal trading day for the Mainland China market but overseas investors (such as the Fund) cannot carry out any trading via the Stock Connect. The Fund may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in the relevant securities during the time when Stock Connect is not trading as a result.

**Operational risk** - The Stock Connect provides a channel for investors from Hong Kong and overseas to access the Mainland China stock market directly.

The Stock Connect is premised on the functioning of the operational systems of the relevant market participants. Market participants are able to participate in this programme subject to meeting certain information technology capability, risk management and other requirements as may be specified by the relevant exchange and/or clearing house. Although market participants have taken steps to configure and adapt their operational and technical systems to meet such requirements, given that the securities regimes and legal systems of the two markets differ significantly, market participants may need to address issues arising from the differences on an on-going basis.

Further, the "connectivity" in the Stock Connect requires routing of orders across the border. This requires the development of new information technology systems on the part of the SEHK and exchange participants. There is no assurance that the systems of the SEHK and market participants will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in both markets. In the event that the relevant systems failed to function properly, trading in both markets through the programme could be disrupted. The Fund's ability to access the Mainland China market (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) will be adversely affected.

**Recalling of eligible securities** – When a security is recalled from the scope of eligible securities for trading via the Stock Connect, the security can only be sold but restricted from being bought. This may affect the investment portfolio or strategies of the Fund, for example, when the Manager wishes to purchase a security which is recalled from the scope of eligible securities.

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

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

Participation in corporate actions and shareholders' meetings — The HKSCC will keep CCASS participants informed of corporate actions of SSE Securities and SZSE Securities. Where the articles of association of a listed company do not prohibit the appointment of proxy/multiple proxies by its shareholder, the HKSCC will make arrangements to appoint one or more investors as its proxies or representatives to attend shareholders' meetings when instructed. Further, investors (with holdings reaching the thresholds required under the Mainland Chinese regulations and the articles of associations of listed companies) may, through their CCASS participants, pass on proposed resolutions to listed companies via the HKSCC under the CCASS rules. The HKSCC will pass on such resolutions to the companies as shareholder on record if so permitted under the relevant regulations and requirements. Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Fund) are holding SSE Securities and SZSE Securities traded via the Stock Connect through their brokers or custodians, and they will need to comply with the arrangement and deadline specified by their respective brokers or custodians (i.e.

CCASS participants). The time for them to take actions for some types of corporate actions of SSE Securities and SZSE Securities may be very short. Therefore, it is possible that the Fund may not be able to participate in some corporate actions in a timely manner.

No Protection by China Securities Investor Protection Fund risk — Investment through the Stock Connect is conducted through broker(s), and is subject to the risks of default by such brokers' in their obligations. Since the Fund is carrying out northbound trading through securities brokers in Hong Kong but not brokers in Mainland China, it is not protected by the China Securities Investor Protection Fund (中國證券投資者保護基金) in Mainland China.

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

It should be noted that there is no certainty as to how the regulations will be applied, and the regulations are subject to change. There can be no assurance that the Stock Connect will not be abolished or amended. The Fund, which may invest in Mainland China markets through the Stock Connect, may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

#### **Mainland China Tax risk**

By investing in China A-Shares, the Fund may be subject to taxes imposed by the Mainland China.

(i) Corporate Income Tax ("CIT")

If the Fund is considered as a Chinese tax resident enterprise, it will be subject to Mainland China CIT at 25% on its worldwide taxable income; if the Fund is not considered as a Chinese tax resident enterprise with an establishment or place of business ("PE") in Mainland China, the profits and gains attributable to that PE would be subject to Mainland China CIT at 25%.

It is the intention of the Manager to manage and operate the affairs of the Manager and the Fund such that they should not be treated as Chinese tax resident enterprises or non-Chinese tax resident enterprises with PE in the Mainland China for China CIT purposes, although this cannot be guaranteed. As such, it is expected that the Fund would only be subject to CIT at a rate of 10% on a withholding basis ("WHT") in Mainland China to the extent the Fund directly derive Chinese sourced income (in the present context, this should be limited to dividends and capital gains income) in respect of its investments in China A-Shares.

#### (ii) Dividends from China A-Shares

Unless a specific exemption or reduction is available under current Mainland China tax laws and regulations or relevant tax treaties, non-Chinese tax resident enterprises without PE in Mainland China are subject to Mainland China WHT, generally at a rate of 10%, to the extent it directly derives Chinese sourced passive income (such as dividend income) arising from investment in China A-Shares. In that respect, dividends and profit distributions from Mainland China tax resident enterprises received by the Funds are generally subject to Mainland China WHT at a rate of 10%, unless such WHT is subject to reduction or exemption in accordance with the laws and regulations or pursuant to an applicable tax treaty.

Pursuant to the "Notice about the tax policies related to the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect"

(Caishui 2014 No. 81) ("Notice No. 81") promulgated by the Ministry of Finance of Mainland China ("MOF"), the State Taxation Administration of Mainland China ("STA") and the China Securities Regulatory Commission ("CSRC") on 31 October 2014, the Fund is subject to WHT at 10% on dividends received from China A-Shares traded via Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, unless reduced under a double tax treaty with Mainland China upon application to and obtaining approval from the competent Mainland China authority.

Pursuant to the "Notice about the tax policies related to the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect" (Caishui 2016 No. 127) ("Notice No. 127") promulgated by the MOF, the STA and the CSRC on 5 November 2016, the Fund is subject to WHT at 10% on dividends received from China A-Shares traded via Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, unless reduced under a double tax treaty with Mainland China upon application to and obtaining approval from the competent Mainland China authority.

