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**CHEYNE SELECT  
UCITS FUND plc**

(an open-ended variable capital investment company incorporated under the laws of Ireland established as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between its sub-funds pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011.

**PROSPECTUS**

**Investment Manager  
Cheyne Capital Management (UK) LLP**

**Investment Adviser  
Cheyne Capital International LP**

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**Dated: 9 November 2015**

PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH POOLS WHOSE PARTICIPANTS ARE LIMITED TO QUALIFIED ELIGIBLE PERSONS, AN OFFERING MEMORANDUM FOR THIS POOL IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE, AND HAS NOT BEEN, FILED WITH THE COMMISSION. THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION DOES NOT PASS UPON THE MERITS OF PARTICIPATING IN A POOL OR UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF AN OFFERING MEMORANDUM. CONSEQUENTLY, THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION HAS NOT REVIEWED OR APPROVED THIS OFFERING OR ANY OFFERING MEMORANDUM FOR THIS POOL

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Capitalised words and expressions are defined in the body of this Prospectus and/or under the heading “DEFINITIONS” below.

### THIS PROSPECTUS

**If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Prospectus, the risks involved in investing in the Company or the suitability of you investing in the Company, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent financial adviser. Shares are offered on the basis of the information contained in this Prospectus and the documents referred to herein. Prices for Shares may fall as well as rise.**

This Prospectus and any Supplements may be translated into other languages and such translation shall contain only the same information and have the same meaning as the English language Prospectus and Supplements. In the event of any inconsistency or ambiguity in relation to the meaning of any word or phrase in any translation, the English language Prospectus/Supplements shall prevail and all disputes as to the terms thereof shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ireland.

### THE COMPANY

This Prospectus describes Cheyne Select UCITS Fund plc (the “Company”), an open-ended umbrella type investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between its Funds incorporated in Ireland as a public limited company on 23 June 2009. The Company is constituted as an umbrella fund insofar as the share capital of the Company will be divided into different series of Shares with each series of Shares representing a separate portfolio of assets which will comprise a separate sub-fund (a “Fund”) of the Company. Shares of any particular Fund may be divided into one or more classes of Shares (“Classes”) to accommodate differing characteristics attributable to each such different class of Shares.

The Company has obtained the approval of the Central Bank for the establishment of five Funds, three of which are currently available for subscription namely:

- Cheyne Convertibles Absolute Return Fund;
- Cheyne Global Credit Fund; and
- Cheyne European Mid Cap Equity Fund.

The Cheyne South East Asia Long/Short (Malacca) Fund and the Cheyne European Real Estate Bond Fund are approved but closed to subscription and an application for revocation of the approval of these Funds will be made to the Central Bank after the next Accounting Period.

Each Fund will be treated as bearing its own liabilities and the Company is not liable as a whole to third parties provided, however, that if the Directors are of the opinion that a particular liability does not relate to any particular Fund or Funds, that liability shall be borne jointly by all Funds pro rata to their respective Net Asset Values at the time when the allocation is made.

This Prospectus may only be issued with one or more Supplements, each containing information relating to a separate Fund. Details relating to Classes may be dealt with in the relevant Fund Supplement or in separate Supplements for each Class. Each Supplement shall form part of, and

should be read in conjunction with, this Prospectus. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between this Prospectus and any Supplement, the relevant Supplement shall prevail.

**The Company is authorised and regulated in Ireland by the Central Bank as a UCITS pursuant to the UCITS Regulations. Authorisation of the Company by the Central Bank is not an endorsement or guarantee of the Company by the Central Bank nor is the Central Bank responsible for the contents of this Prospectus. In addition, the authorisation of the Company by the Central Bank shall not constitute a warranty as to the performance of the Company and the Central Bank shall not be liable for the performance or default of the Company.**

Distribution of this Prospectus is not authorised in any jurisdiction after date of publication of the first semi-annual report of the Company unless accompanied by a copy of such semi-annual report and thereafter unless accompanied by a copy of the latest annual or semi-annual report. Such reports and this Prospectus and the Supplements together form the Prospectus for the issue of Shares. All holders of Shares are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by and are deemed to have notice of the Constitution, copies of which are available as mentioned herein.

## **DISTRIBUTION AND SELLING RESTRICTIONS**

### **General**

The distribution of this Prospectus and the offering or purchase of the Shares may be restricted in certain jurisdictions. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer or solicitation in a jurisdiction where to do so is unlawful or the person making the offer or solicitation is not qualified or authorised to do so or a person receiving the offer or solicitation may not lawfully do so. No persons receiving a copy of this Prospectus or any accompanying application form in any jurisdiction may treat this Prospectus or such form as constituting an invitation to them to subscribe for Shares, nor should they in any event apply for the purchase of Shares unless in the relevant jurisdiction such an invitation could lawfully be made to them and accepted by them without compliance with any registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person in possession of this Prospectus and of any person wishing to apply for Shares to inform themselves of and to observe all applicable laws and regulations of the countries of their nationality, residence, ordinary residence or domicile.

Under the Constitution, the Directors have the power to redeem or require the transfer of Shares held by or for the account of any person in breach of the laws or requirements of any country or government authority or by any person or persons in circumstances where the holding of such Shares may, in the opinion of the Directors, result in regulatory, pecuniary, legal, taxation or material administrative disadvantage for the Company or its Shareholders as a whole or to maintain such minimum holding of Shares as shall be prescribed from time to time to Directors.

Potential subscribers for Shares should inform themselves as to (a) the possible income tax and other taxation consequences, (b) the legal requirements and (c) any foreign exchange restrictions or exchange control requirements which they might encounter under the laws of their respective countries of nationality, citizenship, residence, ordinary residence or domicile and which might be relevant to the subscription, holding or disposal of Shares.

### **United Kingdom**

As of the date of this Prospectus, the Company is not registered for sale in the United Kingdom and, as such, is not a recognised scheme for the purposes of Section 238 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. The promotion of the Company and its Funds and the distribution of this Prospectus in the United Kingdom are, consequently, restricted by law until such time as the Company is registered for sale in the United Kingdom.

This Prospectus is being issued in the United Kingdom by the Company to, and/or is directed at, persons to whom it may lawfully be issued or directed at under the Financial Services and Markets

Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 including persons who are authorised under the FSMA (“authorised persons”), certain persons having professional experience in matters relating to investments, high net worth companies, high net worth unincorporated associations or partnerships, trustees of high value trusts and persons who qualify as certified sophisticated investors. The Shares are only available to such persons in the United Kingdom and this Prospectus must not be relied on or acted upon by any other persons in the United Kingdom.

This Prospectus is exempt from the general restriction in Section 21 of the FSMA on the communication of invitations or inducements to engage in investment activity on the grounds that it is being issued to and/or directed at only the types of person referred to above.

Acquiring Shares may expose an investor to a significant risk of losing the entire amount invested. Any person who is in any doubt about investing in the Fund should consult an authorised person specialising in advising on such investments.

### **United States**

None of the Shares have been, nor will be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 (the “1933 Act”) and, except in a transaction which does not violate the 1933 Act or any other applicable United States securities laws (including without limitation any applicable law of any of the States of the United States), none of the Shares may be directly or indirectly offered or sold in the United States of America, or any of its territories or possessions or areas subject to its jurisdiction, or to or for the benefit of a US Person. Neither the Company nor any Fund will be registered under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”) and investors will not be entitled to the benefits of such registration. Pursuant to an exemption from registration, the Company may make a private placement of the Shares to a limited category of US Persons. Any re-sales or transfers of the Shares in the US or to US Persons may constitute a violation of US law and requires the prior written consent of the Company. Applicants for Shares will be required to certify whether they are a US Person and will be required to declare whether they are Irish Residents.

The offering of securities hereby has not been filed with or approved or disapproved by any regulatory authority of any country or jurisdiction, nor has any such regulatory authority passed upon or endorsed the merits of this offering or the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is unlawful.

The Company reserves the right to accept, reject or condition applications from US Persons if the Company does not receive evidence satisfactory to it that the sale of Shares to such an investor is exempt from registration under the securities laws of the United States, including, but not limited to, the 1933 Act, that such sale will not require the Company to register under the 1940 Act and, in all events, that there will be no adverse tax or other regulatory consequences to the Company or its shareholders as a result of such sale. Notwithstanding the foregoing prohibition on offers and sales in the United States or to or for the benefit of US Persons, the Company may make a private placement of its Shares in compliance with the 1933 Act.

The following statements are required to be made under applicable regulations of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “CFTC”). As the Company is a collective investment vehicle that may make transactions in commodity interests, the Company is considered to be a “commodity pool”. The Investment Adviser is considered to be a commodity pool operator (“CPO”) with respect to each of the Funds.

Pursuant to CFTC Rule 4.13(a)(3), each of the Investment Adviser and the Investment Manager is exempt from registration with the CFTC as a CPO. Therefore, unlike a registered CPO, the neither the Investment Adviser nor the Investment Manager is not required to deliver a disclosure document and a certified annual report to investors in the Fund. Each of the Investment Adviser and the Investment Manager qualifies for such exemption based on the following criteria: (i) the interests in the Company are exempt from registration under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the

“Securities Act”), and are offered and sold without marketing to the public in the United States; (ii) the Company meets the trading limitations of either CFTC Rule 4.13(a)(3)(ii)(A) or (B); (iii) each CPO reasonably believes, at the time a U.S. Person investor makes his investment in the Company (or at the time the CPO began to rely on Rule 4.13(a)(3)), that each U.S. Person investor in the Company is (a) an “accredited investor,” as defined in Rule 501(a) of Regulation D under the Securities Act, (b) a trust that is not an accredited investor but that was formed by an accredited investor for the benefit of a family member, (c) a “knowledgeable employee,” as defined in Rule 3c-5 under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended or (d) a “qualified eligible person,” as defined in CFTC Rule 4.7(a)(2)(viii)(A); and (iv) interests in the Company are not marketed as or in a vehicle for trading in the commodity futures or commodity options markets.

## **Switzerland**

### *Place of Performance and Jurisdiction*

The Company is domiciled in Ireland. The Company has not been and shall not be approved by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (“FINMA”) as a foreign collective investment scheme pursuant to Article 120 of the Swiss Collective Investment Schemes Act of 23 June 2006 (the “CISA”), as amended. Accordingly, the Company is not subject to the supervision of the FINMA and investors do not benefit from the investor protection granted by the CISA. Furthermore, this document may only be distributed in or from Switzerland to qualified investors within the meaning of Article 10 paragraph 3 of the CISA as revised, and under Article 6 of the Swiss Federal Collective Investment Schemes Ordinance (“CISO”) (“Qualified Investors”). This document may only be issued, circulated or distributed so as not to constitute an offering to the general public in Switzerland. Recipients of the document in Switzerland should not pass it on to anyone without first consulting their legal or other appropriate professional adviser, or the Swiss Representative. In respect of the Shares distributed in and from Switzerland, the place of performance and jurisdiction is at the registered office of the Swiss Representative.

### *Swiss Representative and Paying Agent*

The Company’s Representative in Switzerland is Acolin Fund Services AG, Stadelhoferstrasse 18, CH-8001 Zurich, whilst the Company’s Paying Agent is Banque Cantonale de Geneve, 17 quai de l’Ile, 1204 Geneve, Switzerland. The basic documents of the Company as well as the annual and semi-annual report may be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the Swiss Representative.

### *Payment of Retrocessions and Rebates*

The Investment Manager/Investment Adviser and its agent may pay retrocessions as remuneration for distribution activity in respect of the Shares in the Cheyne Convertibles Absolute Return Fund and Cheyne European Mid Cap Equity Fund in or from Switzerland. Retrocessions are deemed to be payments and other soft commissions paid by the Investment Manager/Investment Adviser and its agents to eligible third parties for distribution activities in respect of Shares in Switzerland.

This remuneration may be deemed payment for any offering of and advertising for the Funds including any type of activity whose object is the purchase of the Funds or purchasing Shares of the Funds on behalf of clients under a discretionary mandate. Retrocessions are not deemed to be rebates even if they are ultimately passed on, in full or in part, to the investor.

On request, the recipients of the retrocessions must ensure transparent disclosure and inform investors, unsolicited and free of charge, about the amount of remuneration they may receive for distributing the investment fund to the investor concerned.

In the case of distribution activity in or from Switzerland, the Investment Manager/Investment Adviser and its agents, may upon request, pay rebates directly to investors. The purpose of rebates is to reduce the fees or costs incurred by the investors in question. Rebates are permitted provided that:

- they are paid from fees received by the Investment Manager/Investment Adviser and therefore do not represent an additional charge on the assets of the Funds;
- they are granted on the basis of objective criteria;
- all investors who meet these objective criteria and demand rebates are also granted these. The objective criteria for the granting of rebates by Investment Manager/Investment Adviser are as follows:
  - i. the volume subscribed by the investor or the total volume they hold in the relevant Fund or, where applicable, in the product range of the Investment Manager;
  - ii. the amount of the fees generated by the investor;
  - iii. the investment behaviour shown by the investor (e.g. expected investment period);
  - iv. the investor's willingness to provide support in the launch phase of the Fund (early participation).

At the request of the investor, the Investment Manager/ Investment Adviser must disclose the amounts of such rebates free of charge.

## **RELIANCE ON THIS PROSPECTUS**

Shares in the Company are offered only on the basis of the information contained in this Prospectus and any Supplement, the latest audited annual accounts and any subsequent semi-annual report of the Company. Any further information or representations given or made by any dealer, broker or other person should be disregarded and, accordingly, should not be relied upon. No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation in connection with the Company other than those contained in this Prospectus and in any Supplements, in any subsequent semi-annual or annual report for the Company and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied on as having been authorised by the Company, the Directors, the Investment Manager, the Investment Adviser, the Administrator or the Custodian. Statements in this Prospectus and any Supplement are based on the law and practice currently in force in Ireland at the date hereof and are subject to change. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor the issue of Shares shall, under any circumstances, create any implication or constitute any representation that the information contained in this Prospectus and any Supplement is correct as of any time subsequent to the date hereof or that the affairs of the Company have not changed since the date hereof.

This Prospectus and any Supplement may also be translated into other languages. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between the English language Prospectus/Supplement and the Prospectus/Supplement in another language, the English language Prospectus/Supplement will prevail.

## **REDEMPTION FEE**

**Shareholders may be subject to a redemption fee calculated as a percentage of redemption monies as specified in the relevant Supplement subject to a maximum of 3%. In the event of a redemption fee being charged, Shareholders should view their investment as medium to long term.**

## **SALES COMMISSIONS**

Shareholders may be subject to a sales commission calculated as a percentage of subscription monies as specified in the relevant Supplement subject to a maximum of 5%. Such commission may be charged as a preliminary one-off charge.

## **INVESTMENT RISKS**

Investment in the Company carries with it a degree of risk. The value of Shares and the income from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount invested. Investment risk factors are set out under the heading “Risk Factors” and investors should read and consider this section before investing in the Company.

Some of the Funds may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes. While the prudent use of such derivatives can be beneficial, derivatives also involve risks different from, and in certain cases, greater than, the risks presented by more traditional investments.

### **Key Investor Information Document**

**Key Investor Information Documents are available for each Fund of the Company. In addition to summarising some important information in this Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Documents may contain information on the historical performance and the ongoing charges for each of the Funds. The Key Investor Information Documents can be obtained from the registered office of the Company which is set out under the heading “Directory”.**

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## DEFINITIONS

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In this Prospectus, the following words and phrases have the meanings set forth below, except where the context otherwise requires:-

"Accounting Date"	means 31 December in each year;
"Accounting Period"	means a period ending on the Accounting Date and commencing, in the case of the first such period on the date of authorisation of the Company and, in subsequent such periods, on the day following expiry of the last Accounting Period;
"Act"	means the Companies Act 2014 (as amended, consolidated or supplemented from time to time) including any regulations issued pursuant thereto, insofar as they apply to open-ended investment companies with variable capital;
"Administration Agreement"	means the Administration Agreement dated 30 September 2011 between the Company and Citi Hedge Fund Services (Ireland), Limited (and as transferred from Citi Hedge Fund Services (Ireland), Limited to the Administrator pursuant to a scheme of arrangement on 1 January 2012) pursuant to which the latter acts as administrator to the Company;
"Administrator"	means Citibank Europe plc or such other person as may be appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, to provide administration services to the Company;
"Application Form"	means the application form as prescribed by the Company from time to time, to be completed by subscribers for Shares.
"Auditors"	means KPMG;
"Base Currency"	means the currency of account of a Fund as specified in the relevant Supplement relating to that Fund;
"Benefit Plan Investor"	means as defined in Appendix III;
"Business Day"	means, in relation to a Fund, such day or days as specified in the relevant Supplement for that Fund;
"Central Bank"	means the Central Bank of Ireland or any successor regulatory authority with responsibility for the authorisation and supervision of the Company;
"Central Bank UCITS Regulations"	means the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2015;
"CFTC"	means the Commodity Futures Trading Commission;

“Class”	means a particular division of Shares in a Fund;
“Code”	means the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
“Company”	means Cheyne Select UCITS Fund plc;
“Constitution”	means the memorandum and articles of association of the Company as amended from time to time;
"Custodian"	means Citi Depository Services Ireland Limited or any successor thereto duly appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank to act as custodian to the Company;
"Custodian Agreement"	means the custody agreement between the Company and the Custodian dated 30th September 2011 as novated by way of a deed of novation dated 6 November 2015;
"Dealing Day"	means, in relation to a Fund, such day or days as shall be specified in the relevant Supplement for that Fund, provided always that there shall be at least two Dealing Days at regular intervals every month;
"Dealing Deadline"	means, in relation to a Fund, such time as shall be specified in the relevant Supplement for the Fund;
"Directors"	means the directors of the Company for the time being and any duly authorised committee thereof;
"EEA"	means European Economic Area;
“Exchange Traded Fund”	means a fund, at least one unit or share class of which is continuously tradable on at least one Recognised Market or multilateral trading facility (MTF) with at least one market maker which takes action to ensure that the stock exchange value of its units or shares does not significantly vary from their net asset value.
“Exempt Irish Investor”	means “Exempt Irish Investor” as defined under the heading “Taxation”;
“FATCA” or “Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act”	means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, and any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b) of the Code, or any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement entered into in connection with the implementation of these Sections of the Code;
“FCA”	means the Financial Conduct Authority of the United Kingdom;
“Financial Account”	means a “Financial Account” as used in the intergovernmental agreement between the U.S. and Ireland for the purposes of FATCA;
“Financial Institution”	means a “Financial Institution” as defined in FATCA;
"FSMA"	means the United Kingdom Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and every amendment or re-enactment of the same;
"Fund"	means a sub-fund of the Company established by the Directors from time to time with the prior approval of the Central Bank represented by

	one or more classes of Shares, the proceeds of issue of which are pooled separately and invested in accordance with the investment objective and policies applicable to such sub-fund;
“Initial Price”	means the initial price payable for a Share as specified in the relevant Supplement for each Fund;
"Investment Adviser"	means Cheyne Capital International L.P., the investment adviser to the Company, or such other person as may be appointed, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, to act as investment adviser to the Company;
"Investment Advisory Agreement"	means the Investment Advisory Agreement dated 5 March 2010 as novated to Cheyne Capital International L.P. pursuant to a novation agreement between the Company, Cheyne Capital International Limited and Cheyne Capital International L.P. dated 1 January 2013;
"Investment Management Agreement”	means the Investment Management Agreement made between the Company and the Investment Manager dated 3 September 2009;
“Investment Manager”	means Cheyne Capital Management (UK) LLP or such other person as may be appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, to provide investment management services to the Company;
"Irish Resident"	means "Irish Resident" as defined under the heading “Taxation”;
"Member"	means a Shareholder or a person who is registered as the holder of one or more Non-Participating Shares in the Company;
"Member State"	means a member state of the European Union;
"Minimum Holding"	in respect of each Fund or Class, means the minimum number or value of Shares which must be held by Shareholders as may be specified in the relevant Fund or Class Supplement;
"Minimum Subscription"	in respect of each Fund or Class, means the minimum initial subscription or minimum subsequent subscription for Shares as may be specified in the relevant Fund or Class Supplement;
"Money Market Funds”	means open-ended mutual funds which invest only in money market instruments which comply with the criteria for money market instruments as set out in Directive 2009/65/EC, or deposits with credit institutions.
"Money Market Instruments"	means instruments normally dealt in on the money markets which are liquid, have a value which can be accurately determined at any time and include, but are not limited to, government debt, commercial paper, bankers acceptances, certificates of deposit and other short term debt securities as ancillary liquid assets, and which are further described in the UCITS Rules
“Net Asset Value per	means the Net Asset Value of a Fund or attributable to a Class (as appropriate) calculated as referred to herein;

Share”	means the Net Asset Value of a Fund divided by the number of Shares in issue of that Fund or the Net Asset Value attributable to a Class divided by the number of Shares issued in that Class, which may be adjusted in the manner set out under the heading “Calculation of Net Asset Value” and rounded to such number of decimal places as the Directors may determine;
“Net Redemption Position”	means the position on any Dealing Day when total redemptions of Shares exceed total subscription of Shares;
“Net Subscription Position”	means the position on any Dealing Day when total subscriptions of Shares exceed total redemptions of Shares;
“Non-Participating Shares”	means a redeemable non-participating share in the capital of the Company issued in accordance with and having rights provided for in the Constitution;
“OECD”	means the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development comprising of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States;
“Ordinarily Resident in Ireland”	means “Ordinarily Resident in Ireland” as defined under the heading “Taxation”;
“Performance Fee”	means a performance related investment management fee;
“Performance Hurdle”	means a performance related hurdle which may be applied to any Fund or Class and as may be specified in the relevant Fund or Class Supplement;
“Performance Period”	means the period in respect of which a Performance Fee may be payable;
"Prospectus"	means the prospectus of the Company and any Supplements and addenda thereto issued in accordance with the requirements of the UCITS Regulations;
“Recognised Exchange”	means the any stock exchange or markets set out in Appendix II;
“Share"	means a participating share or, save as otherwise provided in this Prospectus, a fraction of a participating share in the capital of the Company;
"Shareholder"	means a person who is registered as the holder of Shares in the Register of Shareholders for the time being kept by or on behalf of the Company;
“Supplement”	means a supplement to this Prospectus setting out information specific to a Fund and/or Classes;

"UCITS"	means an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities within the meaning of the UCITS Regulations;
"UCITS Regulation" or "UCITS Regulations"	means the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011 (S.I. No. 352 of 2011) as amended, supplemented or consolidated from time to time. The UCITS Regulations transpose and implement Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and the European Council of 13 July 2009, Commission Directive 2010/43/EU of 1 July 2010 and Commission Directive 2010/44/EU of 1 July 2010;
"UCITS Rules"	means the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and any guidance or Q&A document issued by the Central Bank from time to time pursuant to the Central Bank UCITS Regulations; or any document published by the Central Bank which sets down all of the conditions which the Central Bank imposes on UCITS, their management companies and depositaries;
"UK"	means the United Kingdom;
"US Person"	means as defined in Appendix III;
"U.S. Reportable Account"	means a Financial Account held by a U.S. Reportable Person;
"U.S. Reportable Person"	means (i) a "U.S. Taxpayer" who is not an Excluded U.S. Taxpayer or (ii) a Passive U.S. Controlled Foreign Entity. See Appendix III herein for a complete definition of U.S. Reportable Person, Excluded U.S. Taxpayer, and Passive U.S. Controlled Foreign Entity;
"US Taxpayer"	means as defined in Appendix III;
"Valuation Point"	means such time as shall be specified in the relevant Supplement for each Fund;
"VAT"	means value added tax;
"1933 Act"	means the US Securities Act of 1933; and
"1940 Act"	means the US Investment Company Act of 1940.