Dividends from China A-Shares traded via the Stock Connect should not be subject to Value-added Tax ("VAT") in Mainland China.

# (iii) Capital gains

Pursuant to Notice No. 81 and Notice No. 127, Mainland China CIT will be temporarily exempted on capital gains derived by investors in the Hong Kong market (including the Fund) on the trading of China A-Shares through the Stock Connect.

Notice No. 81 stated that investors in the Hong Kong market (including the Fund) are temporarily exempted from Mainland China Business Tax (later fully replaced by VAT) with respect to gains derived from the trading of China A-Shares through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect.

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

#### (iv) Stamp duty

Stamp duty generally applies to the execution and receipt of all taxable documents listed in the Mainland China Stamp Duty Law, effective from 1 July 2022. Stamp duty is levied on the execution or receipt in Mainland China of certain documents, including contracts for the sale of China A-Shares, at the rate of 0.1%. In the case of contracts for sale of China A-Shares, such stamp duty is currently imposed on the seller but not on the purchaser.

# (v) General

It is possible that the current tax laws, regulations and practice in Mainland China will change, including the possibility of taxes being applied retrospectively, and that such changes may result in higher taxation on Mainland China investments than currently contemplated.

Various tax reform policies have been implemented by Mainland Chinese government in recent years, and existing tax laws and regulations may be revised or amended in the future. There is a possibility that the current tax laws, regulations and practice in Mainland China will be changed with retrospective effect in the future and any such change may have an adverse effect on the asset value of the relevant Fund. Moreover, there is no assurance that tax incentives currently offered to foreign companies, if

any, will not be abolished and the existing tax laws and regulations will not be revised or amended in the future. Any changes in tax policies may reduce the after-tax profits of the companies in Mainland China which the Fund invests in, thereby reducing the income from, and/or value of the Shares of the Fund.

Investors should seek independent professional advice on their positions with regard to the investment in the Fund.

**Risks associated with ChiNext Board and/or STAR Board -** The Fund may invest in ChiNext Board and/or STAR Board. Such investments will be subject to the following risks and may result in significant losses for the Fund and its investors.

Higher fluctuation on stock prices and liquidity risk: Listed companies on ChiNext Board and/or STAR Board are usually of emerging nature with smaller operating scale. Listed companies on ChiNext Board and STAR Board are subject to wider price fluctuation limits, and due to higher entry thresholds for investors, may have limited liquidity, compared to other boards. Hence, companies listed on these boards are subject to higher fluctuation in stock prices and liquidity risks, and have higher risks and turnover ratios than companies listed on the main boards.

Over-valuation risk: Stocks listed on ChiNext Board and/or STAR Board may be overvalued and such exceptionally high valuation may not be sustainable. Stock price may be more susceptible to manipulation due to fewer circulating shares.

Differences in regulation: The rules and regulations regarding companies listed on ChiNext Board and STAR Board are less stringent in terms of profitability and share capital than those in the main boards.

Delisting risk: It may be more common and faster for companies listed on ChiNext Board and/or STAR Board to delist. ChiNext Board and STAR Board have stricter criteria for delisting compared to the main boards. This may have an adverse impact on the Fund if the companies that it invests in are delisted.

Concentration risk (Applicable to STAR Board): STAR Board is a newly established board and may have a limited number of listed companies during the initial stage. Investments in STAR Board may be concentrated in a small number of stocks and subject the Fund to higher concentration risk.

# **SCHEDULE I**

# **Classes of Shares**

	A	Algebris Su	stainable W	orld Fund – Fund	d denomination – Eu	ros	
Share Class	Class Currency	Hedged currency class	Initial Offer Price	Minimum initial subscription	Minimum additional subscription	Management Fee	Initial Offer Period Status*
Class B EUR (Clean)	EUR	No	€100	€10,000	€1,000	0.60%	Funded
Class B GBP (Clean)	GBP	Yes	GBP 100	GBP equivalent of €10,000	GBP equivalent of €1,000	0.60%	Extended
Class B CHF (Clean)	CHF	Yes	CHF 100	CHF equivalent of €10,000	CHF equivalent of €1,000	0.60%	Extended
Class B USD (Clean)	USD	Yes	USD 100	USD equivalent of €10,000	USD equivalent of €1,000	0.60%	Extended
Class B JPY (Clean)	JPY	Yes	JPY 100	JPY equivalent of €10,000	JPY equivalent of €1,000	0.60%	Extended
Class B SGD (Clean)	SGD	Yes	SGD 100	SGD equivalent of € 10,000	SGD equivalent of €1,000	0.60%	Extended
Class B HKD (Clean)	HKD	Yes	HKD 100	HKD equivalent of € 10,000	HKD equivalent of €1,000	0.60%	Extended
Class B SEK (Clean)	SEK	Yes	SEK 100	SEK equivalent of € 10,000	SEK equivalent of €1,000	0.60%	New
Class I EUR (Clean)	EUR	No	€100	€500,000	€5,000	0.80%	Extended
Class I GBP (Clean)	GBP	Yes	GBP 100	GBP equivalent of €500,000	GBP equivalent of €5,000	0.80%	Extended
Class I CHF (Clean)	CHF	Yes	CHF 100	CHF equivalent of €500,000	CHF equivalent of €5,000	0.80%	Extended
Class I USD (Clean)	USD	Yes	USD 100	USD equivalent of €500,000	USD equivalent of €5,000	0.80%	Extended
Class I JPY (Clean)	JPY	Yes	JPY 100	JPY equivalent of €500,000	JPY equivalent of €5,000	0.80%	Extended
Class I SGD (Clean)	SGD	Yes	SGD 100	SGD equivalent of €500,000	SGD equivalent of €5,000	0.80%	Extended
Class I HKD (Clean)	HKD	Yes	HKD 100	HKD equivalent of €500,000	HKD equivalent of €5,000	0.80%	Extended