In this Prospectus, unless otherwise specified, all references to "billion" are to one thousand million, to "US Dollars", "USD", "US\$" or "cents" are to United States Dollars or cents, to "£" or "Sterling" are to Pounds Sterling and to "€" or "Euro" are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of the economic monetary union pursuant to the Treaty of Rome dated 25 March, 1957 (as amended) establishing the European Union.

In this Prospectus any reference to any statute, statutory provisions or to any order or regulation shall be construed as a reference to:

- (a) that statute, provision, order or regulation as extended, amended, replaced or reenacted from time to time;
- (b) all statutory instruments made under it or deriving validity from it;
- (c) any statutory instruments made under any enactment to be read and/or construed with any such statute, statutory provisions, order or regulation; and

(d) any rules made by competent authorities under or pursuant to a statutory instrument.

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## THE COMPANY

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The Company was incorporated in Ireland under the Act on 23 June 2009 as an open-ended umbrella type investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between its Funds. It is authorised in Ireland by the Central Bank as an investment company pursuant to the UCITS Regulations. The Company is structured in the form of an umbrella fund consisting of different Funds comprising one or more Classes.

The Shares of each Class will rank *pari passu* with each other in all respects provided that they may differ as to certain matters including, without limitation, currency denomination, hedging strategies, if any, applied to the currency of a particular Class, dividend policy, the level of fees and expenses to be charged, subscription or redemption procedures or the Minimum Subscription and Minimum Holding applicable. The Shares of each Class established in respect of a Fund will be specified in the relevant Supplement.

### **The Funds**

The net proceeds from the issue of Shares in a Fund will be applied in the records and accounts of that Fund. The assets and liabilities and income and expenditure attributable thereto will also be applied to that Fund, subject to the provisions of the Constitution. The assets of each Fund will be separate from one another and will be invested separately in accordance with the investment objective and policies of each Fund, all as set out in the relevant Supplement. As the Company has segregated liability between Funds, any liability incurred on behalf of or attributable to any Fund shall be discharged solely out of the assets of the Fund. A separate portfolio of assets is not maintained for each Class.

Additional Funds may be added by the Directors with the prior approval of the Central Bank. The name of each Fund, the terms and conditions of its initial offer/placing of Shares and details of any applicable fees and expenses shall be set out in the relevant Supplement to the Prospectus. Additional Classes may be added by the Directors with prior notification to and clearance by the Central Bank. Classes may be established within a Fund which may be subject to different terms including, without limitation, dividend policy, hedging strategies, higher, lower or no fees, where applicable and information in relation to the fees applicable to other Classes within a Fund will be available on request from the Administrator. This Prospectus may only be issued with one or more Supplements, each containing information relating to a separate Fund and/or Class.

Each Fund will bear its own liabilities as may be determined at the discretion of the Directors. The Company is not liable as a whole to third parties, provided, however, that if the Directors are of the opinion that a particular liability of the Company does not relate to any particular Fund, that liability shall be allocated between the relevant Funds proportionately to the Net Asset Value of each Fund.

The assets of each Fund will otherwise belong exclusively to that Fund, will be segregated from any other Funds, will not be used to discharge directly or indirectly the liabilities of or claims against any other Funds and will not be available for such purpose.

### **Investment Objective and Policies**

The specific investment objective and policies of each Fund will be set out in the relevant Supplement and will be formulated by the Directors at the time of creation of each Fund.

With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted instruments, collective investment schemes, financial derivative instruments or deposits, investments will be made on Recognised Exchanges, as listed in Appendix II hereto. Subject to the requirements set out in paragraph 3 of Appendix I, a Fund



may invest in the Shares of another Fund of the Company provided that investment is not made in the Shares of a Fund which itself holds shares in another Fund.

Pending investment of the proceeds of a placing or offer of Shares or where market or other factors so warrant, a Fund may, subject to the investment restrictions set out under the heading “Investment Restrictions” below, hold ancillary liquid assets such as Money Market Instruments and cash deposits denominated in such currency or currencies as the Directors may determine having consulted with the Investment Manager.

Each Fund is also generally permitted to use financial derivative instruments to more effectively manage the level of investment risk and to facilitate efficient investment and management of cash and liquidity on the other hand, as set out in more detail under the heading “Use of Financial Derivative Instruments” below.

The Investment Manager may also use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes as will be indicated in the relevant Supplement. Using derivatives in this way will increase the degree of leverage in a Fund relative to unlevered purchases. However, by purchasing either the right or obligation to sell a security at a price which is higher than the Investment Manager initially paid, using derivatives may reduce a Fund’s overall exposure to particular markets, individual securities or specific market factors, such as currency and interest rates. Such exposure can also be created by purchasing puts (the right to sell to a counterparty at a fixed price in the future) without holding the underlying asset. This technique is known as “going short” or “shorting” and may be more generally used for absolute return-type strategies.

Where permitted by the investment objective and policy for a particular Fund, and by the investment strategy as set out in the relevant Supplement, the Investment Manager may also use short positions to create negative exposures to certain securities or market factors, so as to benefit from falling prices, without the Fund having any corresponding or related long position.

The investments of each Fund shall at any time comply with the restrictions set out in Appendix I and investors should, prior to any investment being made, take due account of the risks of investments set out under the heading "Risk Factors" below.

The Investment Manager has in place a policy for the exercise of voting rights which may be attached to a Fund’s investments, which is available to Shareholders free of charge upon request. Shareholders may request details of the actions taken in accordance with the exercise of voting rights from the Investment Manager at the following address: Stornoway House, 13 Cleveland Row, London SW1A 1DH, United Kingdom.

The Directors are responsible for the formulation of each Fund’s investment objective and investment policies and any subsequent changes to those objectives or policies. The investment objective of a Fund may not be altered without approval on the basis of a majority of votes cast at a meeting of the Shareholders of the particular Fund duly convened and held. Similarly, material changes to the investment policies of a Fund will require prior approval on the basis of a majority of votes cast at a meeting of the Shareholders of the particular Fund duly convened and held. In this context, a “material” change shall be a change which would significantly alter the asset type, credit quality, borrowing or leverage limits or risk profile of the relevant Fund. In the event of a change of the investment objective and/or policy of a Fund, Shareholders in the relevant Fund will be given reasonable notice of such change to enable them to redeem their Shares prior to implementation of such a change.

## **Use of Financial Derivative Instruments**

### *Efficient Portfolio Management*

The Company may, on behalf of each Fund and subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank, use techniques and instruments for hedging purposes (to protect a Fund against, or minimise liability from, fluctuations in market value or foreign currency exposures) or for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (including but not limited to: forward foreign currency exchange contracts, futures contracts, options, put and call options on securities, indices and currencies, stock index contracts, swap contracts, repurchase/reverse repurchase and stock lending agreements).

The Company may engage in such techniques and instruments for the reduction of risk, cost or the generation of additional capital or income for each Fund with an appropriate level of risk, taking into account the risk profile of the Company as described in this Prospectus and the general provisions of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

### *Direct Investment*

A Fund may also invest in financial derivative instruments as part of its investment strategy, subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank, where such intention is disclosed in the Fund's investment policy. The use of financial derivative instruments by a Fund will increase the effective leverage within the portfolio.

### *Risk Management Process*

Where a Fund intends to engage in transactions in relation to financial derivative instruments, a risk management process will be submitted to the Central Bank in accordance with the Central Bank's Guidance Note 3/03 prior to the Company entering into transactions involving financial derivative instruments. The risk management process enables the Company to accurately monitor, measure and manage, on an ongoing basis, all open derivative positions and the overall risk profile of a Fund's portfolio.

## **Investment Restrictions and Borrowing Powers**

Investment of the assets of each Fund must comply with the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. No Fund will invest in any other fund or collective investment scheme except Money Market Funds (for cash management purposes) or Exchange Traded Funds (for hedging purposes), and no Fund will invest more than 10% of its Net Asset Value in Money Market Funds or Exchange Traded Funds. The Directors may impose further restrictions in respect of any Fund. The investment and borrowing restrictions applying to the Company and each Fund are set out in Appendix I. Each Fund may also hold ancillary liquid assets.

The Company may only borrow in respect of a Fund on a temporary basis and the aggregate amount of such borrowings may not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund. Subject to this limit, the Directors may exercise all borrowing powers on behalf of the Company and may charge the relevant Fund's assets as security for such borrowings only in accordance with the provisions of the UCITS Rules.

The Company will, with respect to each Fund, adhere to any investment or borrowing restrictions herein and any criteria necessary to obtain and/or maintain any credit rating in respect of any Shares or Class in the Company, subject to the UCITS Rules.

It is intended that the Company or any Fund shall have the power (subject to the prior approval of the Central Bank) to avail itself of any change in the investment and borrowing restrictions specified in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations which would permit investment by the Company or any Fund in

securities, financial derivative instruments or in any other forms of investment in which investment is at the date of this Prospectus restricted or prohibited under the UCITS Rules.

## **Hedging**

### *Class Currency Hedging*

The Company may also (but is not obliged to) enter into certain currency related transactions in order to hedge the currency exposure of the assets of a Fund attributable to a particular Class into the currency of denomination of the relevant Class for the purposes of efficient portfolio management. While not the intention, over-hedged or under-hedged positions may arise due to factors outside of the control of the Company. Each Fund may employ such techniques and instruments provided that the level of the currency exposure hedged does not exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value of a Class. Hedged positions will be kept under review to ensure that over-hedged positions do not exceed this level and that positions materially in excess of 100% of the Net Asset Value of a Class are not carried forward from month to month. If the level of currency exposure hedged exceeds 105% of the Net Asset Value of a Class as a result of market movements in the underlying investments of the relevant Fund or trading activity in respect of the Shares of the Fund the Investment Manager shall adopt as a priority objective the managing back of the leverage to 100%, taking due account of the interests of Shareholders. Otherwise, a Fund will not be leveraged as a result of the transactions entered into for the purposes of hedging.

While the Company may attempt to hedge against currency exposure at a Class level, there can be no guarantee that the value of a Class will not be affected by fluctuations in the value of the Base Currency relative to the currency of the Class. Any costs related to such hedging shall be borne separately by the relevant Class. All gains/losses which may be made by any Class of any Fund as a result of such hedging transactions shall accrue to the relevant Class of Shares. Hedging transactions shall be clearly attributable to the relevant Class of Shares. Any currency exposure of a Class may not be combined with or offset against that of any other Class of a Fund. The currency exposure of the assets attributable to a Class may not be allocated to other Classes. The use of Class hedging strategies may substantially limit holders of Shares in the relevant Class from benefiting if the Class currency falls against the Base Currency and/or the currency in which the assets of the relevant Fund are denominated.

The Funds may implement currency hedging strategies by using spot and forward foreign exchange contracts and currency futures, options and swap contracts.

In the case of unhedged Classes, a currency conversion will take place on subscription, redemption and conversion and any distributions at prevailing exchange rates. The value of a Share of such a Class expressed in a currency other than the Base Currency will be subject to share currency designation risk in relation to the Base Currency.

### *Fund/Portfolio Currency Hedging*

Each Fund generally operates its investment portfolio in its Base Currency as specified in the relevant Supplement. As long as a Fund holds securities or currencies denominated in a currency other than the denomination of the Base Currency of a Fund, the value of a Fund may be affected by the value of such currency relative to the Base Currency. The Company may use currency hedging techniques to remove or reduce the currency exposure against the Base Currency; however, this may not be possible or practicable in all cases. As long as a Fund holds securities denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency of the Fund, the Fund's Net Asset Value may be affected by the value of the other currency relative to the Base Currency.

## **Dividend Policy**

The Directors are empowered by the Constitution to declare and pay dividends in respect of Shares of any Class or Fund in the Company out of the net income of the Company being the income of the Company from dividends, interest or otherwise and net realised and unrealised gains (i.e. realised and unrealised capital gains net of all realised and unrealised losses) less accrued expenses of the Company, subject to certain adjustments. The dividend policy and information on the declaration and payment of dividends for each Fund, where applicable, will be specified in the relevant Supplement.

## **Publication of Net Asset Value per Share**

The Net Asset Value per Share may be published in the Financial Times or such other publications as the Directors may determine in the jurisdictions in which the Shares are offered for sale. In addition, the Net Asset Value per Share may be obtained from the Administrator during normal business hours.

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## **RISK FACTORS**

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**Potential investors should understand that all investments involve risks. The following risks and those described in the Supplements are some of the risks of investing in the Company, but the list does not purport to be exhaustive. Potential investors should be aware that an investment in a Fund may be exposed to other risks of an exceptional nature from time to time. Investment in the Company carries with it a degree of risk. Different risks may apply to different Funds and/or Classes. Details of specific risks attaching to a particular Fund or Class which are additional to those described in this section will be disclosed in the relevant Supplement. Potential investors should review this Prospectus and the relevant Supplement carefully and in its entirety and consult with their professional and financial advisers before making an application for Shares.**

### *Investment Risk*

**Potential investors should note that the investments of the Company and any Fund are subject to normal market fluctuations and there can be no assurance that any appreciation in value will occur. The value of investments and the income from them, and therefore the value of, and income from the Shares, can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount invested. Investors should also be aware that in the event of a sales commission and/or a redemption fee being charged, the difference at any time between the sale and redemption price of Shares in any Fund means that an investment should be viewed as medium to long term. Changes in exchange rates between currencies may also cause the value of the investments to diminish or increase. Past performance of the Company or any Fund should not be relied upon as an indicator of future performance. In addition, the Company will, on request, provide supplementary information to Shareholders relating to the risk management methods employed including the quantitative limits that are applied and recent developments in the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of investments applicable to the relevant Fund.**

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

### *Dependence on the Investment Manager*

The Investment Manager is responsible for investing the assets of the Funds. The success of each Fund depends upon the ability of the Investment Manager to develop and implement investment strategies that achieve each Fund's investment objectives.

### *Redemption Risk*

Large redemptions of Shares in a Fund might result in a Fund being forced to sell assets at a time and price at which the Investment Manager would normally prefer not to dispose of those assets possibly leading to a lower price being realised for such assets.

### *Issuer Risk*

There can be no assurance that issuers of the securities or other instruments in which a Fund invests will not be subject to credit difficulties or other market conditions leading to the loss of some or all of the sums invested in such securities or instruments or payments due on such securities or instruments.

### *Interest Rate Risk*

The value of Shares may be affected by movements in interest rates.

The fixed-income securities in which a Fund may invest are interest rate sensitive and may be subject to price volatility due to such factors including, but not limited to, changes in interest rates, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity. The magnitude of these fluctuations will be greater when the maturity of the outstanding securities is longer. An increase in interest rates will generally reduce the value of fixed-income securities, while a decline in interest rates will generally increase the value of fixed-income securities. When interest rates fall, the inflow of net new money to a Fund from the continuous sale of Shares in the Fund tends to be invested in instruments producing lower yields than the balance of the obligations held by the Fund, thereby reducing the Fund's current yield. In periods of rising interest rates, the opposite can be expected to occur.

The performance of a Fund will therefore depend in part on the ability of the Investment Manager to anticipate and respond to such fluctuations in market interest rates and to utilise appropriate strategies to maximise returns, while attempting to minimise the associated risks to investment capital.

### *Credit Risk*

A Fund will have a credit risk to the issuer of debt securities in which it invests, which will vary depending on the issuer's ability to make principal and interest payments on the obligation. Not all of the securities in which a Fund may invest that are issued by sovereign governments or political subdivisions, agencies or instrumentalities thereof, will have the explicit full faith and credit support of the relevant Government. Any failure by any such Government to meet the obligations of any such political subdivisions, agencies or instrumentalities which default will have adverse consequences for a Fund and will adversely affect the Net Asset Value per Share in a Fund.

A Fund will also have a credit risk to the parties with which it trades. Foreign exchange, futures and other transactions involve counterparty credit risk and will expose the Fund to unanticipated losses to the extent that counterparties are unable or unwilling to fulfil their contractual obligations. With respect to futures contracts and options on futures, the risk is more complex in that it involves the potential default of the clearing house or the clearing broker.

The Investment Manager on behalf of a Fund may have contractual remedies upon any default pursuant to the agreements related to the transactions.

### *Market Risk*

Some of the Recognised Exchanges in which a Fund may invest may be less well-regulated than those in developed markets and may prove to be illiquid, insufficiently liquid or highly volatile from time to time. This may affect the price at which a Fund may liquidate positions to meet redemption requests or other funding requirements. In addition, the investments of a Fund are subject to normal market

fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in international securities markets and there can be no assurances that appreciation or preservation of capital will occur.

#### *Exchange Control and Repatriation Risk*

It may not be possible for Funds to repatriate capital, dividends, interest and other income from certain countries, or it may require government consents to do so. Funds could be adversely affected by the introduction of, or delays in, or refusal to grant any such consent for the repatriation of funds or by any official intervention affecting the process of settlement of transactions. Economic or political conditions could lead to the revocation or variation of consent granted prior to investment being made in any particular country or to the imposition of new restrictions.

#### *Political and/or Regulatory Risks*

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

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

With the passage of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (“Dodd-Frank”) in the United States, there has been extensive rulemaking and regulatory changes that have affected and will continue to affect private fund managers, the funds that they manage and the financial industry as a whole. Under Dodd-Frank, the SEC has mandated new reporting requirements and is expected to mandate new recordkeeping requirements for investment advisers, which are expected to add costs to the legal, operations and compliance obligations of the Investment Manager, the Investment Adviser and the Company and increase the amount of time that the Investment Manager or the Investment Adviser spends on non-investment related activities. Until the SEC implements all of the new requirements of Dodd-Frank, it is unknown how burdensome such requirements will be. Dodd-Frank will affect a broad range of market participants with whom the Company interacts or may interact, including commercial banks, investment banks, other non-bank financial institutions, rating agencies, mortgage brokers, credit unions, insurance companies and broker-dealers. Regulatory changes that will affect other market participants are likely to change the way in which the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser conducts business with its counterparties. It may take several years to understand the impact of Dodd-Frank on the financial industry as a whole, and therefore, such continued uncertainty may make markets more volatile, and it may be more difficult for the Investment Manager or the Investment Adviser to execute the investment strategy of the Company.

#### *Registration Risk*

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

The role of the registrar in such custodial and registration processes is crucial. Registrars may not be subject to effective government supervision and it is possible for the Company to lose its registration through fraud, negligence or mere oversight on the part of the registrar. Furthermore, while companies in certain emerging market countries may be required to maintain independent registrars that meet certain statutory criteria, in practice, there can be no guarantee that this regulation has been strictly enforced. Because of this possible lack of independence, management of companies in such emerging market countries can potentially exert significant influence over the shareholding in such companies.

If the company register were to be destroyed or mutilated, the Company's holding in respect of a Fund of the relevant shares of the company could be substantially impaired, or in certain cases, deleted. Registrars often do not maintain insurance against such occurrences, nor are they likely to have assets sufficient to compensate the Company and, therefore, a Fund as a result thereof. While the registrar and the company may be legally obliged to remedy such loss, there is no guarantee that either of them would do so, nor is there any guarantee that the Company would be able to bring successfully a claim in respect of a Fund against them as a result of such loss. Furthermore, the registrar or the relevant company could wilfully refuse to recognise the Company as the registered holder of shares previously purchased by or in respect of a Fund due to the destruction of the company's register.

#### *Emerging Markets Risk*

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

#### *Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting Standards*

The accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards of many of the countries in which a Fund invests may be less rigorous than those applicable to UK and other European Union companies.

#### *Legal Risk*

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

#### *Withholding Tax Risk*

The income and gains of any Fund from its securities and assets may suffer withholding tax which may not be reclaimable in the countries where such income and gains arise.

#### *Taxation Risk*

Any change in the Company's tax status or in taxation legislation could affect the value of the investments held by the Company and affect the Company's or any Fund's ability to provide the investor returns. Potential investors and Shareholders should note that the statements on taxation which are set out herein and in each Supplement are based on advice which has been received by the Directors regarding the law and practice in force in the relevant jurisdiction as at the date of this Prospectus and each Supplement. As is the case with any investment, there can be no guarantee that

the tax position or proposed tax position prevailing at the time an investment is made in the Company will endure indefinitely. The attention of potential investors is drawn to the tax risk associated with investing in the Company as set out under the heading “Taxation”.

#### *U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”)*

Pursuant to FATCA, the Company (or each Fund) will be required to comply (or be deemed compliant) with extensive new reporting and withholding requirements (known as “FATCA”) designed to inform the U.S. Department of the Treasury of U.S.-owned foreign investment accounts. Failure to comply (or be deemed compliant) with these requirements will subject the Company (or each Fund) to U.S. withholding taxes on certain U.S.-sourced income and (effective 1 January 2017) gross proceeds. Pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and Ireland, the Company (or each Fund) may be deemed compliant, and therefore not subject to the withholding tax, if it identifies and reports reportable U.S. account information directly to the Irish government. Shareholders may be requested to provide additional information to the Company to enable the Company (and each Fund) to satisfy these obligations. Failure to provide requested information or (if applicable) satisfy its own FATCA obligations may subject a Shareholder to liability for any resulting U.S. withholding taxes, U.S. tax information reporting and/or mandatory redemption, transfer or other termination of the Shareholder’s interest in its Shares. Detailed guidance as to the mechanics and scope of this new reporting and withholding regime is continuing to develop. There can be no assurance as to the timing or impact of any such guidance on future operations of the Company (and each Fund). The administrative cost of compliance with FATCA may cause the operating expenses of the Company (and each Fund) to increase, thereby reducing returns to investors. FATCA may also require the Company (and each Fund) to provide to the Irish tax authorities, for subsequent disclosure to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, private and confidential information relating to certain investors. See under the heading “Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act”.

#### *The Common Reporting Standard*

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has developed a new global standard for the automatic exchange of financial information between tax authorities (the “Common Reporting Standard”), which is similar to FATCA. Ireland is a signatory jurisdiction to the Common Reporting Standard and intends to conduct its first exchange of information with tax authorities of other signatory jurisdictions in September 2017. The detailed requirements for complying with the Common Reporting Standard are not yet known. The requirements, when finalised, may impose additional burdens and costs on the Company (or each Fund) and/or its shareholders. Although the Company will attempt to satisfy any obligations imposed upon it by the Common Reporting Standards, no assurance can be given that it will be able to satisfy such obligations. Implementation of the Common Reporting Standard may require the Company (or each Fund) to conduct additional due diligence and report upon accounts held with it by shareholders who are reportable persons in other participating jurisdictions. The Company (or each Fund) may require certain additional financial information from shareholders and financial intermediaries acting on behalf of shareholders to comply with its diligence and reporting obligations under the Common Reporting Standard. If the Company (or each Fund) is unable to obtain the necessary information from shareholders, it may take any steps necessary to avoid resulting sanctions, which may include (but are not limited to) compulsorily redeeming the relevant shareholder.

#### *Share Currency Designation Risk*

A Class of Shares of a Fund may be designated in a currency other than the Base Currency of the Fund. Changes in the exchange rate between the Base Currency and such designated currency may lead to a depreciation of the value of such Shares as expressed in the designated currency.



### *Currency Risk*

Currency fluctuations may adversely affect the value of a Fund's investments and the income thereon and, depending on an investor's currency of reference, currency fluctuations may adversely affect the value of an investment in Shares.

A significant portion of a Fund's assets may be denominated in a currency other than the base currency of a Fund or Class. There is the risk that the value of such assets and/or the value of any distributions from such assets may decrease if the underlying currency in which assets are traded falls relative to the base currency in which Shares of the relevant Fund are valued and priced. Funds are not required to hedge their foreign currency risk, although they may do so through foreign currency exchange contracts, forward contracts, currency options and other methods.

To the extent that a Fund does not hedge its foreign currency risk or such hedging is incomplete or unsuccessful, the value of that Fund's assets and income could be adversely affected by currency exchange rate movements. There may also be circumstances in which a hedging transaction may reduce currency gains that would otherwise arise in the valuation of the Fund in circumstances where no such hedging transactions are undertaken.

### *Valuation Risk*

A Fund may invest some of its assets in unquoted securities or quoted securities for which there is no reliable price source available. Such investment will be valued at the probable realisation value as determined in accordance with the provisions set out under the heading "Calculation of Net Asset Value". Estimates of the fair value of such investments are inherently difficult to establish and are the subject of substantial uncertainty.

A Fund may, for the purpose of efficient portfolio management or direct investment, invest in derivative instruments and there can be no assurance that the value as determined under the heading "Calculation of Net Asset Value" will reflect the exact amount at which those instruments may be closed out.

### *Segregated Liability Risk*

The Company is structured as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between the Funds. Each Fund therefore will be treated as bearing its own liabilities and the Company will not be liable as a whole to third parties. However, if the Directors are of the opinion that a particular liability does not relate to any particular Fund or Funds, that liability shall be borne jointly by all Funds pro rata to their respective Net Asset Values at the time when the allocation is made.

Certain jurisdictions, however, other than Ireland, might not recognise such limited right of recourse inherent in the Company's segregated structure. In such a case, creditors of a particular Fund could claim to have recourse to assets of other Funds within the Company. At the date of this Prospectus, the Directors are not aware of any such circumstances or interpretation which would give rise to such an existing or contingent liability.

### *Liquidity Risk*

Not all securities or instruments invested in by the Funds will be listed or rated and consequently liquidity may be low. Moreover, the accumulation and disposal of holdings in some investments may be time consuming and may need to be conducted at unfavourable prices. The Funds may also encounter difficulties in disposing of assets at their fair price due to adverse market conditions leading to limited liquidity.

### *Custodial and Settlement Risk*

As the Funds may invest in markets where custodial and/or settlement systems are not fully developed or in financial instruments traded on markets where custodial and/or settlement systems are not fully developed, the assets of a Fund which are traded in such markets and which have been entrusted to sub-custodians in circumstances where the use of such sub-custodians is necessary, may be exposed to risk in circumstances where the Custodian would have no liability.

### **Derivatives Risk**

#### *General*

The prices of derivative instruments, including futures and options prices, are highly volatile. Price movements of forward contracts, futures contracts and other derivative contracts are influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programmes and policies of governments, and national and international political and economic events and policies. In addition, governments from time to time intervene, directly and by regulation, in certain markets, particularly markets in currencies and interest rate related futures and options. Such intervention often is intended directly to influence prices and may, together with other factors, cause all of such markets to move rapidly in the same direction because of, among other things, interest rate fluctuations. The use of derivatives techniques and instruments also involves certain special risks, including (1) dependence on the ability to predict movements in the prices of securities being hedged and movements in interest rates, (2) imperfect correlation between the hedging instruments and the securities or market sectors being hedged, (3) the fact that skills needed to use these instruments are different from those needed to select the Fund's securities, and (4) the possible absence of a liquid market for any particular instrument at any particular time.

Assets deposited as collateral with brokers or counterparties may not be held in segregated accounts by the brokers or counterparties and may therefore become available to the creditors of such parties in the event of their insolvency or bankruptcy. Collateral requirements may reduce cash available to a Fund for investment.

#### *Commodity Pool Operator – “De Minimis Exemption”*

While the Company may trade commodity interests (commodity futures contracts, commodity options contracts and/or swaps), including security futures products, each of the Investment Adviser and the Investment Manager is exempt from registration with the CFTC as a CPO pursuant to CFTC Rule 4.13(a)(3), with respect to the Funds. Therefore, unlike a registered CPO, the Investment Adviser and the Investment Manager are not required to deliver a CFTC disclosure document to prospective Shareholders, nor are they required to provide Shareholders with certified annual reports that satisfy the requirements of CFTC rules applicable to registered CPOs.

The potential consequence of this exemption, the so-called “de minimis exemption”, includes a limitation on the Company’s exposure to the commodity markets. CFTC Rule 4.13(a)(3) requires that a pool for which such exemption is filed must meet one or the other of the following tests with respect to its commodity interest positions, including positions in security futures products, whether entered into for bona fide hedging purposes or otherwise: (a) the aggregate initial margin, premiums, and required minimum security deposit for retail forex transactions, will not exceed 5 percent of the liquidation value of the pool’s portfolio, after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such positions it has entered into; or (b) the aggregate net notional value of such positions does not exceed 100 percent of the liquidation value of the pool’s portfolio, after taking into account unrealised profits and unrealised losses on any such positions it has entered into.

### *Over-the-Counter Transactions*

The Funds may invest in instruments which are not traded on organised exchanges and as such are not standardised. Such transactions are known as over-the-counter or “OTC” transactions and may include forward contracts or options. Whilst some OTC markets are highly liquid, transactions in OTC derivatives may involve greater risk than investing in exchange traded derivatives because there is no exchange market on which to close out or dispose of an open position.

It may be impossible to liquidate an existing position, to assess the value of the position arising from an off-exchange transaction or to assess the exposure to risk. Bid and offer prices need not be quoted and, even where they are, they will be established by dealers in these instruments and consequently it may be difficult to establish what is a fair price. In respect of such trading, a Fund will be subject to the risk of counterparty failure or the inability or refusal by a counterparty to perform with respect to such contracts. Market illiquidity or disruption could result in major losses to any such Fund.

### *Use of Credit Derivatives and Structured Finance Instruments*

The Company expects that some or all of the Funds may invest in credit derivatives and structured finance instruments. Credit derivatives and structured finance instruments present a risk in addition to those resulting from direct purchases of obligations of the relevant reference entities, including those described under “Credit Exposure to Reference Entities” below.

### *Credit Exposure to Reference Entities*

The obligation of a Fund, directly or indirectly through other instruments and securities, to make payments to credit default swap counterparties under credit default swaps and other similar instruments creates significantly leveraged exposure to potential credit events of the relevant reference entities and credits.

A credit default swap counterparty for a particular credit default instrument may be obliged to make a payment upon an early termination date. A Fund may be exposed to the credit risk of such credit default swap counterparties for such payments. In the event of the insolvency of any credit default swap counterparty, such Fund will be treated as a general creditor of the credit default swap counterparty and will not have any claim against the reference entity. Consequently, such Fund will be subject to the credit risk of the credit default swap counterparty as well as that of a reference entity.

Following the occurrence of a credit event with respect to a reference entity, a Fund may be required to pay an amount equal to the relevant settlement amount to the credit default swap counterparty. Certain of the reference entities and/or reference obligations may be rated below investment grade (or of equivalent credit quality). Under credit default swaps where the relevant Fund has sold protection by reference to any such reference entity or which includes any such reference obligation the likelihood of the Fund being obliged to make payment is greater.

Credit default swaps present risks in addition to those resulting from direct purchases of obligations of the reference entities. Under credit default swaps, the Fund and/or issuer of structured finance securities will have a contractual relationship only with the relevant credit default swap counterparty, and not with any reference entity. Consequently, the credit default swaps do not constitute a purchase or other acquisition or assignment of any interest in any obligation of any reference entity. The relevant Fund and/or any issuer, therefore, will have rights solely against each credit default swap counterparty in accordance with the relevant credit default swap and will have no recourse against any reference entities. No Fund will have rights to acquire any interest in any obligation of any reference entity, notwithstanding the payment by the Fund of a credit default swap floating amount to a credit default swap counterparty with respect to such reference entity of a credit default unless the terms of the specific credit default swap provide for a transfer of any obligation upon the occurrence of a credit event. No Fund will directly benefit from any collateral supporting the obligations of the reference

entity and will not have the benefit of the remedies that would normally be available to a holder of any such obligation.

There is no assurance that actual payments of any credit default swap amounts will not exceed such assumed losses. If any payments of credit default swap amounts exceed such assumed losses, payment on the respective class of notes of an issuer could be adversely affected by the occurrence of synthetic credit events. Although each Fund's portfolio will be diversified as required by the UCITS Regulations, Funds will also be exposed to a credit risk in relation to the counterparties with whom they trade and may bear the risk of counterparty default.

#### *Liquidity of Futures Contracts*

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

#### *Futures and Options Risk*

The Investment Manager may engage in various portfolio strategies on behalf of the Funds through the use of futures and options. Due to the nature of futures, cash to meet margin monies will be held by a broker with whom each Fund has an open position. In the event of the insolvency or bankruptcy of the broker, there can be no guarantee that such monies will be returned to each Fund. On execution of an option the Funds may pay a premium to a counterparty. In the event of the insolvency or bankruptcy of the counterparty, the option premium may be lost in addition to any unrealised gains where the contract is in the money.

#### *Forward Trading*

Forward contracts and options thereon, unlike futures contracts, are not traded on exchanges and are not standardized; rather, banks and dealers act as principals in these markets, negotiating each transaction on an individual basis. Forward and "cash" trading is substantially unregulated; there is no limitation on daily price movements and speculative position limits are not applicable. The principals who deal in the forward markets are not required to continue to make markets in the currencies or commodities they trade and these markets can experience periods of illiquidity, sometimes of significant duration. Market illiquidity or disruption could result in major losses to a Fund.

#### *Counterparty Risk*

Each Fund will have credit exposure to counterparties by virtue of investment positions in options, forwards and other OTC contracts held by the Fund. To the extent that a counterparty defaults on its obligation and the Fund is delayed or prevented from exercising its rights with respect to the investments in its portfolio, it may experience a decline in the value of its position, lose income and incur costs associated with asserting its rights. Although each Fund's portfolio will be diversified as required by the UCITS Rules, Funds will also be exposed to a credit risk in relation to the counterparties with whom they trade and may bear the risk of counterparty default.

#### *Exposure Risk*

Certain transactions, such as the use of forward commitments transactions, may give rise to forms of exposure for the Company and a Fund. Although the use of derivatives may create such an exposure risk, any exposure arising as a result of the use of derivatives will not exceed the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund.

### *Risk Factors Not Exhaustive*

The investment risks set out in this Prospectus do not purport to be exhaustive and potential investors should be aware that an investment in the Company or any Fund may be exposed to risks of an exceptional nature from time to time.

#### *Cyber security Risk*

Intentional cybersecurity breaches include: unauthorised access to systems, networks, or devices (such as through "hacking" activity); infection from computer viruses or other malicious software code; and attacks that shut down, disable, slow, or otherwise disrupt operations, business processes, or website access or functionality. In addition, unintentional incidents can occur, such as the inadvertent release of confidential information (possibly resulting in the violation of applicable privacy laws).

A cybersecurity breach could result in the loss or theft of customer data or funds, the inability to access electronic systems ("denial of services"), loss or theft of proprietary information or corporate data, physical damage to a computer or network system, or costs associated with system repairs. Such incidents could cause a Fund, the Investment Manager, or other service providers to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs, or financial loss. In addition, such incidents could affect issuers in which a Fund invests, and thereby cause a Fund's investments to lose value.

In addition to risks to the Company and Funds, investors are advised to ensure communication methods with the Administrator and any financial advisors, including the Investment Manager are secure so as to prevent fraudulent change of details or fraudulent redemption requests from being submitted through, for example, their email accounts.

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## MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

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### Directors

The Directors are responsible for managing the business of the Company in accordance with the Constitution and the investment objective and policies of each Fund. The Directors have delegated certain of their duties to the Administrator and the Investment Manager.

All Directors are non-executive. For the purposes of this Prospectus, the address of all Directors is the registered office of the Company.

**Ronan Daly** (Irish Resident), is a director of a number of investment funds. Mr Daly qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales in 1992 and as a barrister and attorney in Bermuda in 1995. Mr Daly is the Chairman of Centaur Fund Services Limited and previously held senior roles at Citi Fund Services, BISYS, Hemisphere Management and The Bank of Bermuda Limited. Mr Daly was educated at The University of Manchester and The College of Law, London. He worked at London law firm, Berwin Leighton, from 1989 to 1993. Mr Daly has spoken at many conferences and written extensively on the funds industry. He was involved in the IOSCO report on Principles for the Valuation of Hedge Fund Portfolios and the Alternative Investment Management Association Limited (“AIMA”) Guides on Sound Practices for Hedge Fund Valuations and for Offshore Alternative Fund Directors.

**Jeffrey Bronheim** (UK Resident) has been General Counsel and member of the Executive Committee of Cheyne Capital since 2007. Prior to Cheyne, Mr Bronheim was counsel for the Drawbridge Liquid Market Hedge Fund business at Fortress Investment Group and from 1997 to 2005 was Vice President and counsel to the Investment Banking Division at JPMorgan Chase in London, Madrid and New York. At JPMorgan he worked with hedge funds, equity and debt capital markets, derivatives, lending and loan trading, research, compliance, prime brokerage, investment management and environmental policy. Mr Bronheim was also Investment Banking Counsel at Credit Suisse in New York and London, and was an associate at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton specialising in International Securities work.

Mr Bronheim received his bachelor's degree in Finance magna cum laude from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and his JD from the Law School at the University of Chicago. Prior to Law School, Jeff ran a consulting business and worked as an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He was a founding member of the FSA committee on Market Abuse, is a Senior Member of the Hedge Fund Lawyer's Association, a member of AIMA Communication and Legal Committees, and writes a quarterly column for HFM Week.

**John Skelly** (Irish Resident) joined Carne Global Financial Services Limited in 2006 and specialises in compliance, product and operations for traditional funds and hedge funds. Prior to joining Carne, he was Chief Operating Officer of Carlton Capital Partners, London from 2005 to 2006 where he was responsible for developing and running its fund of hedge fund operations. Prior to this, he was General Manager of the Dublin Branch of BNP Paribas Securities Services from 2000 to 2005 where he set up and managed the company's Trust and Custody business in Dublin. During this period, he was a member of the Irish Funds Industry Association Trustee Committee. From 1999 to 2000 he acted as Financial Controller of Investments for Norwich Union Insurance Group (Ireland) and from 1997 to 1999 as Head of Operations at Custom House Fund Management, an alternative investment/hedge fund administrator. Previous to this, he was Accounting and Tax manager with Ulster Bank Investment Services Limited having trained with Deloitte in Dublin. Mr Skelly is a

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from University College Dublin.

### **Investment Manager and Promoter**

The Company has appointed Cheyne Capital Management (UK) LLP as investment manager with discretionary powers pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement. Under the terms of the Investment Management Agreement, the Investment Manager is responsible, subject to the overall supervision and control of the Directors, for managing the assets and investments of the Company in accordance with the investment objective and policies of each Fund.

The Investment Manager is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales on 8 August 2006 and is authorised and regulated in the conduct of investment business in the UK by the FCA. It is part of the Cheyne Capital Group. The Investment Manager is a diversified alternative investment manager, with net assets under management of approximately \$6 billion and approximately 150 staff and partners as of 31 December 2014. The Cheyne Capital Group began operations in June 2000. The establishment of the Cheyne Capital Group represented the natural evolution for a team that developed investment management expertise at Morgan Stanley over the previous ten years.

The Investment Manager is also the promoter of the Company and is approved by the Central Bank to act as promoter and investment manager to Irish authorised collective investment schemes including the Company.

The Investment Manager may also provide operational and trade related administrative support to the Company in respect of one or more Funds, including, but not limited to, communicating and providing instruction to service providers with regard, but not limited, to payment and settlement reconciliation, net asset value liaison, corporate actions and related matters.

### **Investment Adviser**

The Company has appointed Cheyne Capital International L.P. as investment adviser to provide advisory services in respect of the Company pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement. The Investment Adviser is a limited partnership registered in Bermuda on 10 December 2012 and is part of the Cheyne Capital group.

The responsibilities of the Investment Adviser include: (i) providing strategic investment advice with respect to the operation of the Company; (ii) meeting with, managing and providing assistance to eligible financial intermediaries and investors who may wish to invest in the Company; (iii) maintaining regular contact with financial intermediaries and investors; (iv) assisting with the marketing of the Funds; and (v) providing strategic advice as necessary in relation to the marketing of the relevant Fund(s) and Company.

### **Administrator**

Citibank Europe plc is a licensed bank, authorised and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. Citibank Europe plc was incorporated on 9 June 1988 under registered number 132781 and is a member of the Citigroup group of companies, having its ultimate parent Citigroup Inc., a US publicly quoted company. Citibank Europe plc provides the general administration services to the Company, including share registration services, calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share and assistance in the preparation of annual and interim reports.

### **Custodian**

The Company has appointed Citi Depositary Services Ireland Limited to act as custodian of the Company's assets pursuant to the Custody Agreement.

The Custodian is a limited liability company incorporated in Ireland on 18 September 1992. The Custodian is authorised and regulated by the Central Bank. The principal activity of the Custodian is to provide trustee and custodial services to collective investment schemes and other portfolios, such as the Company.

The Custodian has power to delegate the whole or any part of its custodial functions but its liability will not be affected by the fact that it has entrusted to a third party some or all of the assets in its safekeeping. The Central Bank considers that in order for the Custodian to discharge its responsibility under the UCITS Regulations, the Custodian must exercise care and diligence in the selection of such sub-custodians as safekeeping agents so as to ensure they have and maintain the expertise, competence and standing appropriate to discharge their responsibilities as sub-custodians. The Custodian must maintain an appropriate level of supervision over sub-custodians and make appropriate enquiries, periodically, to confirm that their obligations continue to be competently discharged.

### **Distributor(s)**

The Company may appoint third party distributor(s) to distribute and sell shares of the relevant Funds. Such distributor(s) may receive a fee payable from the assets of the relevant Fund or Class, as disclosed in the relevant Supplement, and may be entitled to indemnification from the Company. A distributor may have authority to delegate some or all of its duties as distributor to sub-distributors in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

### **Paying Agents/Representatives**

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

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

All Shareholders of the Company or the relevant Fund on whose behalf a Paying Agent is appointed may avail of the services provided by Paying Agents appointed by or on behalf of the Company.



## **Conflict of Interest**

The Investment Manager, the Investment Adviser, the Custodian and the Administrator, their affiliates, officers, shareholders, members, employees and agents, and any appointees of the Company (collectively “the parties”) are or may be involved in other financial, investment and professional activities or transactions which may on occasion involve or cause a potential or actual conflict of interest with the investment management and operation of the Company.

These include management of other funds, purchases and sales of securities, investment and management counselling, brokerage services, administration services, custodial services and serving as directors, officers, advisers or agents of other funds and accounts or other companies, including companies and/or funds in which the Company may invest. In particular, it is envisaged that the Investment Manager may be involved in advising and managing other investment funds which may have similar or overlapping investment objectives to or with the Company. Each of the parties will respectively ensure that the performance of their respective duties to the Company or any Fund will not be impaired by any such involvement that they may have and that any conflicts which may arise will be resolved fairly. The Directors will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any conflict of interest is resolved fairly and in the best interests of Shareholders. In the event that there are instances where organisational or administrative arrangements for the management of conflicts of interest in place at the Company or its delegates are not sufficient to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that the risk of damage to the interests of the relevant Fund or its Shareholders can be prevented, Shareholders will be notified of this matter by appropriate durable medium.