Class I SEK (Clean)	SEK	Yes	SEK 100	SEK equivalent of €500,000	SEK equivalent of €5,000	0.80%	New
Class M EUR	EUR	No	EUR 100	N/A	N/A	N/A	Funded
Class M GBP	GBP	Yes	GBP 100	N/A	N/A	N/A	Extended
Class M CHF	CHF	Yes	CHF 100	N/A	N/A	N/A	Extended
Class M USD	USD	Yes	USD 100	N/A	N/A	N/A	Extended
Class M JPY	JPY	Yes	JPY 100	N/A	N/A	N/A	Extended
Class M SGD	SGD	Yes	SGD 100	N/A	N/A	N/A	Extended
Class M HKD	HKD	Yes	HKD 100	N/A	N/A	N/A	Extended
Class R EUR	EUR	No	€100	€10,000	€1,000	1.9%	Funded
Class R GBP	GBP	Yes	GBP 100	GBP equivalent of €10,000	GBP equivalent of €1,000	1.9%	Extended
Class R CHF	CHF	Yes	CHF 100	CHF equivalent of €10,000	CHF equivalent of €1,000	1.9%	Extended
Class R USD	USD	Yes	USD 100	USD equivalent of €10,000	USD equivalent of €1,000	1.9%	Extended
Class R JPY	JPY	Yes	JPY 100	JPY equivalent of €10,000	JPY equivalent of €1,000	1.9%	Extended
Class R SGD	SGD	Yes	SGD 100	SGD equivalent of €10,000	SGD equivalent of €1,000	1.9%	Extended
Class R HKD	HKD	Yes	HKD 100	HKD equivalent of €10,000	HKD equivalent of €1,000	1.9%	Extended
Class R SEK	SEK	Yes	SEK 100	SEK equivalent of €10,000	SEK equivalent of €1,000	1.9%	New

# **Initial Offer Period Shares**

<sup>\*</sup> This column specifies "New" where a Class is being offered for the first time, "Funded" where a Class is in issue, "Extended" where a Class has been offered, the Initial Offer Period has commenced and is continuing but no Shares are in issue.

For all Classes of Shares identified as "New", the Initial Offer Period is from 9.00 a.m. (Irish time) on 29 November 2022 until 5.30 p.m. (Irish time) on 29 May 2023, or such other dates as the Directors and/or the Manager may determine and notify to the Central Bank.

For all Classes of Shares identified as "Extended", the Initial Offer Period shall continue until 5.30 p.m. (Irish time) on 1 June, 2023 or such other dates as the Directors may determine and notify to the Central Bank.

#### Schedule II

**Product name: Algebris Sustainable World Fund (the "Fund")** 

Legal entity identifier: 549300LJBAHRWCAUXS13

# Sustainable investment objective

# Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Does	Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?								
••	⊠ Yes		● ○ □ No						
	sustai	nake a minimum of nable investments with an nmental objective: 30%*		It promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of% of sustainable investments					
		in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy			with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy				
	⊠	in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy			with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy				
					with a social objective				
	It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with a social objective: 10%*			It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not make any sustainable investments					

\*The Fund commits to having a minimum commitment of 80% to investment in sustainable investments which is comprised of (i) a minimum of 30% in sustainable investments with an environmental objective (that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy); (ii) a minimum of 10% in sustainable investments with a social objective; and (iii) the remaining 40% will be allocated between other environmental and/or social sustainable investments but with no fixed allocation as this will depend on the availability of sustainable investments and the fact that some investments contribute to both environmental and social objectives.

# What is the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?



Sustainability indicators measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

The Fund has sustainable investment as its objective within the meaning of Article 9 of the SFDR. The sustainable investment objective of the Fund is to make a positive impact on worldwide environmental sustainability and social standards through investing in global listed companies which make a positive impact on the world (as measured by a positive contribution to one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals) while at the same time having a low environmental footprint and operating within the environmental boundaries that support sustainable planetary. In addition to the sustainable investment objective, the Fund aims to generate positive risk-adjusted returns in the long-term.