## **Portfolio Transactions and Investment Manager’s Share Dealing**

The Investment Manager, the Investment Adviser, the Custodian, the Administrator and any entity related to the Investment Manager, the Investment Adviser, the Administrator or the Custodian may:

- (i) become the owner of Shares and hold, dispose or otherwise deal with Shares; or
- (ii) deal in property of any description on their own account notwithstanding the fact that property of that description is included in the property of the Company; or
- (iii) act as principal or agent in the sale or purchase of property to or from the Custodian for the account of the Company without that person having to account to any other such person, to the Shareholders or to any of them for any profits or benefits made by or derived from or in connection with any such transaction, provided that such transactions are in the best interests of Shareholders and are carried out as if effected on normal commercial terms negotiated at arms length; and
  - (a) a certified valuation of such transaction by a person approved by the Custodian (or in the case of a transaction with the Custodian, a person approved by the Directors) as independent and competent has been obtained, or
  - (b) such transaction has been executed on best terms on and under the rules of an organised investment exchange, or
  - (c) where (a) and (b) are not practical, such transaction has been executed on terms which the Custodian is (or in the case of a transaction with the Custodian, the Directors are) satisfied conform with the principle that such transactions be carried out as if effected on normal commercial terms negotiated at arm’s length and in the best interest of Shareholders.

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## FEES AND EXPENSES

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### **Investment Manager's Fees**

The Investment Manager shall be entitled to receive an annual fee for providing investment management services to the Company (the "Investment Management Fee") out of the assets of one or more Funds, accrued at each Valuation Point and payable monthly in arrears at an agreed annual percentage rate of the Net Asset Value of such Fund or Class as set out in the relevant Supplement. The Investment Manager shall also be entitled to be reimbursed by the Company for reasonable properly vouched out of pocket expenses and vouched internal legal costs incurred by it solely on behalf of the Company and in the best interest of the Shareholders.

### **Investment Adviser's Fees**

The Investment Adviser shall be entitled to receive an annual fee for providing investment advisory services to the Company (the "Investment Adviser Fee") out of the assets of one or more Funds, accrued at each Valuation Point and payable monthly in arrears at an agreed annual percentage rate of the Net Asset Value of such Fund or Class as set out in the relevant Supplement. The Investment Adviser shall also be entitled to be reimbursed by the Company for reasonable properly vouched out of pocket expenses incurred by it solely on behalf of the Company and in the best interest of the Shareholders.

### **Performance Fee**

Each Class may charge a Performance Fee as specified in the relevant Supplement. The Performance Fee will be a percentage of the increase in the Net Asset Value of the relevant Class over the High Water Mark during a Performance Period, disregarding any uncrystallised Performance Fee. A Performance Hurdle may also be used to determine the Performance Fee for certain Funds. The Performance Period shall be each calendar quarter.

The "High Water Mark" ensures that, if the Class falls in value, a Performance Fee will only be payable on that part of any subsequent performance of the Class that is in excess of the current High Water Mark value.

The High Water Mark is initially the value invested in the Class, and is adjusted at each Valuation Point to take account of subscriptions, redemptions and distributions impacting the valuation at that date. The High Water Mark is increased by the value of subscriptions, reduced by the value of distributions, and prorated down by the proportion of Shares of the Class redeeming.

If the Class falls in value in relation to the High Water Mark, following payment of the Performance Fee in any previous period, the Investment Manager will retain all Performance Fees previously crystallised for that Class but no further Performance Fee will be charged until performance back above the High Water Mark is achieved by the Class.

The Performance Fee shall accrue at each Valuation Point and accordingly the Net Asset Value will be adjusted to reflect such fee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any accrued Performance Fee referable to Shares redeemed prior to the end of the Performance Period shall crystallise and become payable to the Investment Manager following such redemption.

This crystallising Performance Fee is calculated as a pro rata portion of the un-crystallised Performance Fee which forms part of the Price at which the relevant Shareholder redeemed.

A transfer of Shares that does not involve a change in beneficial ownership shall not result in a crystallisation of Performance Fees. A transfer of Shares that does result in a change of beneficial ownership shall be treated as a redemption and subscription, resulting during the relevant Performance Period in a crystallisation of Performance Fees as at the date of transfer.

For the avoidance of doubt

1. For the initial Performance Period of a Class, the Net Asset Value as at the commencement of the Performance Period (the “Opening NAV”) will be the initial offer price, and the High Water Mark will equal the Net Asset Value at the commencement date.
2. For Performance Periods thereafter, the Opening NAV is defined as being equal to the Net Asset Value of the relevant Class as at the date at which the last Performance Fee crystallised and became payable and, where a Performance Fee crystallised at the end of the prior Performance Period, the High Water Mark will be adjusted to match the Opening NAV at the Performance Period commencement date.

No Performance Fee will be paid/accrue until the Net Asset Value per Share exceeds High Water Mark as defined above. The Performance Fee is only payable on the increase over the High Water Mark.

The Performance Fee shall be paid after the end of the Performance Period in arrears. The Custodian shall verify the calculation of the Performance Fee prior to payment at the end of each Performance Period.

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

### **Portfolio Support Fees**

The Investment Manager shall be entitled to receive an annual fee for providing certain middle office and operational support services to the Company (the “Portfolio Support Fee”) out of the assets of one or more Funds, accrued at each Valuation Point and payable monthly in arrears at an agreed annual percentage rate of the Net Asset Value of such Fund as set out in the relevant Supplement.

### **Administrator’s Fees**

The Administrator shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of each Fund an annual fee, based on the Net Asset Value of each Fund, as set out in the relevant Supplement.

Each Fund will bear its proportion of the fees and expenses of the Administrator.

### **Custodian’s Fees**

The Custodian shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of each Fund an annual fee, based on the number of transactions and the Net Asset Value of each Fund, as set out in the relevant Supplement.

Each Fund will bear its proportion of the fees and expenses of the Custodian.

### **Distributor’s Fees**

The Distributor shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of each Fund an annual fee, as set out in the relevant Supplement.

Each Fund will bear its proportion of the fees and expenses of the Distributor.

## **Paying Agents Fees**

Fees and expenses of any Paying Agents appointed by the Company on behalf of the Company or a Fund which will be at normal commercial rates may be borne by the Company or the Fund in respect of which a Paying Agent has been appointed.

All Shareholders of the Company or the relevant Fund on whose behalf a Paying Agent is appointed may avail of the services provided by Paying Agents appointed by or on behalf of the Company.

## **Sales Commissions**

Shareholders may be subject to a sales commission calculated as a percentage of subscription monies as specified in the relevant Supplement subject to a maximum of 5%. Such commission may be charged as a preliminary once off charge. Details of any sales commission payable shall be specified in the relevant Supplement. The sales commission may be payable to the Investment Manager.

## **Redemption Fee**

Shareholders may be subject to a redemption fee calculated as a percentage of redemption monies as specified in the relevant Supplement subject to a maximum of 3%. In the event of a redemption fee being charged, Shareholders should view their investment as medium to long-term.

## **Conversion Fee**

The Constitution authorises the Directors to charge a fee on the conversion of Shares in any Fund to Shares in another Fund up to a maximum of 5% of Net Asset Value of Shares in the original Fund.

## **Directors' Fees**

The Constitution authorises the Directors to charge a fee for their services at a rate determined by the Directors from time to time. The maximum fee per Director is £25,000 per annum which fee may, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, be increased by resolution of the Directors. All Directors will be entitled to reimbursement by the Company of expenses properly incurred in connection with the business of the Company or the discharge of their duties.

## **Establishment Expenses**

The cost of establishing the Company, obtaining authorisation from any authority, filing fees, the preparation and printing of this Prospectus, marketing costs and the fees of all related professionals was borne by the Company and amortised over the first five years of the Company's operation and charged to the first Funds (including at the discretion of the Directors subsequent Funds established by the Company within such period) on such terms and in such manner as the Directors may at their discretion determine. The cost of establishing subsequent funds will be charged to the relevant Fund.

## **Other Expenses**

The Investment Manager, the Investment Adviser, the Custodian and the Administrator are entitled to recover reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (plus value added tax, if any, thereon), incurred in the performance of their duties out of the assets of the Company.

The Company will bear all its operating costs, expenses and fees, including but not limited to:-

- (i) all clerical expenses and stamp duty (other than any payable by an applicant for Shares or a Shareholder) or other tax or duty which may be levied or payable from time to time on or in respect of any Fund or any Class of Shares or on creation, issue or redemption of Shares or any Class of Shares or arising in any other circumstance;

- (ii) all brokerage, stamp, fiscal and purchase or fiscal and sale charges and expenses arising on any acquisition or disposal of investments;
- (iii) all expenses incurred in relation to the registration of any investments into and transfer of any investments out of the name of a Fund or the Custodian, or any sub-custodian or their nominees or the holding of any investment or the custody of investments and/or any documents or title thereto (including bank charges, insurance of documents of title against loss in shipment, transit or otherwise) and charges made by the registrar or agents of the Custodian or any sub-custodian for acceptance of documents for safe custody, retention and/or delivery;
- (iv) all expenses incurred in the collection of income and administration of the Funds;
- (v) all costs and expenses of Shareholders' meetings and preparing resolutions of Shareholders;
- (vi) all taxation payable in respect of the holding of or dealings with or income from a Fund relating to that Fund's property and in respect of allocation and distribution of income to Shareholders other than tax of Shareholders or tax withheld on account of Shareholders' tax liability;
- (vii) all commissions, charges, stamp duty, value added tax and other costs and expenses of or incidental to any acquisition, holding, realisation or other dealing in investments of any nature whatsoever and including any foreign exchange options, financial futures or of any other derivative instruments or the provision of cover or margin therefor or in respect thereof or in connection therewith;
- (viii) all stationery, telephone, facsimile, printing, translation and postage costs in connection with the preparation, publication and distribution of the Net Asset Value, any cheques, warrants, tax certificates, statements, accounts and reports made, issued or despatched;
- (ix) all legal and other professional advisory fees, including but not limited to the fees and expenses of the Company's auditors and company secretarial fees;
- (x) all investment research fees;
- (xi) any statutory fees payable, including any fees payable to the Companies Registration Office, the Central Bank or to any regulatory authority in any country or territory, the costs and expenses (including legal, accountancy and other professional charges and printing costs) incurred in meeting on a continuing basis the notification, registration and other requirements of each such regulatory authority, and any fees and expenses of representatives or facilities agents in any such other country or territory;
- (xii) all fees and costs relating to the listing or de-listing of Shares in any Fund or any Class of Shares on any stock exchange;
- (xiii) all fees and costs relating to a scheme of reconstruction and amalgamation (to the extent it has not been agreed that such expenses should be borne by other parties) under which any Fund acquires property;
- (xiv) any interest on any borrowings of the Company;
- (xv) all expenses and fees relating to any marketing material, services, advertisements and the distribution of the Company and the Shares issued or to be issued, any periodic update of the Prospectus or any other documentation relating to the Company;
- (xvi) any Directors' insurance premia; and

- (xvii) all costs and expenses incurred by the Company, the Funds, the Custodian, the Investment Manager, the Administrator and any of their appointees which are permitted by the Constitution (including all set up expenses).

### **Allocation of Fees and Expenses**

All fees, expenses, duties and charges will be charged to the relevant Fund and within such Fund to the Classes in respect of which they were incurred. Where an expense is not considered by the Directors to be attributable to any one Fund, the expense will normally be allocated to all Funds in proportion to the Net Asset Value of the Funds or attributable to the relevant Class or otherwise on such basis as the Directors deem fair and equitable. In the case of any fees or expenses of a regular or recurring nature, such as audit fees, the Directors may calculate such fees or expenses on an estimated figure for yearly or other periods in advance and accrue them in equal proportions over any period.

### **Maximum Fees**

For any Fund or Class, the Investment Manager and/or Investment Adviser may agree to reimburse the relevant Fund or Class in circumstances where total expenses exceed a specified amount as set out in the relevant Supplement.

### **Fee Increases**

The rates of fees for the provision of services to any Fund or Class may be increased within the maximum levels stated above so long as advance written notice of the new rate(s) is given to Shareholders of the relevant Fund or Class.

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## **SUBSCRIPTION, REDEMPTION AND CONVERSION OF SHARES**

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### **Subscription**

Shares may be issued on any Dealing Day in respect of a Fund or Class.

Shares issued in a Fund or Class will be in registered form and denominated in the Base Currency specified in the relevant Supplement for the relevant Fund or a currency attributable to the particular Class.

Shares will have no par value and will first be issued on the first Dealing Day after expiry of the initial offer period specified in the relevant Supplement at the Initial Price as specified in the relevant Supplement. Thereafter, Shares shall be issued at prices calculated with reference to the Net Asset Value per Share calculated as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day.

Details of Dealing Days and Valuation Points are set out in the relevant Supplement.

Title to Shares will be evidenced by the entering of the investor's name on the Company's register of Shareholders and no certificates will be issued. Amendments to a Shareholder's registration details and payment instructions will only be made following receipt of original written instructions from the relevant Shareholder.

The Directors may decline to accept any application for Shares without giving any reason and may restrict the ownership of Shares by any person, firm or corporation in certain circumstances including where such ownership would be in breach of any regulatory or legal requirement or might affect the tax status of the Company or might result in the Company suffering certain disadvantages which it might not otherwise suffer.

Any restrictions applicable to a particular Fund or Class shall be specified in the relevant Supplement for such Fund or Class. Any person who holds Shares in contravention of restrictions imposed by the Directors or, by virtue of his holding, is in breach of the laws and regulations of any applicable jurisdiction or whose holding could, in the opinion of the Directors, cause the Company to incur any liability to taxation or to suffer any pecuniary disadvantage which it or the Shareholders as a whole might not otherwise have incurred or sustained or otherwise in circumstances which the Directors believe might be prejudicial to the interests of the Shareholders, shall indemnify the Company, the Investment Manager, the Investment Adviser, the Distributor, the Custodian, the Administrator and Shareholders for any loss suffered by it or them as a result of such person or persons acquiring or holding Shares in the Company.

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

Person will be required to provide such representations, warranties or documentation as may be required to ensure that these requirements are met prior to the issue of Shares.

The Company intends to limit the issue and transfer of Shares in each Fund, and may exercise its right to compulsorily redeem Shares, to the extent necessary, to prevent Benefit Plan Investors from owning 25% or more of the Shares in any Class, and consequently to prevent the underlying assets of the Company, each Fund or Class from being treated as “plan assets” of any plan investing in a Fund or Class.

None of the Company, the Investment Manager, the Investment Adviser, the Administrator, the Distributor or the Custodian or any of their respective directors, officers, employees or agents will be responsible or liable for the authenticity of instructions from Shareholders reasonably believed to be genuine and shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising out of or in conjunction with any unauthorised or fraudulent instructions. The Administrator shall, however, employ reasonable procedures to confirm that instructions are genuine.

### **Application for Shares**

The terms and conditions applicable to an application for the issue of Shares in a Fund or Class and the Initial Price thereof together with subscription and settlement details and procedures and the time for receipt of applications will be specified in the Supplement for the relevant Fund or Class. Application Forms may be obtained from the Administrator. The Minimum Subscription and Minimum Holding for Shares are set out in the Supplement for each Fund.

The Directors reserve the right to reject any application in whole or in part, in which event the application monies or any balance thereof will be returned to the applicant without interest at its own risk within a reasonable period following the expiry of the relevant Initial Offer Period or subscription Dealing Day.

### *In Specie Subscriptions*

The Directors, at their discretion, reserve the right to accept subscriptions satisfied by way of in specie transfers of assets, the nature of which shall be within the investment objective and policies and restrictions of the relevant Fund.

An in specie subscription that meets the investment criteria will be valued by the Directors in accordance with the valuation procedures of the Company set out under the heading “Calculation of Net Asset Value”.

The Directors reserve the right to decline to register any prospective investor on the register of Shareholders until the subscriber has been able to prove title to the assets in question and make a valid

transfer thereof. Unless otherwise determined by the Directors, any in specie transfer will be at the investor's risk and the costs of such a transfer will be borne by the investor. Shares will not be issued until the investments have been vested or arrangements are made to vest the investments with the Custodian or its sub-custodian to the Custodian's satisfaction, and the number of Shares to be issued will not exceed the amount that would be issued if cash equivalent of investments had been invested and the Custodian is satisfied that the terms of such exchange shall not be such as are likely to result in any material prejudice to the existing Shareholders. Any prospective investor wishing to subscribe for Shares by a transfer in specie of assets will be required to comply with any administrative and other arrangements required for the transfer of assets specified by the Custodian and the Administrator.

#### *Anti-Money Laundering Procedures*

Measures aimed at the prevention of money laundering may require a detailed verification of the investor's identity to the Administrator or the Company. The Administrator and the Company each reserve the right to request such information as is necessary to verify the identity of an investor and will not accept subscription monies from an investor until verification of identity is completed to their satisfaction. In the event of delay or failure by the investor to produce any information required for verification purposes, the Administrator or the Company may refuse to accept the application and subscription monies. The Administrator on behalf of the Company may reject any application in whole or in part without giving any reason for such rejection in which event the subscription monies or any balance thereof will be returned without interest, expenses or compensation to the applicant by transfer to the applicant's designated account or by post at the applicant's risk.

Notwithstanding that subscription monies have come from a designated body within a prescribed country recognised by Ireland as having equivalent anti-money laundering regulations, evidence of identity must be established in accordance with the relevant anti-money laundering requirements which are advised to potential investors prior to application.

By way of example, an individual will be required to produce a copy of a passport or identification card duly certified by a public authority such as a notary public, a credit institution or bank, the police or the ambassador in his country of residence, together with evidence of his address such as a utility bill or bank statement. In the case of corporate applicants, this will require production of a certified copy of the certificate of incorporation (and any change of name), bye-laws, memorandum and articles of association (or equivalent), or trust deed in the case of a trust.

#### *Data Protection Information*

Prospective investors should note that by completing the Application Form they are providing personal information, which may constitute personal data within the meaning of the Irish Data Protection Act, 1988, as amended by the Data Protection (Amendment) Act, 2003 (the "Data Protection Legislation"). This data will be used for the purposes of administration, transfer agency, statistical analysis, research and disclosure to the Company, its delegates and agents. By signing the Application Form, prospective investors acknowledge that they are providing their consent to the Company, its delegates and its or their duly authorised agents and any of their respective related, associated or affiliated companies obtaining, holding, using, disclosing and processing the data for any one or more of the following purposes:

- to manage and administer the investor's holding in the Company and any related accounts on an ongoing basis;
- for any other specific purposes where the investor has given specific consent;
- to carry out statistical analysis and market research;



- to comply with legal and regulatory obligations applicable to the investor and the Company;
- for disclosure or transfer, whether in Ireland or countries outside Ireland, including without limitation the United States, which may not have the same data protection laws as Ireland, to third parties including financial advisers, regulatory bodies, auditors, technology providers or to the Company and its delegates and its or their duly appointed agents and any of their respective related, associated or affiliated companies for the purposes specified above; or
- for other legitimate business interests of the Company.

Pursuant to the Data Protection Legislation, investors have a right of access to their personal data kept by the Company and the right to amend and rectify any inaccuracies in their personal data held by the Company by making a request to the Company in writing. By signing the Application Form, prospective investors consent to the recording of telephone calls made to, and received from, them by the Company, its delegates, its duly appointed agents and any of their respective related, associated or affiliated companies for recordkeeping, security and/or training purposes.

Additionally, by signing the Application Form, prospective investors acknowledge and accept that the Company and/or the Administrator, for purposes of FATCA compliance, may be required to disclose personal data relating to U.S. Reportable Persons to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

#### *Eligible Investors*

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

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

### **Redemption of Shares**

#### *General*

Shareholders may redeem their Shares on and with effect from any Dealing Day at a price calculated with reference to the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on or with respect to the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the procedures specified in the relevant Supplement (save during any period when the calculation of Net Asset Value is suspended).

The minimum value of Shares which may be redeemed in any one redemption transaction is specified in the relevant Supplement for each Fund or Class. If the redemption of part only of a Shareholder’s shareholding would leave the Shareholder holding less than the Minimum Holding for the relevant Fund, the Directors or their delegates may, if it thinks fit, redeem the whole of that Shareholder’s holding.

Shares will not receive or be credited with any dividend declared on or after the Dealing Day on which they were redeemed.

#### *Deferral of Redemption Requests*

If the number of Shares of a Fund to be redeemed on any Dealing Day equals 10% or more of the total number of Shares of that Fund in issue on that day, the Directors or their delegate may at their discretion refuse to redeem any Shares of that Fund in excess of 10% of the total number of Shares of that Fund in issue as aforesaid and, if they so refuse, the requests for redemption on such Dealing Day shall be reduced pro rata and Shares of that Fund which are not redeemed by reason of such refusal shall be treated as if a request for redemption had been made in respect of each subsequent Dealing Day until all Shares of that Fund to which the original request related have been redeemed. Redemption requests which have been carried forward from an earlier Dealing Day shall (subject always to the foregoing limits) be reduced rateably and shall be treated as if they were received on each subsequent dealing day until all Shares to which the original request related have been redeemed.

#### *Redemption in Specie*

The Directors may, with the consent of the redeeming Shareholder, satisfy any request for redemption of Shares by the transfer in specie to those Shareholders of assets of the relevant Fund having a value equal to the redemption price for the Shares redeemed as if the redemption proceeds were paid in cash less any redemption charge and other expenses of the transfer.

Where such request for redemption represents 5% or more of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund, the Directors may at their sole discretion satisfy the request for redemption of Shares by the transfer in specie to those Shareholders of assets of the relevant Fund having a value equal to the redemption price for the Shares redeemed as if the redemption proceeds were paid in cash less any redemption charge and other expenses of the transfer. If requested, the Directors will in turn request the sale of any asset or assets proposed to be distributed in specie and the distribution to such Shareholder of the cash proceeds of such sale, the costs of which shall be borne by the relevant Shareholder.

In the case of redemption in specie, asset allocation will be subject to the approval of the Custodian.

#### *Compulsory Redemption of Shares/Deduction of Tax*

Shareholders are required to notify the Administrator through whom Shares have been purchased immediately if they become US Persons or persons who are otherwise subject to restrictions on ownership imposed by the Directors (such as Benefit Plan Investors) and such Shareholders may be required to redeem or transfer their Shares. The Company may redeem any Shares which are or become owned, directly or indirectly, by or for the benefit of any person in breach of any restrictions on ownership from time to time specified by the Directors or if the holding of Shares by any person is unlawful or is likely to result or results in any tax, fiscal, legal, regulatory, pecuniary liability or disadvantage or material administrative disadvantage to any of the Company, Shareholders as a whole or any Fund or by any person who holds less than the Minimum Holding or does not supply any information or declaration required under the Constitution within seven days of a request to do so. Any such redemption will be effected on a Dealing Day at the Net Asset Value per Share calculated on or with respect to the relevant Dealing Day on which the Shares are to be redeemed. The Company may apply the proceeds of such compulsory redemption in the discharge of any taxation or withholding tax arising as a result of the holding or beneficial ownership of Shares by a Shareholder including any interest or penalties payable thereon. The attention of investors is drawn to the section of the Prospectus under the heading "Taxation" which details circumstances in which the Company shall be entitled to deduct from payments to Shareholders who are resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland amounts in respect of liability to Irish taxation including any penalties and interest thereon and/or compulsorily redeem Shares to discharge such liability. Relevant Shareholders will indemnify

and keep the Company indemnified against loss arising to the Company by reason of the Company becoming liable to account for tax on the happening of an event giving rise to a charge to taxation.

#### *Total Redemption of Shares*

All of the Shares of any Class or any Fund may be redeemed:

- (a) on the giving by the Company of not less than four nor more than twelve weeks' notice expiring on a Dealing Day to Shareholders of its intention to redeem such Shares; or
- (b) if the holders of 75% in value of the relevant Class or Fund resolve at a meeting of the Shareholders duly convened and held that such Shares should be redeemed.

#### **Conversion of Shares**

Subject to the Minimum Subscription and Minimum Holding of the relevant Fund or Classes, Shareholders may convert some or all of their Shares in one Fund or Class ("the Original Fund") to Shares in another Fund or Class or another Class in the same Fund ("the New Fund") in accordance with the formula and procedures specified below. Applications for conversion of Shares should be made to the Administrator by facsimile or written communication and should include such information as may be specified from time to time by the Directors or their delegate. Requests for conversion should be received prior to the earlier of the Dealing Deadline for redemptions in the Original Fund and the Dealing Deadline for subscriptions in the New Fund. Any applications received after such time will be dealt with on the next Dealing Day which is a Dealing Day for the relevant Fund, unless the Directors in their absolute discretion otherwise determine provided always that any such application has been received prior to the relevant Valuation Point. Conversion requests will only be accepted where cleared funds and completed documents are in place from original subscriptions.

Where a conversion request would result in a Shareholder holding a number of Shares of either the Original Fund or the New Fund which would be less than the Minimum Holding for the relevant Fund, the Company or its delegate may, if it thinks fit, convert the whole of the holding in the Original Fund to Shares in the New Fund or refuse to effect any conversion from the Original Fund.

Fractions of Shares which shall not be less than 0.01 of a Share may be issued by the Company on conversion where the value of Shares converted from the Original Fund are not sufficient to purchase an integral number of Shares in the New Fund and any balance representing less than 0.01 of a Share will be retained by the Company in order to defray administration costs.

The number of Shares of the New Fund to be issued in conversion shall be determined by the Directors in accordance (or as nearly as may be in accordance) with the following formula:-

$$S = \frac{(R \times NAV \times ER) - F}{SP}$$

where

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

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

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

ER is the currency conversion factor (if any) as determined by the Administrator.

F is the conversion fee (if any) of up to 5% of the Net Asset Value of the Shares to be issued in the New Fund.

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

*Conversion Fee*

The Directors are empowered to charge a conversion fee of up to 5% of the Net Asset Value per Share to be issued in the Fund into which conversion has been requested as specified in the relevant Supplement.

*Withdrawal of Conversion Requests*

Conversion requests may not be withdrawn save with the written consent of the Company or its authorised agent or in the event of a suspension of calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Fund(s) in respect of which the conversion request was made.

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

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### Calculation of Net Asset Value

The Net Asset Value of each Fund or, if there are different Classes within a Fund, each Class will be calculated by the Administrator as at the Valuation Point on or with respect to each Dealing Day in accordance with the Constitution.

The Net Asset Value of a Fund shall be determined as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day by valuing the assets of the relevant Fund (including income accrued but not collected) and deducting the liabilities of the relevant Fund (including a provision for duties and charges, accrued expenses and fees and other liabilities).

1. In determining the Net Asset Value of the Company and each Fund:-
  - (a) Securities which are quoted, listed or traded on a Recognised Exchange save as hereinafter provided at (d) below will be valued at closing mid-market prices (i.e. the mid price between the latest bid and offer prices). Where a security is listed or dealt in on more than one Recognised Exchange the relevant exchange or market shall be the principal stock exchange or market on which the security is listed or dealt. Investments listed or traded on a Recognised Exchange, but acquired or traded at a premium or at a discount outside or off the relevant exchange or market may be valued taking into account the level of premium or discount at the Valuation Point provided that the Custodian shall be satisfied that the adoption of such a procedure is justifiable in the context of establishing the probable realisation value of the security.
  - (b) The value of any security which is not quoted, listed or dealt in on a Recognised Exchange or which is so quoted, listed or dealt but for which no such quotation or value is available or the available quotation or value is not representative of the fair market value shall be the probable realisation value as estimated with care and good faith by (i) the Directors or (ii) a competent person, firm or corporation appointed by the Directors and approved for the purpose by the Custodian or (iii) any other means provided that the value is approved by the Custodian. Where reliable market quotations are not available for fixed income securities the value of such securities may be determined using matrix methodology compiled by the Directors whereby such securities are valued by reference to the valuation of other securities which are comparable in rating, yield, due date and other characteristics.
  - (c) Cash in hand or on deposit will be valued at its nominal value plus accrued interest, where applicable, to the end of the relevant day on which the Valuation Point occurs.
  - (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) above units in collective investment schemes shall be valued at the latest available net asset value per unit or bid price as published by the relevant collection investment scheme or, if listed or traded on a Recognised Exchange, in accordance with (a) above, provided that, the same valuation method used in determining the value of units in a collective investment scheme in the first instance continues to be applied throughout the life of such securities.
  - (e) Forward foreign exchange contracts will be valued by reference to freely available market quotations.

- (f) The value of any futures contracts and options which are dealt in on a Recognised Exchange shall be calculated at that day's settlement price as determined by the market in question, provided that where it is not the practice of the relevant market to quote an official closing price or if such official closing price is not available for any reason, such value shall be the probable realisable value thereof estimated with care and in good faith by the Directors or a competent person approved for the purpose by the Custodian.
  - (g) The value of any OTC derivative contracts shall be:
    - (i) the quotation from the counterparty provided that such quotation is provided on at least a daily basis and verified at least weekly by a person independent of the counterparty and who is approved for the purpose by the Custodian; or
    - (ii) an alternative method of valuation as the Directors may determine in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. This may be calculated by the Company or an independent pricing vendor (which may be a party related to but independent of the counterparty which does not rely on the same pricing models employed by the counterparty) provided that where an alternative valuation is used (i.e. a valuation is that provided by a competent person appointed by the Directors and approved for that purpose by the Custodian (or a valuation by any other means provided that the value approved by the Custodian)), the valuation principles employed must follow best international practice established by bodies such as IOSCO (International Organisation of Securities Commission) and AIMA (the Alternative Investment Management Association) and any such valuation shall be reconciled to that of the counterparty on a monthly basis. Where significant differences arise on the monthly reconciliation, these will be promptly investigated and explained.
  - (h) The Directors may, with the approval of the Custodian, adjust the value of any investment if having regard to its currency, marketability, applicable interest rates, anticipated rates of dividend, maturity, liquidity or any other relevant considerations, they consider that such adjustment is required to reflect the fair value thereof.
  - (i) Any value expressed otherwise than in the Base Currency of the relevant Fund shall be converted into the Base Currency of the relevant Fund at the exchange rate which the Directors shall determine to be appropriate.
  - (j) If the Directors deem it necessary a specific security may be valued under an alternative method of valuation approved by the Custodian.
2. In calculating the value of assets of the Company and each Fund the following principles will apply:
- (a) every Share issued prior to the relevant Valuation Point and not cancelled shall be deemed to be in issue and a Fund shall be deemed to include the value of any cash or other property to be received in respect of each such Share after deducting therefrom or providing thereout the initial charge and adjustment (if any), and any monies payable out of that Fund;
  - (b) where, in consequence of any notice or redemption request duly given, a redemption of that Fund by cancellation of Shares has been or is to be effected prior to the relevant Valuation Point but payment in respect of such redemption has not been completed, the Shares in question shall be deemed not to be issued and any amount

payable in cash or investments out of that Fund in pursuance of such redemption shall be deducted;

- (c) where investments have been agreed to be purchased or sold but such purchase or sale has not been completed, such investments shall be included or excluded and the gross purchase or net sale consideration excluded or included as the case may require as if such purchase or sale had been duly completed;
- (d) there shall be added to the assets of the relevant Fund any actual or estimated amount of any taxation of a capital nature which may be recoverable by the Company which is attributable to that Fund;
- (e) there shall be added to the assets of each relevant Fund a sum representing any unamortised expenses and a sum representing any interest, dividends or other income accrued;
- (f) there shall be added to the assets of each relevant Fund the total amount (whether actual or estimated by the Directors or their delegate) of any claims for repayment of any taxation levied on income or capital gains including claims in respect of double taxation relief; and
- (g) there shall be deducted from the assets of the relevant Fund:
  - (i) the total amount of any actual or estimated liabilities properly payable out of the assets of the relevant Fund including any and all outstanding borrowings of the Company in respect of the relevant Fund, interest, fees and expenses payable on such borrowings and any estimated liability for tax and such amount in respect of contingent or projected expenses as the Directors consider fair and reasonable as of the relevant Valuation Point;
  - (ii) such sum in respect of tax (if any) on income or capital gains realised on the investments of the relevant Fund as in the estimate of the Directors will become payable;
  - (iii) the amount (if any) of any distribution declared but not distributed in respect thereof;
  - (iv) the remuneration of the Administrator, the Custodian, the Investment Manager, any distributor and any other providers of services to the Company accrued but remaining unpaid together with a sum equal to the value added tax chargeable thereon (if any);
  - (v) the total amount (whether actual or estimated by the Directors) of any other liabilities properly payable out of the assets of the relevant Fund (including all establishment, operational and ongoing administrative fees, costs and expenses) as of the relevant Valuation Point;
  - (vi) an amount as of the relevant Valuation Point representing the projected liability of the relevant Fund in respect of costs and expenses to be incurred by the relevant Fund in the event of a proposed liquidation;
  - (vii) an amount as of the relevant Valuation Point representing the projected liability of the relevant calls on Shares in respect of any options written by the relevant Fund or Class of Shares; and
  - (viii) any other liability which may properly be deducted.

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

### **Calculation of Net Asset Value Per Share**

The Net Asset Value attributable to a Class shall be determined as at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day by calculating that portion of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund attributable to the relevant Class subject to adjustment to take account of assets and/or liabilities attributable to the Class. The Net Asset Value of a Fund will be expressed in the Base Currency of that Fund, or in such other currency as the Directors may determine either generally or in relation to a particular Class or in a specific case.

The Net Asset Value per Share shall be calculated as at the Valuation Point on or with respect to each Dealing Day by dividing the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund or attributable to a Class by the total number of Shares in issue in that Fund or Class at the relevant Valuation Point and rounding the resulting total to four decimal places.

### **Publication of Net Asset Value per Share**

When calculated, the Net Asset Value will be published as specified under the heading “The Company”.

### **Single Swinging Pricing**

Shares will be issued and redeemed at a single price (the “Price”) (excluding subscription or redemption charges, if any) which will be the Net Asset Value per Share, which may, at the Directors’ discretion and as set forth in the relevant Supplement, be adjusted on any Dealing Day in the manner set out below, depending on whether or not a Fund is in a Net Subscription Position or in a Net Redemption Position on such Dealing Day, to arrive at the Price. Where there is no dealing on a Fund or Share Class of a Fund on any Dealing Day, the Price will be the unadjusted Net Asset Value per Share rounded to four decimal places. The basis on which the assets of each Fund are valued for the purposes of calculating the Net Asset Value per Share is set out above. This provides that listed investments will be valued based on the closing mid-market price of such investment. However, the actual cost of purchasing or selling assets and investments for a Fund may deviate from the mid-market price used in calculating the Net Asset Value per Share due to dealing charges, taxes and other similar costs (“Duties and Charges”) and from the difference between buying and selling prices of the underlying investments (“Spreads”). These costs have an adverse effect on the value of a Fund and are known as “dilution”.

The dilution adjustment will involve adding to, when the Fund is in a Net Subscription Position, and deducting from, when the Fund is in a Net Redemption Position, the Net Asset Value per Share such figure as the Directors consider represents an appropriate figure to meet Duties and Charges and Spreads. The resultant amount will be the Price rounded to four decimal places. Where a dilution adjustment is made, it will increase the Price when the Fund is in a Net Subscription Position and decrease the Price when the Fund is in a Net Redemption Position. The Price of each Class in the Fund will be calculated separately but any dilution adjustment will in percentage terms affect the Price of each Class in an identical manner. If there are redemptions and the dilution adjustment is not made, there may be an adverse impact on the total assets of a Fund.



## **Suspension of Valuation of Assets**

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

- a) the whole or part of any period (other than for ordinary holidays or customary weekends) when any of the Recognised Exchanges on which the relevant Fund's investments are quoted, listed, traded or dealt are closed or during which dealings therein are restricted or suspended or trading is suspended or restricted; or
- b) the whole or part of any period when circumstances outside the control of the Directors exist as a result of which any disposal or valuation of investments of a Fund is not reasonably practicable or would be detrimental to the interests of Shareholders or it is not possible to transfer monies involved in the acquisition or disposal of investments to or from the relevant account of the Company; or
- c) the whole or any part of any period when any breakdown occurs in the means of communication normally employed in determining the value of a Fund's investments; or
- d) the whole or any part of any period when for any reason the value of any of a Fund's investments cannot be reasonably, promptly or accurately ascertained;
- e) the whole or any part of any period when subscription proceeds cannot be transmitted to or from the account of any Fund or the Company is unable to repatriate funds required for making redemption payments or when such payments cannot, in the opinion of the Directors, be carried out at normal rates of exchange; or
- f) upon mutual agreement between the Company and the Custodian for the purpose of winding up the Company or terminating any Fund; or
- g) any other reason makes it impossible or impracticable to determine the value of a substantial portion of the Investments or the Company or any Fund.

Any suspension of valuation shall be notified to the Central Bank and the Custodian without delay and, in any event, within the same Dealing Day and where relevant may be published in the Financial Times. Where possible, all reasonable steps will be taken to bring any period of suspension to an end as soon as possible.

The Central Bank may also require that the Company temporarily suspends the determination of the Net Asset Value and/or the issue and redemption of Shares in a Fund if it decides that it is in the best interests of the general public and the Shareholders to do so.

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

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## TAXATION

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### General

The following is of a general nature and does not purport to deal with all of the tax consequences applicable to the Company or to all categories of investors, some of whom may be subject to special rules. Shareholders and potential investors should consult their professional advisers concerning possible taxation or other consequences of purchasing, holding, selling, converting or otherwise disposing of the Shares under the laws of their country of incorporation, establishment, citizenship, residence or domicile, and in the light of their particular circumstances.

The following general statements on taxation are based on advice received by the Directors regarding the law and practice in force in Ireland at the date of this Prospectus. Legislative, administrative or judicial changes may modify the tax consequences described below and as is the case with any investment, there can be no guarantee that the tax position or proposed tax position prevailing at the date of this Prospectus will apply at any other date.

### Ireland

#### Taxation of the Company in Ireland

The Company is an investment undertaking as defined in Section 739B of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 ("TCA"), and therefore, will not be subject to Irish tax on its income or gains other than gains arising on chargeable events.

Tax can arise on the happening of a 'chargeable event' in the Company. Generally a chargeable event arises on any distribution, redemption, repurchase, cancellation, transfer of Shares or on the ending of a Relevant Period. Any transaction in relation to or in respect of Shares in the Company which are held in a recognised clearing system is not considered a chargeable event, irrespective of the tax status of the shareholder holding the Shares.

Where the Shares are not held in a recognised clearing system, the Company will not be subject to Irish tax on chargeable events for certain types of investors including, inter alia, non-Irish Resident investors (see Definitions section on residence for further information) and particular types of Irish investors such as charities, pension schemes, life assurance companies etc known as "Exempt Irish Investors", if (i) the Relevant Declaration has been provided to the Company or (ii) the Company is in possession of a written notice of approval from the Irish Revenue Commissioners to the effect that Section 739D(7) TCA is deemed to have been complied with in respect of the Shareholder and that approval has not been withdrawn.

Where the Company is liable to account for Irish tax on income or gains arising to non-corporate Shareholders on chargeable events the rate of tax is currently 41%. The rate of tax is lowered to 25% for corporate Shareholders in respect of all chargeable events.

The ending of a "Relevant Period" is also considered a chargeable event. Similar to other forms of chargeable event a gain may arise unless the shareholder giving rise to the chargeable event is either 1) non-Irish Resident and non-Irish Ordinarily Resident or 2) an Exempt Irish Investor (provided in either case the investor has provided a Relevant Declaration). For those investors impacted the ending of the Relevant Period is essentially a deemed disposal for Irish tax purposes. There are provisions which seek to ensure double taxation does not arise where an actual disposal follows a deemed disposal.

In certain circumstances the Company may elect to apply provisions relating to eight year deemed disposals. These provisions seek to reduce the administrative burden for Irish funds depending on the proportion of the Irish taxable investors within the umbrella fund or sub-fund. While these provisions will alter the obligations arising on the deemed disposal, there is no impact on the actual deemed disposal.

In addition, a number of measures regarding fund reorganisations and amalgamations allow for reorganisations to be effected at a sub-fund level in a tax-efficient manner for Irish tax purposes. In this regard, a chargeable event does not arise upon;

- an exchange by a Shareholder, effected by way of arm's length bargain where no payment is made to the Shareholder, of Shares in the Company for other Shares in the Company; or
- an exchange of Shares arising on a qualifying amalgamation or reconstruction (within the meaning of Section 739H TCA) of the Company with another investment undertaking.

### **Recovery of tax by the Company**

The Company is entitled to deduct any tax arising from payments to the Shareholder or where no payment is involved to cancel or appropriate sufficient Shares of the Shareholder to meet the tax liability.

### **Other Relevant Irish Taxes**

As an investment undertaking, distributions paid by the Company should not be subject to Irish dividend withholding tax in most circumstances.

Dividends received by the Company from investment in Irish equities may be subject to Irish dividend withholding tax (currently 20%). However, where the Company makes an appropriate declaration to the payer that it is an investment undertaking beneficially entitled to receive such dividends on Irish equities, payments will be made without deduction of tax.

Yearly interest received by the Company from other Irish tax resident companies is generally not subject to Irish withholding tax.

Generally no stamp duty or other tax is payable in Ireland on the issue, redemption or transfer of Shares in the Company provided that no application for Shares or repurchase or redemption of Shares is satisfied by an in-kind or in specie transfer of any Irish situated property.

Distributions, interest receipts and capital gains (if any) on securities issued in countries other than Ireland may be subject to taxes including withholding taxes in the countries in which the issuers of investments are located. The Company may not be able to benefit from a reduction in the rate of withholding tax under any double taxation agreement in operation between Ireland and other countries. If this position changes in the future and the application of a lower rate results in a repayment to the Company, the Net Asset Value will not be re-stated and the benefit will be allocated to the existing Shareholders rateably at the time of the repayment.

Foreign interest, dividends and other annual payments entrusted to any person in Ireland for payment to the Company are exempt from Irish encashment tax.

### **Taxation of Shareholders**

For the purpose of determining the Irish tax liability of any Shareholder, payments made by the Company to a Shareholder who holds Shares which are held in a recognised clearing system, will be deemed to be payments from which tax has not been deducted.

Where Shares are denominated in a currency other than Euro certain Irish Resident Shareholders will be liable to tax on chargeable gains at 33% on the foreign exchange difference between the foreign currency and the Euro for the duration of the Shareholding period. Persons who are neither Resident in Ireland nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland would normally only be liable to this charge if the Shares are held for the purpose of trade carried on through a Branch or agency in Ireland.

Where a Non-Exempt Irish Investor realises a loss on disposal of Shares that loss cannot normally be utilised unless a gain from the Shares would be considered trading income.

Provided the Company is in possession of a Relevant Declaration and the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct Shareholders who are neither Ordinarily Resident in Ireland nor Resident in Ireland will not be subject to Irish tax on income from their Shares or gains made on the disposal of their Shares unless they are held in connection with a trade or business carried on in Ireland through a branch or agency. In certain circumstances the Company may apply for this requirement to hold Relevant Declarations to be waived. This waiver requires approval from the Irish Revenue Commissioners and the decision to proceed with such an application is at the discretion of the Company.

Where a Shareholder does not meet the conditions to make a Relevant Declaration or a Relevant Declaration has not been correctly made, gains arising on chargeable events are taxed as follows:

#### ***Non-Corporate Shareholders Disposals***

Non-corporate Non-Exempt Irish Investors will not be subject to further Irish tax on income from their Shares or gains made on the disposal of their Shares where tax has been correctly deducted by the Company on payments received by the Shareholder. They may however be liable to tax on foreign currency gains as outlined in the interpretation section above.