The Fund has identified a set of themes ("**ESG Themes**") and associated sectors that offer sustainable solutions to challenges presented which such information is based on the Manager's research of legitimate and reputable sources. These are:

- (1) Theme 1 Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency: The Fund aims to contribute to global efforts towards addressing the access to clean energy and cooking fuels by investing in companies that offer products or services that are instrumental to the green energy transitions, including but not limited to: renewables and clean energy solutions; energy efficiency products and services; energy storage solutions. This theme is closely connected to the UN Sustainable Development Goal ("UN-SDG") or ("SDG") of Affordable and Clean Energy ("SDG 7").
- (2) Theme 2 Clean Water Tech and Sanitation: The Fund aims to contribute to global efforts in addressing water scarcity and inadequate sanitation by investing in companies offering products/services that enable more efficient use, consumption, or treatment of water, including but not limited to: water utilities, desalination, water pipes, and infrastructure, smart meters, and water treatment activities. This theme is closely connected to UN-SDG of Affordable and Clean Water and Sanitation ("SDG 6").
- (3) Theme 3 Protection of Biodiversity and Marine Resources: The Fund aims to contribute to global efforts towards addressing biodiversity loss, ocean acidification, deforestation, air pollution, species extinction and land degradation by investing in companies offering products/services with potential to reduce the threat of biodiversity loss including but not limited to: forest carbon sequestration, clean air, ocean aquaculture activities and environmental engineering. This theme is closely connected to UN-SDG of Life on Land ("SDG 15") and Life Below Water ("SDG 14").
- (4) Theme 4 Sustainable Agriculture and Food: The Fund aims to contribute to global efforts towards addressing 'peak phosphorus' (the point at which humanity reaches the maximum global production rate of phosphorus as a raw material) by investing in companies that offer products/services with the potential to increase the productivity and reduce the environmental impact of agriculture, including but not limited to: precision and vertical farming, animal health, genetic seed editing, plant-based protein/lab grown meat, sustainable food production. This theme is closely connected to UN-SDG of Zero Hunger ("SDG 2").

- (5) Theme 5 Waste Disposal and Circular Economy: The Fund aims to contribute to the global efforts to transitioning to a circular economy by investing in companies that contribute to this by offering products/services that contribute to this transition by enabling increased recycling and reducing the environmental impact of waste, including but not limited to: waste management services, recycling services; waste to energy solutions, plastic reduction, paper and packaging; sustainable and/or carbon negative consumer goods. This theme is closely connected to the UN-SDG of Responsible Consumption and Production ("SDG 12").
- (6) Theme 6 - Health and Wellbeing: The Fund aims to contribute to global efforts towards addressing inadequate access to medicines, lack of essential health care and the increasing healthcare demands globally due to the aging population in developed countries, as well as pollution deaths, by investing in companies offering products services that can contribute to enhanced efficiency, delivery, personalization/precision of healthcare services including but not limited to: pharma and biotech: healthcare providers, telemedicine, wellness provides, health digital technologies; digital health; life science; air quality solutions. This theme is closely connected to the UN-SDG of Good Health and Wellbeing ("SDG 3").
- (7) Theme 7 Skills and Education: The Fund aims to contribute to global efforts towards addressing the challenge of a growing education deficit by investing in companies engaging in activities that have the potential to increase availability and affordability of quality education including but not limited to: mobile learning, digital skills app platforms, massive open online courses, corporate training and development, services for vocational education and employment; media services. This theme is closely connected to the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Quality Education ("SDG 4").
- (8) Theme 8 Industry, Innovation and Digitalization: digital technologies and solutions will play a central role in the structural shift of our economy towards a more environmentally and socially sustainable model. The Fund therefore envisages to invest also in firms offering digital solutions and technologies instrumental to the themes described above, including but not limited to: IT hardware and software solutions, industrials; machinery; semiconductor capital equipment (such as semiconductors) and related equipment; electric vehicles and batteries; electrical equipment. This theme is closely connected to the UN Sustainable Development Goals of Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure ("SDG 9") and Sustainable Cities and Communities ("SDG 11").

The Fund's investment universe is comprised of sectors and companies that will be central to achieving the shift to a more sustainable model of economic activity, by providing solutions to the trade-off between planetary boundaries and minimum social needs and which contribute to one or more of the above ESG Themes (the "Investment Universe").

No reference benchmark has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental characteristics promoted by the Fund.

What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of the sustainable investment objective of this financial product?

The sustainable investment objective of the Fund has both a social and an environmental focus, as the Fund aims to invest in companies that contribute to the UN SDGs while at the same time having a low environmental footprint and operating within the environmental boundaries that support sustainable planetary thriving.

The sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of the Fund's sustainable investment objective are the following:

#### (1) Social Impact

- (i) Portfolio Level: Only companies that derive at least 20% of the enterprise value (or sales, EBIT or EBITDA) from activities that contribute positively towards one or more of the SDGs are eligible to be in the Fund's portfolio. At a portfolio level, the sustainability indicator that will be used to measure attainment of this component of the sustainable investment objective is the aggregate alignment to the SDGs related to the eight ESG Themes. This will be measured by calculating the average of the portfolio companies' revenue alignment to each SDG weighted by the amount invested.
- (ii) <u>Individual ESG Themes</u>: At the level of each individual ESG Theme, the reference sustainability indicator will be the share of investments in companies deriving at least 20% of their enterprise value (or sales, EBIT, or EBITDA) from activities aligned with each of the SDGs listed in the relevant ESG Theme above.

#### (2) Environmental Consciousness

#### (i) Planetary Boundaries

The Manager will scrutinize the environmental impact of the investee companies' operations and products, to verify that these do not overshoot the planetary boundaries framework identified by the Manager (the "Planetary Framework").

The Planetary Framework identifies limits for resources used and emissions per unit of economic value creation (the "**Economic Intensities**") that can be used to evaluate a company's operation against five planetary boundaries (climate change; ocean acidification; ozone depletion; nutrients and organic pollutants; and freshwater use) (each a "**Boundary**" and together the "**Boundaries**").