#### ***Payments Made Gross of Tax***

Any non-corporate Non-Exempt Irish Investors who receive a payment from the Company from which tax has not been deducted will be taxable on that payment. However, where the payment is in respect of the cancellation, redemption, repurchase or transfer of Shares or the ending of a Relevant Period, such income shall be reduced by the amount of the consideration in money or money's worth given by the Shareholder for the acquisition of the Shares. The rate of tax will depend on whether the payment is correctly included in a return made by that person. Where the payment is correctly included in a return the payment is normally subject to tax at 41% for all payments. Where the payment is not correctly included in a tax return, normal marginal rates of income tax, Pay Related Social Insurance and Universal Social Charge should apply (currently up to 55%). Such Shareholders may also be liable to tax on foreign currency gains as outlined in the interpretation section above.

#### ***Personal Portfolio Investment Undertakings***

An investment undertaking will be considered a personal portfolio investment undertaking ("PPIU") in relation to a particular investor where that investor can influence the selection of some or all of the property held by the investment undertaking. Depending on individuals' circumstances, an investment undertaking may be considered a PPIU in relation to some, none or all individual investors i.e. it will be a PPIU only in respect of those individuals who can "influence" selection. Any gain arising on a chargeable event in relation to an investment undertaking which is a PPIU in respect of an individual that gave rise to the chargeable event and occurs on or after 1 February 2007, will be taxed at the rate of 60%. This rate can increase to 80% in certain circumstances where the Irish investor in a PPIU does not include details in their tax return. Specific exemptions apply where the property invested in has been widely marketed and made available to the public. As a result, it is unlikely the provisions in respect of PPIUs will apply in respect of this investment undertaking.

### ***Eight Year Deemed Disposals***

As mentioned above the eighth anniversary of the acquisition of shares in the Company will be considered a "chargeable event". The Company may elect, in certain circumstances, whether to levy this tax at fund level or whether investors should self assess for the tax due. Where the Company makes such an election it is required to inform the affected Shareholder in writing.

### **Corporate Shareholders**

Corporate Non-Exempt Irish Investors who receive any distributions or gains on an encashment, redemption, cancellation or transfer of Shares from which tax has been deducted will be treated as having received an annual payment chargeable to tax under Case IV of Schedule D from which tax currently at the rate of 25% had been deducted. Subject to the comments above concerning tax on foreign currency gains, in general, such Shareholders will not be subject to further Irish tax on payments received in respect of their holding from which tax has been deducted.

Corporate Non-Exempt Irish Investors whose Shares are held on a trading account in connection with a trade will be taxable on any income or gains (grossed up for any tax deducted) as part of that trade with a set off against corporation tax payable for any tax deducted by the Company.

Any Corporate Shareholders who are Resident in Ireland and receive a payment from the Company from which tax has not been deducted will be fully taxable on that payment under Case IV of Schedule D (except where the Shares are held on a trading account in which case they are taxable under Case I of Schedule D). However, where the payment is in respect of the cancellation, redemption, repurchase or transfer of Shares or the ending of a Relevant Period, such income shall be reduced by the amount of the consideration in money or money's worth given by the Shareholders for the acquisition of the Shares. Such Shareholders may also be liable to tax on foreign currency gains as outlined in the interpretation section above.

### **Capital Acquisitions Tax**

The disposal of Shares by a Shareholder is not liable to Capital Acquisitions Tax provided that (a) at the date of the gift or inheritance, the donee or successor is neither domiciled nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland; (b) at the date of the disposition, either the Shareholder disposing of the Shares is neither domiciled nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland or the disposition is not subject to Irish law; and (c) the Shares are comprised in the gift or inheritance at the date of such gift or inheritance and at the valuation date.

### **Refunds**

Where tax is withheld by the Company on the basis that no Relevant Declaration has been filed with the Company by the Shareholders, Irish legislation does not provide for a refund of tax to non-corporate Shareholders or to corporate Shareholders who are not Resident of Ireland and who are not within the charge to Irish corporation tax other than in the following circumstances:

1. The appropriate tax has been correctly returned by the Company and within one year of the making of the return the Company can prove to the satisfaction of the Irish Revenue Commissioners that it is just and reasonable for such tax which has been paid, to be repaid to the Company.
2. Where a claim is made for a refund of Irish tax under Sections 189, 189A and 192 TCA (relieving provisions relating to certain incapacitated persons).

## European Savings Directive

Under European Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on the taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (the "Savings Directive"), Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (which may include distributions by collective investment funds) or other similar income paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State, subject to the right of Luxembourg and Austria to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments. Ireland operates an exchange of information rather than a withholding tax system.

Accordingly, the Custodian, Administrator or such other Irish entity considered a "paying agent" for the purposes of the Savings Directive may be required to disclose details of payments of interest or other similar income to investors in the Company to the Irish Revenue Commissioners. In that regard, the Custodian, Administrator or such other Irish entity considered a "paying agent" will require proof of identity, residence and relevant tax documentation from individual investors. Failure to provide the above information may result in the refusal of an application for a subscription or a request for a redemption.

## Definitions

**"Exempt Irish Investor"**, means as listed below, the categories of persons Resident in Ireland or Ordinarily Resident in Ireland that are exempt from tax on the occurrence of a chargeable event where a Relevant Declaration has been provided to the Company. However, it is important to note that full details and conditions for each type of Exempt Irish Investor can be found in Sections 739B and 739D TCA. In all cases where an investor considers they may be an "Exempt Irish Investor" they should contact their own taxation advisers to ensure that they meet all necessary requirements:

- (i) a pension scheme which is an exempt approved scheme within the meaning of Section 774 TCA or a retirement annuity contract or a trust scheme to which Section 784 or Section 785 TCA applies;
- (ii) a company carrying on a life assurance business within the meaning of Section 706 TCA;
- (iii) an investment undertaking within the meaning of Section 739B(1) TCA;
- (iv) an investment limited partnership within the meaning of Section 739J which has made a declaration to the investment undertaking in accordance with paragraph 4A of Schedule 2B TCA;
- (v) a special investment scheme within the meaning of Section 737 TCA;
- (vi) a unit trust, to which Section 731(5)(a) TCA applies;
- (vii) a charity being a person referred to in Section 739D(6)(f)(i) TCA;
- (viii) a qualifying management company within the meaning of Section 739B TCA;
- (ix) certain persons exempt from income tax and capital gains tax by virtue of Section 784A(2) TCA where the Shares are assets of an approved retirement fund or an approved minimum retirement fund;
- (x) where the Shares held are assets of a special savings incentive account;
- (xi) the Shares are assets of a personal retirement savings account;

- (xii) a credit union;
- (xiii) a company that is or will be within the charge to corporation tax but only where the fund is a money market fund;
- (xiv) the National Asset Management Agency.
- (xv) the National Pensions Reserve Fund Commission;
- (xvi) a company who is within the charge to corporation tax in accordance with Section 110(2) TCA in respect of payments made to it by the investment undertaking;
- (xvii) an Intermediary acting on behalf of Shareholders listed at (i) to (xvi) above;
- (xviii) an Intermediary acting on behalf of persons who are neither Resident in Ireland nor Ordinarily Resident in Ireland for tax purposes.

**"Ordinarily Resident in Ireland"**, means any person ordinarily resident in the Republic of Ireland for tax purposes. "Irish Resident" shall be construed accordingly.

**"Ordinary Residence — Individual"**, means "ordinary resident" as distinct from "resident" in relation to a person's normal pattern of life and denotes residence in a place with some degree of continuity. An individual who has been resident in Ireland for three consecutive tax years becomes ordinarily resident with effect from the commencement of the fourth tax year.

For example, an individual who is resident in Ireland for the tax years:

- 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014;
- 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015; and
- 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016;

will become ordinarily resident with effect 1 January 2017.

An individual who has been ordinarily resident in Ireland ceases to be ordinarily resident at the end of the third consecutive tax year in which s/he is not resident. Thus, an individual who is resident and ordinarily resident in Ireland in 2014 and departs from Ireland in that year will remain ordinarily resident up to the end of the tax year 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017.

For the purposes of Irish Capital Acquisitions Tax an individual is ordinarily resident in Ireland if they have been resident in Ireland for five consecutive tax years.

**"Relevant Period"**, means an eight year period beginning with the acquisition of the Shares by the Shareholder and each subsequent period of eight years beginning immediately after the preceding Relevant Period."

**"Relevant Declaration"**, means a completed and signed declaration on an Irish Revenue prescribed form as set out in Schedule 2B TCA. A declaration by a non Irish resident investor or an Intermediary is only a Relevant Declaration where the Investment Undertaking has no reason to believe the declaration is incorrect.

**"Resident in Ireland"**, means any person resident in the Republic of Ireland for tax purposes.

**"Residence — Individual"**, means that an individual will be regarded as being resident in Ireland for a tax year if s/he:

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

Presence in a tax year by an individual of not more than 30 days in Ireland will not be reckoned for the purpose of applying the two-year test. An individual is treated as present in Ireland for a day if that individual is personally present in Ireland at any time during that day

**"Residence — Company"**, means that a company which has its central management and control in Ireland is resident in Ireland irrespective of where it is incorporated. A company which does not have its central management and control in Ireland but which is incorporated in Ireland is resident in Ireland except where: -

- the company or a related company carries on a trade in Ireland, and either the company is ultimately controlled by persons resident in EU Member States or countries with which Ireland has a double taxation treaty, , or the principal class of shares of the company or a related company are substantially and regularly traded on one or more than one recognised Stock Exchange in the EU or in a tax treaty country, or
- the company is regarded as not resident in Ireland under a double taxation treaty between Ireland and another country.

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

## **United Kingdom Taxation**

### **The Company**

As the Company is a UCITS it should not be considered to be resident in the United Kingdom ("UK") for UK taxation purposes. Accordingly, and provided that the Company does not carry on a trade in the UK through a permanent establishment situated in the UK for corporation tax purposes, or through a branch or agency situated in the UK within the charge to income tax, the Company will not be subject to UK corporation tax or income tax on income and capital gains arising to it save as noted below in relation to possible withholding tax on certain UK source income. The Directors intend that the affairs of the Company are conducted so that no such permanent establishment, branch or agency will arise insofar as this is within their control, but it cannot be guaranteed that the conditions necessary to prevent any such permanent establishment, branch or agency coming into being will at all times be satisfied.

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

### **Shareholders**

Subject to their personal circumstances, individual Shareholders resident in the UK for taxation purposes will be liable to UK income tax in respect of any dividends or other distributions of income by the Company, whether or not such distributions are reinvested. In addition, Shareholders in Classes approved as reporting funds for UK tax purposes (if any) may be treated as receiving reportable income in respect of income arising to such Shares (See "*Shareholders in Classes with Reporting Fund Status*" below). A dividend tax credit of 1/9th of the gross dividend should be available to such Shareholders on dividends received from the Company. However, as a result of anti-avoidance rules such credit will not be available to individual Shareholders in any Class where the market value of the



Class's investments in debt instruments, securities and certain other offshore funds which invest in similar assets exceeds 60% of the market value of all of the assets of the Class at any relevant time. Investors in these Classes (if any) will be treated as receiving an interest payment which will not carry the tax credit.

Companies within the charge to UK corporation tax should generally be exempt from UK corporation tax on distributions (including reportable income) made by the Company although it should be noted that this exemption is subject to certain exclusions (particularly in the case of "small companies" as defined in Section 931S of the Corporation Tax Act 2009 ("CTA 2009")) and specific anti-avoidance rules.

A Shareholder that is resident in the UK and that subsequent to subscription, wishes to convert Shares of one particular Class into Shares of another in accordance with the procedure outlined in "*Conversion of Shares*" above should note that such a conversion would give rise to a disposal triggering a potential liability to income tax (or capital gains tax if the disposal is of Shares in a Class with reporting fund status – see Shareholders in Classes with Reporting Fund Status below), depending upon the value of the shareholding on the date of conversion.

Chapter 3 of Part 6 of CTA 2009 provides that, if at any time in an accounting period a corporate investor within the charge to UK corporation tax holds an interest in an offshore fund and there is a time in that period when that fund fails to satisfy the "non-qualifying investments test", the interest held by such a corporate investor will be treated for the accounting period as if it were rights under a creditor relationship for the purposes of the rules relating to the taxation of most corporate debt contained in CTA 2009 (the "Corporate Debt Regime"). The Shares will (as explained above) constitute interests in an offshore fund. In circumstances where the test is not so satisfied (for example where the Company invests in cash, securities or debt instruments or open ended companies that themselves do not satisfy the "non-qualifying investments test" and the market value of such investments exceeds 60% of the market value of all its investments at any time), the Shares will be treated for corporation tax purposes as within the Corporate Debt Regime. As a consequence, all returns on the Shares in respect of each corporate investor's accounting period during which the test is not met (including gains, profits and deficits and exchange gains and losses) will be taxed or relieved as an income receipt or expense on a fair value accounting basis. Accordingly, a corporate investor in the Company may, depending on its own circumstances, incur a charge to corporation tax on an unrealised increase in the value of its holding of Shares (and, likewise, obtain relief against corporation tax for an unrealised reduction in the value of its holding of Shares). The provisions relating to non-reporting funds (outlined below) would not then apply to such corporate Shareholders and the effect of the provisions relating to holdings in controlled foreign companies (outlined below) would then be substantially mitigated.

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

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

- (iii) all the relevant transactions were genuine, arm's length transactions and if the Shareholder were liable to tax under Chapter 2 of Part 13 in respect of such transactions, such liability would constitute an unjustified and disproportionate restriction on a freedom protected by Title II or IV of Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union or Part II or III of the EEA Agreement.

Part 9A of Taxation (International and Other Provisions) Act 2010 ("TIOPA 2010") subjects UK resident companies to tax on the profits of companies not so resident (such as the Company) in which they have an interest. The provisions, broadly, affect UK resident companies which hold, alone or together with certain other associated persons, shares which confer a right to at least 25% of the profits of a non-resident company (a "25% Interest") where that non-resident company is controlled by persons who are resident in the UK and is subject to a lower level of taxation in its territory of residence. The legislation is not directed towards the taxation of capital gains. In addition, these provisions will not apply if the Shareholder reasonably believes that it does not hold a 25% Interest in the Company throughout the relevant accounting period.

The attention of Shareholders resident in the UK for taxation purposes (and who, if individuals, are also domiciled in the UK for those purposes) is drawn to the provisions of section 13 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 ("Section 13"). Section 13 applies to a "participator" in the Company for UK taxation purposes (which term includes a Shareholder). If at any time when a gain accrues to the Company (such as on a disposal of any of its investments), which constitutes a chargeable gain for those purposes, the Company is itself controlled by a sufficiently small number of persons so as to render the Company a body corporate that would, were it to have been resident in the UK for taxation purposes, be a "close" company for those purposes, then the provisions of Section 13 could, if applied, result in such a Shareholder being treated for the purposes of UK taxation of chargeable gains as if a part of any chargeable gain accruing to the Company had accrued to that Shareholder directly, that part being equal to the proportion of the gain that corresponds to that Shareholder's proportionate interest in the Company as a "participator". No liability could be incurred by such a Shareholder where the amount apportioned to the Shareholder and any connected persons does not exceed one quarter of the gain and, in addition, exemptions also apply where none of the acquisition, holding or disposal of the assets had a tax avoidance main purpose or where the relevant gains arise on the disposal of assets used only for the purposes of genuine, economically significant business activities carried on outside the UK.

In the case of UK resident individuals domiciled outside the UK, Section 13 applies only to gains relating to UK situate assets of the Company and gains relating to non-UK situate assets if such gains are remitted to the UK.

Special tax rules apply to investments made in an offshore fund within the meaning of TIOPA 2010. Individual classes of shares within the same offshore fund are treated as separate offshore funds for these purposes. The tax treatment of Shareholders in a reporting Class differs in various respects from those in a non-reporting Class and the tax treatment of each is set out separately below. The Directors reserve the right to seek reporting fund status in respect of any Class and prospective investors are referred to the relevant Supplement and HM Revenue & Customs' published list of reporting funds for confirmation of those Classes (if any) in respect of which reporting fund status has been or will be obtained.

#### *Shareholders in Classes without Reporting Fund Status*

Each of the Classes will be deemed to constitute an "offshore fund" for the purposes of the offshore fund legislation in Part 8 of TIOPA 2010. Under this legislation, any gain arising on the sale, disposal or redemption of shares in an offshore fund held by persons who are resident in the UK for tax purposes will be taxed at the time of such sale, disposal or redemption as income and not as a capital gain. This does not apply, however, where a fund is accepted by HM Revenue & Customs as a "reporting fund" throughout the period during which shares have been held. Shareholders who are

resident in the UK for tax purposes and who invest in Classes without reporting fund status may be liable to UK income taxation in respect of any gain realised on disposal or redemption of such Shares. Any such gain may thus remain taxable notwithstanding any general or specific UK capital gains tax exemption or allowance available to a Shareholder and this may result in certain investors incurring a proportionately greater UK taxation charge. Any losses arising on the disposal of Shares in Classes without reporting fund status by Shareholders who are resident in the UK will be eligible for capital gains loss relief.

#### *Shareholders in Classes with Reporting Fund Status*

The UK offshore funds' legislation provides that any gain arising on the sale, redemption or other disposal of shares of an offshore fund will be taxed at the time of such sale, redemption or disposal as income and not as a capital gain. These provisions do not apply if the relevant Class successfully applies for reporting fund status and retains such status throughout the period during which the Shares are held. Prospective investors are referred to the relevant Supplement and HM Revenue & Customs' published list of reporting funds for confirmation of those Classes (if any) in respect of which reporting fund status has been or will be obtained.

In order for a Class to qualify as a reporting fund, the Company must apply to HM Revenue & Customs for entry of the relevant Class into the regime. For each accounting period, the relevant Class must then report to investors 100% of the income attributable to the Class, that report being made within six months of the end of the relevant accounting period. UK resident individual investors will be taxable on such reported income, whether or not the income is actually distributed. Income for these purposes is computed by reference to income for accounting purposes as adjusted for capital and other items and will be based upon the reportable income of the relevant Class or Fund. In particular, Shareholders should note that any profit derived from trading activities (as distinct from investment activities) will be regarded as reportable income. If the Company's activities prove to be trading in whole or part, the annual reportable income of Shareholders and their corresponding tax liability is likely to be significantly greater than would otherwise be the case. Provided a Class obtains and retains reporting fund status throughout the period during which Shares have been held, apart from sums representing accrued income for the period of disposal, any gains realised on the disposal of Shares in such Class will be subject to taxation as capital and not as income unless the investor deals in securities. Any such gain may accordingly be reduced by any general or specific UK exemption in respect of capital gains available to a Shareholder and may result in certain investors incurring a proportionately lower UK taxation charge.

Chapter 6 of Part 3 of the Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations 2009 ("the Regulations") provides that specified transactions carried out by a regulated fund, such as the Company, will not generally be treated as trading transactions for the purposes of calculating the reportable income of reporting funds that meet a genuine diversity of ownership condition. In this regard, the Directors confirm that all Classes are primarily intended for and marketed to the categories of retail and institutional investors. For the purposes of the Regulations, the Directors undertake that these interests in the Company will be widely available and will be marketed and made available sufficiently widely to reach the intended categories of investors and in a manner appropriate to attract those kinds of investors.

To the extent actual dividends are not declared in relation to all income of Shares in a reporting Class for a period, further reportable income under the reporting fund rules will be attributed only to those Shareholders who remain as Shareholders at the end of the relevant accounting period. The Regulations enable (but do not oblige) a reporting fund to elect to operate dividend equalisation or to make income adjustments, which should minimise this effect. The Directors reserve the right to make such an election in respect of any Class with reporting fund status.

## UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION

While the Shares of the company have not been specifically designed for US Investors, the following is an overview of the tax treatment for such investors.

As with any investment, the tax consequences of an investment in Shares may be material to an analysis of an investment in the Company. U.S. persons, as defined for federal income tax purposes (referred to herein as “U.S. Taxpayers” and defined below), investing in the Company should be aware of the tax consequences of such an investment before purchasing Shares. This Prospectus discusses certain U.S. federal income tax consequences only generally and does not purport to deal with all of the U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to the Company or to all categories of investors, some of whom may be subject to special rules. The following discussion assumes that no U.S. Taxpayer owns or will own directly or indirectly, or will be considered as owning by reason of certain tax law rules of constructive ownership, 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all Shares of the Company or any Fund. The Company does not, however, guarantee that will always be the case. Furthermore, the discussion assumes that the Company will not hold any interests (other than as a creditor) in any “United States real property holding corporations” as defined in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). Each prospective investor is urged to consult his or her tax advisor regarding the specific consequences of an investment in the Company under applicable U.S. federal, state, local and foreign income tax laws as well as with respect to any specific gift, estate and inheritance tax issues.

As used herein, the term “U.S. Taxpayer” includes a U.S. citizen or resident alien of the United States (as defined for United States federal income tax purposes); any entity treated as a partnership or corporation for U.S. tax purposes that is created or organized in, or under the laws of, the United States or any state thereof (including the District of Columbia); any other partnership that may be treated as a U.S. Taxpayer under future U.S. Treasury Department regulations; any estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. income taxation regardless of source; and any trust over whose administration a court within the United States has primary supervision and all substantial decisions of which are under the control of one or more U.S. fiduciaries. Persons who have lost their U.S. citizenship and who live outside the United States may nonetheless, in some circumstances, be treated as U.S. Taxpayers. Persons who are aliens as to the United States but who have spent 183 days or more in the United States in any of the last two years should check with their tax advisors as to whether they may be considered residents of the United States.

The following discussion assumes for convenience that the Company, including each Fund thereof, will be treated as a single entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The law in this area is uncertain. Thus, it is possible that the Company may adopt an alternative approach, treating each Fund of the Company as a separate entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes. There can be no assurance that the U.S. Internal Revenue Service will agree with the position taken by the Company.

### Taxation of the Company

The Company generally intends to conduct its affairs so that it will not be deemed to be engaged in trade or business in the United States and, therefore, none of its income will be treated as “effectively connected” with a U.S. trade or business carried on by the Company. If none of the Company’s income is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business carried on by the Company, certain categories of income (including dividends and certain types of interest income) derived by the Company from U.S. sources will be subject to a U.S. tax of 30%, which tax is generally withheld from such income. Certain other categories of income, generally including most forms of U.S. source interest income (e.g. interest and original issue discount on portfolio debt obligations (which may include United States Government securities, original issue discount obligations having an original maturity of 183 days or less, and certificates of deposit), and capital gains (including those derived from options transactions), will not be subject to this 30% withholding tax. If, on the other hand, the Company derives income which is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business carried on by

the Company, such income will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at the graduated rates applicable to U.S. domestic corporations, and the Company would also be subject to a branch profits tax on earnings removed, or deemed removed, from the United States.

Pursuant to the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”), the Company (or each Fund thereof) will be subject to U.S. federal withholding taxes (at a 30% rate) on payments of certain amounts made to such entity (“withholdable payments”), unless it complies (or is deemed compliant) with extensive reporting and withholding requirements. Withholdable payments generally include interest (including original issue discount), dividends, rents, annuities, and other fixed or determinable annual or periodical gains, profits or income, if such payments are derived from U.S. sources, as well as (effective 1 January 2017) gross proceeds from dispositions of securities that could produce U.S. source interest or dividends. Income which is effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business is not, however, included in this definition. To avoid the withholding tax, unless deemed compliant, the Company (or each Fund thereof) will be required to enter into an agreement with the United States to identify and disclose identifying and financial information about each U.S. Taxpayer (or foreign entity with substantial U.S. ownership) which invests in the Company (or Fund), and to withhold tax (at a 30% rate) on withholdable payments and related payments made to any investor which fails to furnish information requested by the Company to satisfy its obligations (or those of its Funds) under the agreement. Pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and Ireland, the Company (or each Fund) may be deemed compliant, and therefore not subject to the withholding tax, if it identifies and reports U.S. Taxpayer information directly to the Irish government. Certain categories of U.S. investors, generally including, but not limited to, tax-exempt investors, publicly traded corporations, banks, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, common trust funds, brokers, dealers and middlemen, and state and federal governmental entities, will be exempt from such reporting. Detailed guidance as to the mechanics and scope of this new reporting and withholding regime is continuing to develop. There can be no assurance as to the timing or impact of any such guidance on future Company (or Fund) operations.

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

#### Taxation of Shareholders

The U.S. tax consequences to Shareholders of distributions from the Company and of dispositions of Shares generally depends on the Shareholder’s particular circumstances, including whether the Shareholder conducts a trade or business within the United States or is otherwise taxable as a U.S. Taxpayer.

#### Taxation of U.S. Shareholders

**Dividend Distributions.** Any distributions made by the Company to its U.S. Taxpayer Shareholders with respect to their Shares will be taxable to those Shareholders as ordinary income for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent of the Company’s current and accumulated earnings and profits, subject to the “passive foreign investment company” (“PFIC”) rules discussed below. Dividends received by U.S. corporate Shareholders will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction.

**Sale of Shares.** Upon the sale or other disposition of Shares, and subject to the PFIC rules discussed below, a U.S. Taxpayer which holds Shares as a capital asset generally will realise a capital gain or loss which generally will be long-term or short-term, depending upon the Shareholder’s holding period for the Shares.

Net Investment Income Tax. An additional 3.8% tax is imposed on certain net investment income (including interest, dividends, annuities, royalties, rents and net capital gains) of U.S. individuals, estates and trusts to the extent that such person's "modified adjusted gross income" (in the case of an individual) or "adjusted gross income" (in the case of an estate or trust) exceeds a threshold amount.

PFIC Rules - In General. The Company is a PFIC within the meaning of Section 1297(a) of the Code. In addition, the Company may invest directly or indirectly in other entities that are classified as PFICs. Thus, Shareholders may be treated as indirect shareholders of PFICs in which the Company invests. U.S. investors are urged to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the application of the PFIC rules and the making of a "QEF election" or "mark to market" election, summarised below.

PFIC Consequences - No QEF or Mark to Market Election. A U.S. Taxpayer which holds Shares generally will be subject to special rules with respect to any "excess distribution" by the Company to that Shareholder and any gain from the disposition of the Shares. For this purpose, an "excess distribution" generally refers to the excess of the amount of distributions received by the Shareholder during the taxable year in respect of the Shares over 125% of the average amount received by the Shareholder in respect of those Shares during the three preceding taxable years (or shorter period that the Shareholder held the Shares). The tax payable by a U.S. Shareholder with respect to an excess distribution or disposition of Shares will be determined by allocating the excess distribution or gain from the disposition ratably to each day in the Shareholder's holding period for the Shares. The distribution or gain so allocated to any taxable year of the Shareholder, other than the taxable year of the excess distribution or disposition, will be taxed to the Shareholder at the highest ordinary income rate in effect for that year, and the tax will be further increased by an interest charge to reflect the value of the tax deferral deemed to have resulted from the ownership of the Shares. Any amount of distribution or gain allocated to the taxable year of the distribution or disposition will be included as ordinary income.

PFIC Consequences - QEF Election. A U.S. Taxpayer Shareholder in certain circumstances may be able to make an election (a "qualified electing fund" or "QEF" election), in lieu of being taxable in the manner described above, to include annually as income and gain that Shareholder's pro rata share of the ordinary earnings and net capital gain of the Company, regardless of whether the Shareholder actually received any distributions from the Company. Losses, however, would not flow through to an electing Shareholder. For the QEF election to be effective, the Company would need to provide the electing Shareholder with certain financial information based on U.S. tax accounting principles. There can be no assurance that a QEF election will be available with respect to the Shares or any PFIC shares held by a Shareholder indirectly through the Company.

PFIC Consequences - Mark to Market Election. There can be no certainty that a mark to market election will be available for U.S. Taxpayers holding Shares, nor is one likely to be available with respect to PFIC shares held indirectly through the Company. If such an election were available, in lieu of being taxable in the manner described above, an electing Shareholder would include in income at the end of each taxable year the excess, if any, of the fair market value of its Shares over its adjusted basis for the Shares. The Shareholder also would be permitted to deduct the excess, if any, of its adjusted basis for the Shares over their fair market value, but only to the extent of any net mark-to-market gain included in income in prior years. Any mark-to-market gain and any gain from an actual disposition of Shares would be included as ordinary income. Ordinary loss treatment would apply to any deductible mark-to-market loss, as well as any loss from an actual disposition to the extent of previously included net mark-to-market gains. An electing Shareholder's adjusted basis in its Shares would be adjusted to reflect any mark-to-market inclusions or deductions.

PFIC Consequences - Tax-Exempt Organizations - Unrelated Business Taxable Income. Certain entities (including qualified pension and profit sharing plans, individual retirement accounts, 401(k) plans and Keogh plans ("Tax-Exempt entities")) generally are exempt from U.S. federal income taxation except to the extent that they have unrelated business taxable income ("UBTI"). UBTI is income from a trade or business regularly carried on by a Tax-Exempt entity which is unrelated to the

entity's exempt activities. Various types of income, including dividends, interest and gains from the sale of property other than inventory and property held primarily for sale to customers, are excluded from UBTI, so long as the income is not derived from debt-financed property. Capital gains derived by a Tax-Exempt entity from the sale or exchange of Shares and any dividends received by a Tax-Exempt entity with respect to its Shares should be excluded from UBTI, provided that the Tax-Exempt entity has not incurred acquisition indebtedness in connection with the acquisition of such Shares.

Under current law, the PFIC rules apply to a Tax-Exempt entity that holds Shares only if a dividend from the Company would be subject to U.S. federal income taxation in the hands of the Shareholder (as would be the case, for example, if the Shares were debt-financed property in the hands of the Tax-Exempt entity). It should be noted, however, that temporary and proposed regulations appear to treat certain tax-exempt trusts (but not qualified plans) differently than other Tax-Exempt entities by treating the beneficiaries of such trusts as PFIC shareholders and thereby subjecting such persons to the PFIC rules.

**Other Tax Considerations.** The foregoing discussion assumes, as stated above, that no U.S. Taxpayer owns or will own directly or indirectly, or be considered as owning by application of certain tax law rules of constructive ownership, 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all voting Shares of the Company or any Fund (any such U.S. Taxpayer so holding such an interest is referred to herein as a "10 Percent U.S. Shareholder"). If more than 50% of the equity interests in the Company were owned by 10 Percent U.S. Shareholders, the Company would be a "controlled foreign corporation," in which case a 10 Percent U.S. Shareholder would be required to include in income that amount of the Company's earnings to which the Shareholder would have been entitled had the Company currently distributed all of its earnings. (Under current law, such income inclusions generally would not be expected to be treated as UBTI, so long as not deemed to be attributable to insurance income earned by the Company.) Also, upon the sale or exchange of Shares, all or part of any resulting gain could be treated as ordinary income. Alternatively, if each Fund were treated as a separate entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the 10 Percent U.S. Shareholder and controlled foreign corporation determinations would be made on an individual Fund basis. Similar rules could apply with respect to shares of any other non-U.S. corporations that are held by a Shareholder indirectly through the Company.

**Reporting Requirements.** U.S. Taxpayers may be subject to additional U.S. tax reporting requirements by reason of their ownership of Shares. For example, special reporting requirements may apply with respect to certain interests in, transfers to, and changes in ownership interest in, the Company and certain other foreign entities in which the Company may invest. A U.S. Taxpayer also would be subject to additional reporting requirements in the event that it is deemed to be a 10 Percent U.S. Shareholder of a controlled foreign corporation by reason of its investment in the Company. Alternatively, the 10 Percent U.S. Shareholder and controlled foreign corporation determinations would be made on an individual Fund basis, if each Fund were to be treated as a separate entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes. U.S. Taxpayers should consult their own U.S. tax advisors regarding any reporting responsibilities resulting from an investment in the Company, including any obligation to file FinCEN Report 114 with the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

**Tax Shelter Reporting.** Persons who participate in or act as material advisors with respect to certain "reportable transactions" must disclose required information concerning the transaction to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. In addition, material advisors must maintain lists that identify such reportable transactions and their participants. Significant penalties apply to taxpayers who fail to disclose a reportable transaction. Although the Company is not intended to be a vehicle to shelter U.S. federal income tax, and the new regulations provide a number of relevant exceptions, there can be no assurance that the Company and certain of its Shareholders and material advisors will not, under any circumstance, be subject to these disclosure and list maintenance requirements.

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## STATUTORY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

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

- (b) The Company was incorporated in Ireland on 23 June 2009 as an investment company with variable capital with limited liability under registration number 472277. The Company has no subsidiaries.
- (c) The registered office of the Company is as stated in the Directory at the front of the Prospectus.
- (d) Clause 3 of the Constitution provides that the Company's sole object is the collective investment in either or both transferable securities and other liquid financial assets referred to in Central Bank UCITS Regulations of capital raised from the public and the Company operates on the principle of risk spreading.
- (e) The authorised share capital of the Company is 500,000,000,000 Shares of no par value and 300,000 divided into 300,000 redeemable Non-Participating Shares of 1.00 each. Non-Participating Shares do not entitle the holders thereof to any dividend and on a winding up entitle the holders thereof to receive the amount paid up thereon but do not otherwise entitle them to participate in the assets of the Company. The Directors have the power to allot Shares in the capital of the Company on such terms and in such manner as they may think fit. There are two Non-Participating Shares currently in issue which were taken by the subscribers to the Company and are held by nominees of the Investment Manager.
- (f) No share capital of the Company has been put under option nor has any share capital been agreed (conditionally or unconditionally) to be put under option.

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

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



### 3. **Voting Rights**

The following rules relating to voting rights apply:-

- (a) Fractions of Shares do not carry voting rights.
- (b) Every Shareholder or holder of Non-Participating Shares present in person or by proxy who votes on a show of hands shall be entitled to one vote.
- (c) The chairman of a general meeting of a Fund or Class or any Shareholder of a Fund or Class present in person or by proxy at a meeting of a Fund or Class may demand a poll. The chairman of a general meeting of the Company or at least two members present in person or by proxy or any Shareholder or Shareholders present in person or by proxy representing at least one tenth of the Shares in issue having the right to vote at such meeting may demand a poll.
- (d) On a poll every Shareholder present in person or by proxy shall be entitled to one vote in respect of each Share held by him and every holder of Non-Participating Shares shall be entitled to one vote in respect of all Non-Participating Shares held by him. A Shareholder entitled to more than one vote need not cast all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.
- (e) Any person (whether a Shareholder or not) may be appointed to act as a proxy; a Shareholder may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion.
- (f) Any instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the registered office, not less than 48 hours before the meeting or at such other place and by such time as is specified in the notice convening the meeting. The Directors may at the expense of the Company send by post or otherwise to the Shareholders instruments of proxy (with or without prepaid postage for their return) and may either leave blank the appointment of the proxy or nominate one or more of the Directors or any other person to act as proxy.
- (g) To be passed, ordinary resolutions of the Company or of the Shareholders of a particular Fund or Class will require a simple majority of the votes cast by the Shareholders voting in person or by proxy at the meeting at which the resolution is proposed. Special resolutions of the Company or of the Shareholders of a particular Fund or Class will require a majority of not less than 75% of the Shareholders present in person or by proxy and voting in general meeting in order to pass a special resolution including a resolution to amend the Constitution.

### 4. **Meetings**

- (a) The Directors may convene extraordinary general meetings of the Company at any time. The Directors shall convene an annual general meeting within six months of the end of each Accounting Period.
- (b) Not less than twenty one days' notice of every annual general meeting and any meeting convened for the passing of a special resolution must be given to Shareholders and fourteen days' notice must be given in the case of any other general meeting.
- (c) Two Members present either in person or by proxy shall be a quorum for a general meeting provided that the quorum for a general meeting convened to consider any alteration to the Class rights of Shares shall be two Shareholders holding or representing by proxy at least one third of the issued Shares of the relevant Fund or

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

- (d) The foregoing provisions with respect to the convening and conduct of meetings shall save as otherwise specified with respect to meetings of Funds or Classes and, subject to the Act, have effect with respect to separate meetings of each Fund or Class at which a resolution varying the rights of Shareholders in such Fund or Class is tabled.

## 5. Reports and Accounts

The Company will prepare an annual report and audited accounts as of 31 December in each year and a semi-annual report and unaudited accounts as of 30 June in each year. The audited annual report and accounts will be published within four months of the Company's financial year end and its semi-annual report will be published within 2 months of the end of the half year period and in each case will be supplied to subscribers and shareholders free of charge on request and will be available to the public at the office of the Administrator.

## 6. Communications and Notices to Shareholders

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

MEANS OF DISPATCH	DEEMED RECEIVED
Delivery by Hand:	The day of delivery or next following working day if delivered outside usual business hours.
Post:	48 hours after posting.
Fax:	The day on which a positive transmission receipt is received.
Electronically:	The day on which the electronic transmission has been sent to the electronic information system designated by a Shareholder.
Publication of Notice or Advertisement of Notice:	The day of publication in a daily newspaper circulating in the country or countries where Shares are marketed.

## 7. Complaints

Complaints in relation to the Company may be made by Shareholders at the following address: 1 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, Ireland. A copy of the complaints procedures are available to Shareholders upon request and free of charge from the offices of the Investment Manager. Complainants that are not satisfied with the outcome of the investigation into their complaint have the right to further refer the matter to the Central Bank.

## 8. **Transfer of Shares**

- (a) Transfers of Shares may be effected in writing in any usual or common form, signed by or on behalf of the transferor and every transfer shall state the full name and address of the transferor and transferee;
- (b) The Directors may from time to time specify a fee for the registration of instruments of transfer provided that the maximum fee may not exceed 5% of the Net Asset Value of the Shares subject to the transfer on the Dealing Day immediately preceding the date of the transfer.

The Directors may decline to register any transfer of Shares if:-

- (i) in consequence of such transfer the transferor or the transferee would hold a number of Shares less than the Minimum Holding;
  - (ii) all applicable taxes and/or stamp duties have not been paid in respect of the instrument of transfer;
  - (iii) the instrument of transfer is not deposited at the registered office of the Company or such other place as the Directors may reasonably require, accompanied by the certificate for the Shares to which it relates (if any), such evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer, such relevant information and declarations as the Directors may reasonably require from the transferee including, without limitation, information and declarations of the type which may be requested from an applicant for Shares in the Company and such fee as may from time to time be specified by the Directors for the registration of any instrument of transfer; or
  - (iv) they are aware or reasonably believe the transfer would result in the beneficial ownership of such Shares by a person in contravention of any restrictions on ownership imposed by the Directors or might result in legal, regulatory, pecuniary, taxation or material administrative disadvantage to the relevant Fund or Class or its Shareholders as a whole.
- (c) The registration of transfers may be suspended for such periods as the Directors may determine provided always that each registration may not be suspended for more than 30 days.

## 9. **Directors**

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

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by an ordinary resolution of the Company in general meeting, the number of Directors shall not be less than two nor more than nine.
- (b) A Director need not be a Shareholder.
- (c) The Constitution contains no provisions requiring Directors to retire on attaining a particular age or to retire on rotation.
- (d) A Director may vote and be counted in the quorum at a meeting to consider the appointment or the fixing or variation of the terms of appointment of any Director to any office or employment with the Company or any company in which the Company

is interested, but a Director may not vote or be counted in the quorum on a resolution concerning his own appointment.

- (e) The Directors of the Company for the time being are entitled to such remuneration as may be determined by the Directors and disclosed in the Prospectus and may be reimbursed all reasonable travel, hotel and other expenses incurred in connection with the business of the Company or the discharge of their duties and may be entitled to additional remuneration if called upon to perform any special or extra services to or at the request of the Company.
- (f) A Director may hold any other office or place of profit under the Company, other than the office of Auditor, in conjunction with his office of Director on such terms as to tenure of office or otherwise as the Directors may determine.
- (g) No Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company as vendor, purchaser or otherwise, nor shall any contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the Company in which any Director is in any way interested be liable to be avoided, nor shall any Director who is so interested be liable to account to the Company for any profit realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of such Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established, but the nature of his interest must be declared by him at the meeting of the Directors at which the proposal to enter into the contract or agreement is first considered or, if the Director in question was not at the date of that meeting interested in the proposed contract or arrangement, at the next Directors' meeting held after he becomes so interested. A general notice in writing given to the Directors by any Director to the effect that he is a member of any specified company or firm and is to be regarded as interested in any contract or arrangement which may thereafter be made with that company or firm is deemed to be a sufficient declaration of interest in relation to any contract or arrangement so made.
- (h) A Director may not vote in respect of any contract or arrangement or any proposal whatsoever in which he has any material interest or a duty which conflicts with the interests of the Company and shall not be counted in the quorum at a meeting in relation to any resolution upon which he is debarred from voting unless the Directors resolve otherwise. However, a Director may vote and be counted in quorum in respect of any proposal concerning any other company in which he is interested directly or indirectly, whether as an officer, shareholder, partner, employee, agent or otherwise. A Director may also vote and be counted in the quorum in respect of any proposal concerning an offer of Shares in which he is interested as a participant in an underwriting or sub-underwriting arrangement and may also vote in respect of the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity in respect of money lent by the Director to the Company or in respect of the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt obligation of the Company for which the Director has assumed responsibility in whole or in respect of the purchase of directors' and officers' liability insurance.
- (i) The office of a Director shall be vacated in any of the following events namely:-
  - (i) if he resigns his office by notice in writing signed by him and left at the registered office of the Company;
  - (ii) if he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;
  - (iii) if he becomes of unsound mind;

- (iv) if he is absent from meetings of the Directors for six successive months without leave expressed by a resolution of the Directors and the Directors resolve that his office be vacated;
- (v) if he ceases to be a Director by virtue of, or becomes prohibited or restricted from being a Director by reason of, an order made under the provisions of any law or enactment;
- (vi) if he is requested by a majority of the other Directors (not being less than two in number) to vacate office; or
- (vii) if he is removed from office by ordinary resolution of the Company.

#### 10. **Directors' Interests**

- (a) None of the Directors has or has had any direct interest in the promotion of the Company or in any transaction effected by the Company which is unusual in its nature or conditions or is significant to the business of the Company up to the date of this Prospectus or in any contracts or arrangements of the Company subsisting at the date hereof.
- (b) No present Director or any connected person has any interests beneficial or non-beneficial in the share capital of the Company.
- (c) None of the Directors has a service contract with the Company nor are any such service contracts proposed.
- (d) None of the Directors has: (i) any convictions in relation to indictable offences; or (ii) been bankrupt or the subject of an individual voluntary arrangement, or has had a receiver appointed to any asset of such Director; or (iii) been a director of any company which, while he was a director with an executive function or within 12 months after he ceased to be a director with an executive function, had a receiver appointed or went into compulsory liquidation, creditors voluntary liquidation, administration or company voluntary arrangements, or made any composition or arrangements with its creditors generally or with any class of its creditors; or (iv) been a partner of any partnership, which while he was a partner or within 12 months after he ceased to be a partner, went into compulsory liquidation, administration or partnership voluntary arrangement, or had a receiver appointed to any partnership asset; or (v) had any public criticism by statutory or regulatory authorities (including recognised professional bodies); or (vi) been disqualified by a court from acting as a director or from acting in the management or conduct of affairs of any company.