Using environmental data sourced from ESG third party data providers ("**Data Providers**") and internal research, the Manager assesses companies' economic intensity against each Boundary's threshold and if a company's economic intensity exceeds one of the Thresholds this will be flagged as "overshooting" the Planetary Boundaries (the "**Overshoot**").

Performance over the five Boundaries is aggregate for each company into a proprietary index, and companies that Overshoot on more than two Boundary thresholds will be considered as 'failing' the Planetary Boundaries screening.

#### (ii) Science Based Emission Reduction Target and other targets

When assessing compliance with the Climate Change Boundary, the Manager also take into account whether the company has set a science-based emission reduction target ("SBT") and/or other relevant environmental targets.

Companies that are found to Overshoot, but that have set a SBT are considered as *not* overshooting the relevant Boundary(ies).

The reference sustainability indicators that will be used to measure attainment of this component of the sustainable investment objective are:

- (A) the share invested in companies Overshooting respectively 0, 1, 2, or more than 2 Boundaries; and
- (B) the share invested in companies with approved SBT and/or with explicit commitments to set a Science Based emission reduction Targets.
- (C) the share invested in companies with other environmental targets relevant to the Planetary Boundaries framework (e.g. pollution reduction targets, or water usage reduction targets)

A company that fails the Planetary Boundaries screening will not automatically be excluded from the Fund provided the Manager deems their to be potential for remediation through enhanced engagement activities with the company. The Manager in any event will aim to keep the share of 'failing' companies in the Fund's portfolio to a minimum.

#### (3) Broader ESG Best-In-Class Screening

The Manager will also perform a broader ESG due diligence to establish the degree to which ESG factors are integrated in the prospective investees' business operations, managerial practices, and organizational developments. For each sector that it invests in, the Fund aims at keeping the average ESG score of companies selected as part of the portfolio above the respective average score of the sectors where the investees operate. Companies exhibiting a global ESG score in the bottom 15% of the relative sector's ESG scores distribution will be excluded from the investment universe (ESG Best-in-Class).

The reference sustainability indicators that will be used to measure the attainment of this component of the Sustainable investment objective are: (1) the share invested in companies exhibiting ESG scores in the bottom 15% of the respective sector; (2) the average ESG score (and E, S, and G pillar scores) of the portfolio compared to the same metrics for the universe.

In limited and rare occasions, exemptions to the general rules outlined above might be considered in accordance with the Manager's ESG exemption policy which is included in its ESG exclusion policy.

#### (4) Net Zero AuM

The Manager is a signatory of the Net Zero Asset Managers Initiative ("NZAM") and has set an

initial target of 57% of its total AuM to be managed in line with attaining net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner (the "**Initial Target**") which will be reviewed at least every five years. The Fund is part of the Manager's Initial Target and will in accordance with NZAM:

- set an interim decarbonization target for 2030 consistent with a fair share of 50% global reduction in CO2 identified as a requirement in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ("IPCC") special report on global warming of 1.5°C. This target will be set using one of the following methodologies: (1) the Paris Aligned Investment Initiative Net Zero Investment Framework; (2) the Science Based Targets Initiative for Financial Institutions; or (3) the Net Zero Asset Owner Alliance Target Setting Protocol.
- Prioritise the achievement of real economy emissions reductions within the sectors and companies in which the Fund invests.

# How do sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

In order to ensure that the sustainable investments that the Fund makes do not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable objective ("**DNSH Test**") the Manager assesses each investment against a set of indicators of adverse impacts (the "**PAI Assessment**"). The PAI Assessment utilises a range of data sources across climate and other environmental related indicators ("**Environmental Indicators**") and social related indicators ("**Social Indicators**").

### How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

#### (1) Environmental Indicators

The following Environmental Indicators are measured by the Fund and the actions detailed below are taken in order to ensure that the DNSH Test is satisfied for sustainable investments with an environmental objective.

Indicator and Metric: The greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions of the investee companies ("PAI 1"): the Manager will measure the total GHG emissions of the investee company using the 'scope 1, 2 and 3 GHG emissions' definition prescribed by SFDR and calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{l} \left( \frac{\text{current value of investment}_{i}}{\text{investee company's Scope}(x) \text{ GHG emissions}_{i}} \right)$$

• The carbon footprint of the investee companies ("PAI 2"): the Manager will measure the carbon footprint of the investee company, with the carbon footprint being calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\sum_{n}^{i} \left(\frac{current\ value\ of\ investment_{i}}{investee\ company's\ enterprise\ value_{i}}\times investee\ company's\ Scope\ 1,2\ and\ 3\ GHG\ emissions_{i}\right)}{current\ value\ of\ all\ investments\ (\not\in M)}$$

**Principal** adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and anti- bribery matters.

• The GHG intensity of the investee companies ("PAI 3"): the Manager will measure the GHG intensity of investee companies with GHG intensity being calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\sum_{n}^{i} \left( \frac{current \ value \ of \ investment_{i}}{current \ value \ of \ all \ investments} ( \in M ) \times \frac{investee \ company's \ Scope \ 1,2 \ and \ 3 \ GHG \ emissions_{i}}{investee \ company's \ \in M \ revenue_{i}} \right)$$

- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector ("PAI 4"): the Manager will measure the share of investments the Fund makes in companies active in fossil fuel sectors. 'Fossil fuel sectors' means sectors of the economy which produce, process, store or use fossil fuel as defined in Article 2(62) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production ("PAI 5"): the Manager will measure the investee companies' share of non-renewable energy consumption and non-renewable energy production from non-renewable energy sources compared to renewable energy sources expressed as a percentage.
- Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector ("PAI 6"):
  the Manager will measure the investee companies' energy consumption in GWh
  per million EUR of revenue of investee companies, per high impact climate
  sector. 'High impact climate sector' means the sectors listed in Sections A to H
  and Section L of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European
  Parliament and of the Council.
- Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas ("PAI 7"): the
  Manager will measure the share of investments by the Fund in investee
  companies with sites and/or operations located in or near to biodiversitysensitive areas where activities of those investee companies negatively affect
  those areas.
- Emissions to water ("PAI 8"): the Manager will measure the tonnes of emissions to water generated by investee companies per million EUR invested, expressed as a weighted average.
- Hazardous waste ration ("PAI 9"): the Manager will measure the tonnes of hazardous waste and radioactive waste generated by investee companies per million EUR invested, expressed as a weighted average.
- Investments in companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives ("PAI 10"): the Manager will measure the share of investments in investee companies without carbon emission reduction initiatives aimed at aligned with the Paris Agreement adopted under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

#### **Social Indicators**

The following Social Indicators are used in order to ensure that the sustainable investments that the Fund makes do not cause significant harm to any social sustainable objective:

- Violations of UN Global Compact ("UNGC") principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises ("PAI 11"): The Manager will measure the share of investments the Fund makes in investee companies that have been involved in violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for multinational enterprises.
- Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UNGC principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises ("PAI 12"): The Manager will measure the share of investments the Fund makes in investee companies without policies to monitor compliance with the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises or grievance /complaints handling mechanisms to address violations of the UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.
- Unadjusted gender pay gap ("PAI 13"): the Manager will measure the average unadjusted gender pay gap of investee companies of the Fund.
- Board gender diversity ("PAI 14"): the Manager will measure the ratio of female to male board members in investee companies of the Fund.
- Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons) ("PAI 15"): the Manager will measure the share of investments the Fund makes in investee companies involved in the manufacture or selling of controversial weapons.
- Lack of anti-corruption and anti-bribery policies ("PAI 16"): the Manager will measure the share of investments in investee companies that do not have polices on anti-corruption and anti-bribery consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

If the value of a quantitative Environmental Indicator or Social Indicator is above or below a threshold set by the Manager, or if the conditions set for a qualitative Environmental Indicator or Social Indicator are not fulfilled, this would be considered significant harm for the purpose of PAIs 1 to 16, and would lead the investment being excluded, or, depending on the Environmental Indicator or Social Indicator in question, being put on a watchlist in order to assess whether progress is being made towards compliance and/or engage with the issuer. If, within a timeframe as determined by the Manager, no progress has been made, the Manager will divest, taking due account of the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?

The Fund ensures that the sustainable investments are in undertakings which have implemented procedures to ensure alignment with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights as assessed by one or more Data Providers.



# Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

X

Yes, the Manager considered the PAI of the Fund's investments on sustainability factors: (i) prior to and at the point of investment, by conducting (to the extent possible) due diligence on any proposed investments, with at a minimum the application of ESG exclusion policies; and (ii) on an ongoing basis by monitoring the investments against any applicable mandatory and additional PAI indicators. More information is available in the periodic reporting pursuant to Article 11(2) of the SFDR.

No



#### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

To achieve its sustainable investment objective, the Fund considers material ESG factors throughout the investment process from the definition of the relevant investment universe all the way to stock picking and portfolio construction. The Fund's ESG investment framework includes a combination of:

- (i) Strict ESG exclusion Policies;
- (ii) Monitoring of ESG controversies
- (iii) ESG best in class screening on companies' operations and business practices
- (iv) Positive screening for environmental and social impact (SDG alignment and contribution);
- (v) Active ESG engagement and voting.

These principles are integrated, on a best-efforts basis, into the investment controls where possible and reviewed on a regular basis by the Manager. Where any of the requirements are not met, the Manager will determine how best to liquidate the position(s), if appropriate, or take action to remediate the situation through active engagement with the issuer. The Manager will abstain from investing in similar investments until the identified issue is resolved and the relevant position is no longer considered in breach of the Fund's sustainability criteria detailed above.

What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain the sustainable investment objective?

#### (1) Positive Screenings

#### a. Social Impact

The Manager will measure the extent to which the activities of the investee

# objectives and risk tolerance.

The investment

strategy guides

decisions based on factors such as

investment

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companies of the Fund align and contribute to one or more of the UN-SDGs.

This assessment will investigate what share of the investee company's revenues derive from activities positively contributing to one or more SDGs, while at the same time checking whether the investee company also operates any business lines potentially conflicting with the SDGs. Only companies that derive at least 20% of the enterprise value (or sales, EBIT or EBITDA) from activities that contribute positively towards one or more of the SDGs will be eligible. The Fund will undertake this assessment through the use of SDG revenue alignment data covering approximately 18,000 companies, from an established Data Providers complemented by the Manager's internal research based on public information and dialogue with the relevant company. In case any company deemed of interest is not covered by third party data, an internal assessment will be conducted to establish the degree of revenue alignment with the SDGs, based on public information and dialogue with the relevant company.

#### b. Environmental Consciousness

The Manager will scrutinize the environmental impact of the investee companies' operations and products, to verify that these are compatible with not overshooting environmental boundaries. This analysis will be underpinned by a collection of the environmental key performance indicators (KPIs) at investee company level. These KPIs will be used to construct an index of environmental performance, which the Manager will use to rate the sustainability of companies' operations.

#### c. ESG Best-In-Class

The Manager will also perform a broader ESG due diligence to establish the degree to which ESG factors are integrated in the prospective investees' business operations, managerial practices, and organizational developments. For each sector that it invests in, the Fund aims at keeping the average ESG score of companies selected as part of the portfolio above the respective average score of the sectors where the investees operate. Companies who's global ESG score falls in the bottom 15% of the relative sector's ESG scores distribution will be excluded from the Investment Universe.

#### (2) Exclusion Policies

The Fund is subject to the Manager's firm-level exclusion policy detailed below:

#### Ethical ESG Exclusions

- a. Controversial Weapons: No investments are allowed in companies that derive any revenues from the manufacturing of controversial weapons; and/or in companies that have a significant ownership in entities excluded under this rule. No investment allowed in debt or equity issued by the top global investors in nuclear weapons and cluster weapons as defined in the Manager's exclusion policies and procedures.
- b. **Predatory Lending:** No investments are allowed in companies that: (i) derive any revenues (0% threshold) from predatory lending activities; and/or (ii) have significant ownership in companies under (i).

- c. **Tobacco:** No investment is allowed in companies that: (i) derive any revenues from the manufacturing of tobacco product; and/or (ii) derive at least 5% of revenues from supply of tobacco-related products or services; and/or (iii) have a significant ownership in companies under (i) or (ii).
- d. **Alcohol:** No investment is allowed in companies that: (i) derive at least 5% of revenues from production of alcoholic beverages and related products or services; and/or (ii) have a significant ownership in companies under (i).
- e. **Gambling**: No investments allowed in companies that: (i) derive at least 5% of revenues from gambling operations, gambling specialized equipment and supporting products or services; and /or (ii) have a significant ownership in companies under (i).
- f. **Military Contracting**: No investments allowed in companies that: (i) derive at least 5% of revenues from military contracting; and /or (ii) have a significant ownership in companies under (i).
- g. **Small Arms:** No investments allowed in companies that: (i) derive at least 5% of revenues from production of small arms; and/or (ii) at least 10% revenues from retail and distribution of small arms; and/or (iii) have a significant ownership in companies under (i) or (ii).

#### Climate ESG Exclusions

- h. Thermal Coal: No investments allowed in companies that: (i) derive any revenues (0% threshold) from the extraction of thermal coal, and/or (ii) derive any revenues (0% threshold) from thermal coal power generation; and/or (iii) have a significant ownership in companies under (i) or (ii). In addition, the Fund will not knowingly invest in debt or equity issued by the top-5 equity and bondholders in coal power plant developers, nor in the banks providing the largest share of lending to coal mining. Further, the Fund will not invest in companies that are listed on the Global Coal Exit List (GCEL) as having coal power or coal mining expansion plans regardless of the share of revenues they derive from thermal coal.
- i. **Unconventional Oil and Gas:** No investments in companies: (i) deriving any (0% threshold) revenues from exploration/extraction of either Tar Sands or Arctic Oil; and (ii) any company having a significant ownership in the companies excluded under (i).
- j. Conventional Oil and Gas: No investments in companies that: (i) derive any (0% threshold) revenues from the production of conventional oil and gas; and/or (ii) companies that derive more than 40% of revenues from conventional oil and gas power generation.

#### Normative ESG Exclusion

k. UNGC: The Fund is subject to a screening that evaluates the alignment of investee companies with the 10 Principals of the UNGC. The Manager's ESG research team carries out a UNGC screening underpinned by data from Data Providers, as well as internal research. The aim of the Manager's UNGC screening is to minimize exposure to companies with especially poor practices in key UNGC-relevant areas and identify potential issues on which to engage with companies in the portfolio.

From an operational standpoint, the UNGC screening restricts investment in companies that are identified to be involved in very serious violations of any of the

UNGC principles (human rights, labour rights, non-discrimination, environment, corruption). The Manager defines a very serious violation as the case of a company being involved in persistent UNGC-related controversies, where the controversy is of critical severity and the company is non-reactive.

Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

#### (3) Engagement and Voting

The Manager encourages good governance and sustainable corporate practices, which contribute to long-term value creation. The Manager's Proxy Voting Policy and Shareholder Engagement Policy set the principals to be applied for determining when and how any voting rights held in respect of investments are exercised.

The Manager is a supporter of the Say on Climate Initiative – Shareholder Voting on Climate Transition Action Plans (a shareholder voting initiative to encourage companies to publish annual disclosures of emissions and to adopt a plan to manage these emissions) ("Say on Climate"). Where companies will not do so voluntarily, the Manager has formally stated in its voting policy that it will vote for and/or file annual general meeting (AGM) resolutions (whenever it has voting rights, and sufficient votes) requiring such a vote that furthers the aims of Say on Climate.

#### What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The Manager assesses the governance practices of investee companies through a variety of scores covering various aspects of firm-level governance, sourced Data Providers in order to satisfy itself that the relevant investee companies follow good governance practices, in particular with respect to sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance. The investment team of the Manager may also engage with investee companies about specific governance-related issues. The dedicated AI/ Data team of the Algebris group has also developed a proprietary artificial intelligence (AI)driven controversy monitoring tool to monitor the increase of potential ESG-related controversies relating to investee companies.

To satisfy itself that the relevant investee companies follow good governance practices (in particular with respect to sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance) the Manager monitors a number of governance related key performance indicators (KPIs) for the investee companies. These include:

- Sound Management Structures: an aggregate performance index reflecting anti-crime policies and processes; business ethics; and corporate governance structure and effectiveness.
- **Employee Relations:** an aggregate performance index reflecting occupational health and safety; human capital development; and talent retention.
- Remuneration of Staff: an aggregate performance index reflecting gender pay gap; and CEO to employee pay ratio.
- **Tax Compliance:** an aggregate performance index reflecting tax strategy and governance; effective tax rate; and tax reporting.

Data for assessing the elements above is sourced from Data Providers and internal research. The investment team of the Manager may also engage with investee companies about specific governance-related issues – such as news items and/or the emergence of governance-related controversies.



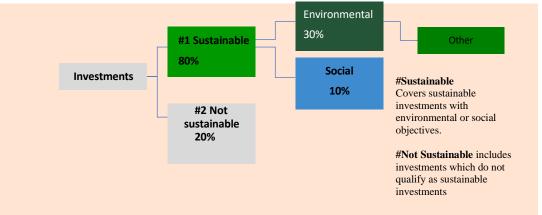
# investments?

What is the asset allocation and the minimum share of sustainable

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover
   reflecting the
   share of
   revenue from
   green activities
   of investee
   companies
- capital
  expenditure
  (CapEx) showing
  the green
  investments
  made by
  investee
  companies, e.g.
  for a transition
  to a green
  economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



The Manager commits to invest a minimum proportion of 80% of the Fund's investments in sustainable investments in order to meet its sustainable investment objective.

This is comprised of (i) a minimum of 30% in sustainable investments with an environmental objective (that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy); (ii) a minimum of 10% in sustainable investments with a social objective; and (iii) the remaining 40% will be allocated between other environmental and/or social sustainable investments but with no fixed allocation as this will depend on the availability of sustainable investments and the fact that some investments contribute to both environmental and social objectives.

The remaining 20% of investments will be in investments which are used for the purpose of hedging and cash held as ancillary liquidity. Further details on the purpose of such investments are set out below.

#### How does the use of derivatives attain the sustainable investment objective?

Whilst the Fund may use derivatives as part of its investment strategy as further detailed in the Supplement for the Fund, the use of derivatives is not conducted with a view to attaining the environmental or social objectives of the Fund.



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

While the Fund has sustainable investment as its objective, as at the date of this document, it is expected that the minimum proportion of investments of the Fund in environmentally sustainable economic activities aligned with the "EU Taxonomy" (being Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investments) (including in transitional and enabling activities) shall be 0% of the investments of the Fund.

Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and / or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy?

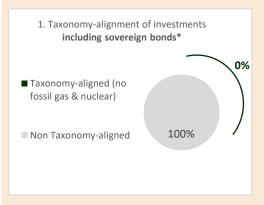


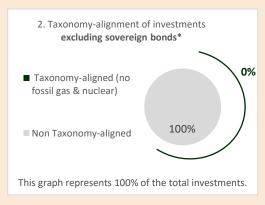
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or low-carbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

# Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

# Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

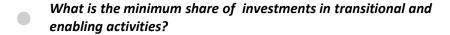




\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures.



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account the criteria
for environmentally
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economic activities
under the EU
Taxonomy.



0%. There is no commitment to a minimum proportion of investments in transitional and enabling activities.



#### What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

While the sum of sustainable investments with an environmental objective invested and sustainable investments with a social objective invested will add up to the Fund's minimum share of 80% sustainable investments, the minimum share of the Fund's investments in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy will be 30% noting that the remaining 40% will be allocated between other environmental and/or social sustainable investments but with no fixed allocation as this will depend on the availability of sustainable investments and the fact that some investments contribute to both environmental and social objectives.

The Fund invests in sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy because the currently does not use the EU Taxonomy classification system in determining whether economic activities contribute to an environmental objective or not.



# What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with a social objective?

While the sum of sustainable investments with an environmental objective invested and sustainable investments with a social objective invested will add up to the Fund's minimum share of 80% sustainable investments, the minimum share of the Fund's investments in sustainable investments with a social objective will be 10% noting that the remaining 40% will be allocated between other environmental and/or social sustainable investments but with no fixed allocation as this will depend on the availability of sustainable investments and the fact that some investments contribute to both environmental and social objectives.



# What investments are included under "#2 Not sustainable", what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The "#Other" investments made by the Fund include instruments which are used for the purpose of hedging (including currency risk management), and liquidity. These investments include, but are not limited to ancillary liquid assets, financial derivative instruments and cash and cash equivalents.

Whilst these investments may not be aligned with the sustainable investment

objective of the Fund, they will, to the extent possible, still be subject to the exclusion policies detailed above, in addition to the UNGC Screening. These provide minimum safeguards.

In respect of cash and cash equivalents held from time to time on an ancillary basis, as well as instruments for hedging purposes. No minimum environmental or social safeguards are applied in respect of these.



Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to meet the sustainable investment objective?

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable investment objective.

No specific index has been designated for the purpose of attaining the environmental characteristics promoted by the Fund.

How does the reference benchmark take into account sustainability factors in a way that is continuously aligned with the sustainable investment objective?

N/A

How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?

N/A

How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?

N/A

Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?

N/A



Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found on the website:

https://www.algebris.com/fund/algebris-sustainable-world-fund-2/