#### 11. **Winding Up**

- (a) The Company may be wound up if:
  - (i) At any time after the first anniversary of the incorporation of the Company, the Net Asset Value of the Company falls below 250,000 on each Dealing Day for a period of six consecutive weeks and the Shareholders resolve by ordinary resolution to wind up the Company;
  - (ii) Within a period of three months from the date on which (a) the Custodian notifies the Company of its desire to retire in accordance with the terms of the Custodian Agreement and has not withdrawn notice of its intention to so retire, (b) the appointment of the Custodian is terminated by the Company in accordance with the terms of the Custodian Agreement, or (c) the Custodian

ceases to be approved by the Central Bank to act as a custodian and no new Custodian has been appointed with the approval of the Central Bank, the Directors shall instruct the Company's secretary to forthwith convene an extraordinary general meeting of the Company at which there shall be proposed an ordinary resolution to wind up the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. Notwithstanding anything set out above, the Custodian's appointment shall only terminate on revocation of the Company's authorisation by the Central Bank;

- (iii) The Shareholders resolve by ordinary resolution that the Company by reason of its liabilities cannot continue its business and that it be wound up;
  - (iv) The Shareholders resolve by special resolution to wind up the Company.
- (b) In the event of a winding up, the liquidator shall apply the assets of each Fund in such manner and order as he thinks fit in satisfaction of creditors' claims.
- (c) The liquidator shall in relation to the assets available for distribution among Shareholders make such transfers thereof to and from the Funds and/or Classes as may be necessary in order that the effective burden of creditors' claims may be shared between the Shareholders of different Funds and/or Classes in such proportions as the liquidator in his discretion deems equitable.
- (d) The assets available for distribution among the Shareholders shall be applied in the following priority:-
- (i) firstly, in the payment to the Shareholders of each Class or Fund of a sum in the Base Currency (or in any other currency selected and at such rate of exchange as determined by the liquidator) as nearly as possible equal to the Net Asset Value of the Shares of the relevant Class or Fund held by such Shareholders respectively as at the date of commencement of winding up;
  - (ii) secondly, in the payment to the holders of Non-Participating Shares of sums up to the nominal amount paid up thereon out of the assets of the Company not comprised within any Fund provided that if there are insufficient assets to enable such payment in full to be made, no recourse shall be had to the assets comprised within any of the Funds;
  - (iii) thirdly, in the payment to the Shareholders of each Class or Fund of any balance then remaining in the relevant Fund, in proportion to the number of Shares held in the relevant Class or Fund; and
  - (iv) fourthly, any balance then remaining and not attributable to any Fund or Class shall be apportioned between the Funds and Classes pro-rata to the Net Asset Value of each Fund or attributable to each Class immediately prior to any distribution to Shareholders and the amounts so apportioned shall be paid to Shareholders pro-rata to the number of Shares in that Fund or Class held by them.
- (e) The liquidator may, with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company, divide among the Shareholders (pro rata to the value of their respective shareholdings in the Company) in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and whether or not the assets shall consist of property of a single kind provided that the Company shall if any Shareholder so requests sell any asset or assets proposed to be so distributed and the distribution to such Shareholder the cash proceeds of such sale. The costs of any such sale shall be borne by the relevant Shareholder. The liquidator

may, with like authority, vest any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of Shareholders as the liquidator shall think fit and the liquidation of the Company may be closed and the Company dissolved, provided that no Shareholder shall be compelled to accept any asset in respect of which there is any liability. Further the liquidator may with like authority transfer the whole or part of the assets of the Company to a company or collective investment scheme (the "Transferee Company") on terms that Shareholders in the Company shall receive from the Transferee Company Shares or units in the Transferee Company of equivalent value to their shareholdings in the Company.

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

## 12. **Indemnities and Insurance**

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

## 13. **Material Contracts**

The following contracts which are or may be material have been entered into otherwise than in the ordinary course of business:-

- (a) *Investment Management Agreement* between the Company and the Investment Manager dated 3 September 2009 under which the Investment Manager was appointed as investment manager of the Company's assets subject to the overall supervision of the Directors. The Investment Management Agreement may be terminated, after two years from the date thereof, by either party on 3 months' written notice or forthwith by notice in writing in certain circumstances such as the insolvency of either party or unremedied breach after notice. The Investment Manager has the power to delegate its duties in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements. The Agreement provides that the Company shall indemnify and keep indemnified and hold harmless the Investment Manager and its directors, officers and agents from and against any and all claims, actions, proceedings, judgments, liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees and expenses in relation thereto) suffered or incurred by them or any of them arising as a result of the performance of the duties or other services by the Investment Manager or any of its directors, officers or agents under or in connection with subject matter of the Investment Management Agreement provided that the Investment Manager shall not be indemnified in any case with respect of any matter arising from the Investment Manager or any of its directors, officers or agents' wilful default, fraud, bad faith, recklessness or negligence of their obligations and duties thereunder.

- (b) *Investment Advisory Agreement* between the Company and the Investment Adviser dated 5 March 2010 under which the latter was appointed as Investment Adviser to the Company, subject to the overall supervision of the Directors or the Investment Manager. The Investment Advisory Agreement may be terminated by either party on 3 months' written notice or forthwith by notice in writing in certain circumstances such as the insolvency of either party or unremedied breach after notice. The Investment Adviser has the power to delegate its duties. The Investment Adviser shall be liable for any claims, actions, proceedings, judgments, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, and expenses (including legal and professional expenses in relation thereto) suffered or incurred by the Company resulting from the Investment Adviser's performance of its duties or other services due to the wilful default, fraud, bad faith, recklessness or negligence of the Investment Adviser in the performance of its obligations or a breach by the Investment Adviser of certain terms of the Investment Advisory Agreement.
- (c) *Administration Agreement* dated 30 September 2011 between the Company and Citi Hedge Fund Services (Ireland), Limited (and as transferred from Citi Hedge Fund Services (Ireland), Limited to the Administrator pursuant to a scheme of arrangement on 1 January 2012) under which the latter was appointed as Administrator to administer the affairs of the Company, subject to the terms and conditions of the Administration Agreement and subject to the overall supervision of the Directors. The Administration Agreement may be terminated by either party on ninety (90) days written notice or forthwith by notice in writing in certain circumstances such as the insolvency of either party or unremedied breach after notice. The Administrator has the power to delegate its duties in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The Agreement provides that the Company shall indemnify the Administrator (including without limitation each and any of its officers, directors, employees, representatives, third party licensors, vendors, and any person or entity who controls the Administrator) and hold them harmless from any liabilities that may be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against the Administrator (including without limitation each and any of its officers, directors, employees, representatives, third party licensors, vendors, and any person or entity who controls the Administrator) in connection with or arising out of the Administrator's performance under the Administration Agreement otherwise than due to the wilful default, fraud, or negligence of the Administrator, its agents or subcontractors in connection with the liabilities in question.
- (d) *Custodian Agreement* between the Company and the Custodian dated 30 September 2011 as novated by a deed of novation dated 6 November 2015 under which the Custodian was appointed as custodian of the Company's assets subject to the overall supervision of the Directors. The Custodian Agreement may be terminated by either party on ninety (90) days written notice or forthwith by notice in writing in certain circumstances such as the insolvency of either party or unremedied breach after notice provided that the Custodian shall continue to act as custodian until a successor custodian approved by the Central Bank is appointed by the Company or the Company's authorisation by the Central Bank is revoked. The Custodian is liable to the Company for all direct losses suffered by them as a result of the Custodian's unjustifiable failure to perform its obligations or its improper performance of them. The Custodian has the power to delegate its duties but its liability will not be affected by the fact that it has entrusted to a third party some or all of the assets in its safekeeping. The Agreement provides that the Company shall indemnify the Custodian, and each of its directors, officers, servants, employees and agents against and hold them harmless from any liabilities (as defined therein) whatsoever that may be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against the Custodian, its directors, officers, servants, employees and agents in connection with the Custodian's performance



under the Custodian Agreement other than as a result of the Custodian, and each of its directors, officers, servants, employees and agents unjustifiable failure to perform their obligations or their improper performance of them. The Custodian Agreement is governed by the laws of Ireland and the Irish courts shall have non-exclusive jurisdiction to hear any disputes or claims arising out of or in connection with the Custodian Agreement.

#### 14. Documents Available for Inspection

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

- (a) The Constitution (copies may be obtained free of charge from the Administrator).
- (b) The Act and the UCITS Regulations and UCITS Rules.
- (c) The material contracts detailed above.
- (d) Once published, the latest annual and semi-annual reports of the Company (copies of which may be obtained from the Administrator free of charge).

Copies of the Prospectus may also be obtained by Shareholders from the Administrator.

## APPENDIX I

### Investment and Borrowing Restrictions

#### 1. Permitted Investments

Investments of a UCITS are confined to:

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

#### 2. Investment Restrictions

- 2.1 A UCITS may invest no more than 10% of net assets in transferable securities and money market instruments other than those referred to in paragraph 1.
- 2.2 A UCITS may invest no more than 10% of net assets in recently issued transferable securities which will be admitted to official listing on a stock exchange or other market (as described in paragraph 1.1) within a year. This restriction will not apply in relation to investment by the UCITS in certain US securities known as Rule 144A securities provided that:
  - the securities are issued with an undertaking to register with the US Securities and Exchanges Commission within one year of issue; and
  - the securities are not illiquid securities i.e. they may be realised by the UCITS within seven days at the price, or approximately at the price, at which they are valued by the UCITS.
- 2.3 A UCITS may invest no more than 10% of net assets in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same body provided that the total value of transferable securities and money market instruments held in the issuing bodies in each of which it invests more than 5% is less than 40%.
- 2.4 The limit of 10% (in 2.3) is raised to 25% in the case of bonds that are issued by a credit institution which has its registered office in a Member State and is subject by law to special public supervision designed to protect bond-holders. If a UCITS invests more than 5% of its net assets in these bonds issued by one issuer, the total value of these investments may not exceed 80% of the net asset value of the UCITS.

- 2.5 The limit of 10% (in 2.3) is raised to 25% if the transferable securities or Money Market Instruments are issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities or by a non-Member State or public international body of which one or more Member States are members.
- 2.6 The transferable securities and Money Market Instruments referred to in 2.4. shall not be taken into account for the purpose of applying the limit of 40% referred to in 2.3.
- 2.7 A UCITS may not invest more than 20% of net assets in deposits made with the same credit institution.

Deposits with any one credit institution, other than

- a credit institution authorised in the EEA (European Union Member States, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein);
- a credit institution authorised within a signatory state (other than an EEA Member State) to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1988 (Switzerland, Canada, Japan, United States); or
- a credit institution authorised in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Australia or New Zealand

held as ancillary liquidity, must not exceed 10% of net assets.

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

- 2.8 The risk exposure of a UCITS to a counterparty to an over-the-counter (“OTC”) derivative may not exceed 5% of net assets.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The individual issuers must be listed in the prospectus and may be drawn from the following list:**

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

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

**2.13 Deposits**

1. Deposits with any single credit institution other than a credit institution specified in Regulation 7 of the Central Bank Regulations held as ancillary liquidity shall not exceed:
  - (a) 10% of the NAV of the UCITS; or
  - (b) where the deposit is made with the Depositary 20% of the net assets of the UCITS.

**2.14 Recently Issued Transferable Securities**

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

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

- 3.1 A UCITS may not invest more than 20% of net assets in any one CIS.
- 3.2 Investment in non-UCITS may not, in aggregate, exceed 30% of net assets.
- 3.3 The CIS are prohibited from investing more than 10% of net assets in other open-ended CIS.

- 3.4 When a UCITS invests in the units of other CIS that are managed, directly or by delegation, by the UCITS management company or by any other company with which the UCITS management company is linked by common management or control, or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, that management company or other company may not charge subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of the UCITS investment in the units of such other CIS.
- 3.5 Where by virtue of investment in the units of another investment fund, a responsible person, an investment manager or an investment advisor receives a commission on behalf of the UCITS (including a rebated commission), the responsible person shall ensure that the relevant commission is paid into the property of the UCITS.

#### **4. Index Tracking UCITS**

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

#### **5. General Provisions**

- 5.1 An investment company, or management company acting in connection with all of the CIS it manages, may not acquire any shares carrying voting rights which would enable it to exercise significant influence over the management of an issuing body.
- 5.2 A UCITS may acquire no more than:
- (i) 10% of the non-voting shares of any single issuing body;
  - (ii) 10% of the debt securities of any single issuing body;
  - (iii) 25% of the units of any single CIS;
  - (iv) 10% of the money market instruments of any single issuing body.

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

- 5.3 5.1 and 5.2 shall not be applicable to:
- (i) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities;
  - (ii) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a non-Member State;
  - (iii) transferable securities and money market instruments issued by public international bodies of which one or more Member States are members;
  - (iv) Shares held by a UCITS in the capital of a company incorporated in a non-Member State which invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuing bodies having their registered offices in that State, where under the legislation

of that State such a holding represents the only way in which the UCITS can invest in the securities of issuing bodies of that State. This waiver is applicable only if in its investment policies the company from the non-Member State complies with the limits laid down in 2.3 to 2.11, 3.1, 3.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5 and 5.6, and provided that where these limits are exceeded, paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6 below are observed.

- (v) Shares held by an investment company or investment companies or Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicle (“ICAV”) or ICAV’s in the capital of subsidiary companies carrying on only the business of management, advice or marketing in the country where the subsidiary is located, in regard to the repurchase of units at unit-holders’ request exclusively on their behalf.
- 5.4 UCITS need not comply with the investment restrictions herein when exercising subscription rights attaching to transferable securities or money market instruments which form part of their assets.
- 5.5 The Central Bank may allow recently authorised UCITS to derogate from the provisions of 2.3 to 2.12, 3.1, 3.2 4.1 and 4.2 for six months following the date of their authorisation, provided they observe the principle of risk spreading.
- 5.6 If the limits laid down herein are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of a UCITS, or as a result of the exercise of subscription rights, the UCITS must adopt as a priority objective for its sales transactions the remedying of that situation, taking due account of the interests of its unitholders.
- 5.7 Neither an investment company, nor a management company or a trustee acting on behalf of a unit trust or a management company of a common contractual fund, may carry out uncovered sales of:
- transferable securities;
  - money market instruments;
  - units of a CIS; or
  - financial derivative instruments.
- 5.8 A UCITS may hold ancillary liquid assets.

## **6. Financial Derivative Instruments (“FDIs”)**

- 6.1 The UCITS’ global exposure (as prescribed in the UCITS Regulations) relating to FDI must not exceed its total net asset value.
- 6.2 Position exposure to the underlying assets of FDI, including embedded FDI in transferable securities or money market instruments, when combined where relevant with positions resulting from direct investments, may not exceed the investment limits set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations/UCITS Rules . (This provision does not apply in the case of index based FDI provided the underlying index is one which meets with the criteria set out in the UCITS Regulations.)
- 6.3 UCITS may invest in FDIs dealt in over-the-counter (OTC) provided that

- The counterparties to OTC transactions are institutions subject to prudential supervision and belonging to categories approved by the Central Bank.
- 6.4 Investment in FDIs are subject to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank.

## APPENDIX II

### Recognised Exchanges

The following is a list of regulated stock exchanges and markets in which the assets of each Fund may be invested from time to time and is set out in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements. With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities and off-exchange financial derivative instruments, investment will be restricted to the stock exchanges and markets listed below, as supplemented or amended from time to time. The stock exchanges and markets are listed in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. The Central Bank does not issue a list of approved stock exchanges or markets.

(i) without restriction in any stock exchange which is:-

- located in any Member State of the European Union; or
  - located in any Member State of the European Economic Area (European Union, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) ("EEA")
  - located in any of the following countries:-

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

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

Argentina	Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires
Argentina	Bolsa de Comercio de Cordoba
Argentina	Mercado Abierto Electronico S.A.
Bahrain	Bahrain Stock Exchange
Bangladesh	Dhaka Stock Exchange
Botswana	Botswana Stock Exchange
Brazil	Bolsa de Valores do Rio de Janeiro
Brazil	Bolsa de Valores de Sao Paulo
Chile	Bolsa de Comercio de Santiago
Chile	Bolsa Electronica de Chile
China, Peoples' Republic of	Shanghai Securities Exchange
China, Peoples' Republic of	Shenzhen Stock Exchange
Colombia	Bolsa de Valores de Colombia
Croatia	Zagreb Stock Exchange
Egypt	Cairo and Alexandria Stock Exchange
Ghana	Ghana Stock Exchange
India	Bangalore Stock Exchange
India	Calcutta Stock Exchange
India	Delhi Stock Exchange
India	The Stock Exchange, Mumbai
India	National Stock Exchange of India
Indonesia	Jakarta Stock Exchange
Israel	Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange
Jordan	Amman Stock Exchange
Kazakhstan (Rep. Of)	Kazakhstan Stock Exchange



Kenya	Nairobi Stock Exchange
Korea	Korea Stock Exchange
Korea	KOSDAQ
Lebanon	Bourse de Beyrouth
Malaysia	Bursa Malaysia
Mauritius	Stock Exchange of Mauritius
Mexico	Bolsa Mexicana de Valores
Morocco	Societe de la Bourse des Valeurs de Casablanca
Namibia	Namibian Stock Exchange
Nigeria	Nigerian Stock Exchange
Oman	Muscat Securities Market
Pakistan	Islamabad Stock Exchange
Pakistan	Karachi Stock Exchange
Pakistan	Lahore Stock Exchange
Peru	Bolsa de Valores de Lima
Phillippines	Philippine Stock Exchange
Qatar	Doha Securities Market
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Stock Exchange
Serbia	Belgrade Stock Exchange
Singapore	Singapore Exchange
South Africa	JSE Securities Exchange
Sri Lanka	Colombo Stock Exchange
Taiwan (Republic of China)	Taiwan Stock Exchange Corporation
Taiwan (Republic of China)	Gre Tai Securities Market
Thailand	Stock Exchange of Thailand
Tunisia	Bourse des Valeurs Mobilières de Tunis
Turkey	Istanbul Stock Exchange
United Arab Emirates	Abu Dhabi Stock Exchange
UAE	Dubai International Financial Exchange
Uruguay	Bolsa de Valores de Montevideo
Venezuela	Venezuela Electronic Stock Exchange
Venezuela	Caracas Stock Exchange
Venezuela	Maracaibo Stock Exchange
Vietnam	Ho Chi Minh City Securities Trading Centre
Zambia	Lusaka Stock Exchange

(iii) any of the following markets:-

- the market conducted by the "listed money market institutions", as described in the FSA publication entitled "The Investment Business Interim Prudential Sourcebook" (which replaces the "Grey Paper") as amended or revised from time to time;
- AIM - the Alternative Investment Market in the UK, regulated and operated by the London Stock Exchange;
- The over-the-counter market in Japan regulated by the Securities Dealers Association of Japan;
- NASDAQ in the United States;
- The market in US government securities conducted by primary dealers regulated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York;
- The over-the-counter market in the United States regulated by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (also described as the over-the-counter market in the United

States conducted by primary and secondary dealers regulated by the Securities and Exchanges Commission and by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and by banking institutions regulated by the US Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Reserve System or Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation);

- The French market for Titres de Créances Négociables (over-the-counter market in negotiable debt instruments);
  - EASDAQ (European Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation);
  - the over-the-counter market in Canadian Government Bonds, regulated by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada;
  - The market organised by the International Capital Markets Association;
  - NASDAQ Europe;
- (iv) For the purposes only of determining the value of the assets of a Fund, the term “Recognised Exchange” shall be deemed to include, in relation to any futures or options contract utilised by a Fund, any organised exchange or market on which such futures or options contracts are regularly traded and may include the following:
- o The Chicago Board of Trade;
  - o The Chicago Board Options Exchange;
  - o The Chicago Mercantile Exchange;
  - o Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEx);
  - o The London International Financial Futures Exchange (LIFFE);
  - o Marchè de Options Négociables de Paris (MONEP);
  - o MEFF Renta Fija (the Barcelona Futures Exchange);
  - o MEFF Renta Variable (the Madrid Futures Exchange);
  - o Sydney Futures Exchange;
  - o Tokyo International Financial Futures Exchange (TIFFE);
  - o EUREX;
  - o New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX).
- (v) In relation to any exchange traded financial derivatives contract used, any market or exchange on which such contract may be acquired or sold which is referred to in (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) above, which is in the EEA or which is listed below, is regulated, recognised, operates regularly, and is open to the public:
- o European Options Exchange; o Eurex Deutschland;
  - o Euronext.liffe;
  - o Financiele Termijnmarkt Amsterdam; o Finnish Options Market;

- o Hong Kong Futures Exchange;
- o Irish Futures and Option Exchange (IFOX);
- o Kansas City Board of Trade;
- o Marche a Terme des International de France;
- o New Zealand Futures and Options Exchange;
- o OMLX The London Securities and Derivatives Exchange Ltd;
- o OM Stockholm AB;
- o Osaka Securities Exchange; o Philadelphia Board of Trade;
- o Singapore International Monetary Exchange;
- o Singapore Commodity Exchange;
- o South Africa Futures Exchange (SAFEX); o Sydney Futures Exchange;
- o Toronto Futures Exchange.

## APPENDIX III

### Definition of US Person

#### *“US Person”*

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

“US person” under Rule 902 of Regulation S under the 1933 Act includes the following:

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

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, “US person” under Rule 902 does not include:

- (i) any discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held for the benefit or account of a non-US person by a dealer or other professional fiduciary organised, incorporated, or (if an individual) resident in the United States;
- (ii) any estate of which any professional fiduciary acting as executor or administrator is a US person, if (A) an executor or administrator of the estate who is not a US person has sole or shared investment discretion with respect to the assets of the estate, and (B) the estate is governed by non-US law;
- (iii) any trust of which any professional fiduciary acting as trustee is a US person, if a trustee who is not a US person has sole or shared investment discretion with respect to the trust assets, and no beneficiary of the trust (and no settlor if the trust is irrevocable) is a US person;

- (iv) any employee benefit plan established and administered in accordance with the law of a country other than the United States and customary practices and documentation of such country;
- (v) any agency or branch of a US person located outside the United States if (A) the agency or branch operates for valid business reasons, and (B) the agency or branch is engaged in the business of insurance or banking and is subject to substantive insurance or banking regulation, respectively, in the jurisdiction where located; and
- (vi) certain international organisations as specified in Rule 902(k)(2)(vi) of Regulation S under the 1933 Act, including their agencies, affiliates and pension plans; and
- (vi) the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the United Nations, and their agencies, affiliates and pension plans, and any other similar international organisations, their agencies, affiliates and pension plans shall not be deemed “U.S. Persons”.

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

- (a) a natural person who is not a resident of the United States or an enclave of the US government, its agencies or instrumentalities;
- (b) a partnership, corporation or other entity, other than an entity organised principally for passive investment, organised under the laws of a non-US jurisdiction and which has its principal place of business in a non-US jurisdiction;
- (c) an estate or trust, the income of which is not subject to US income tax regardless of source;
- (d) an entity organised principally for passive investment such as a pool, investment company or other similar entity, provided, that units of participation in the entity held by persons who do not qualify as Non-United States persons or otherwise as qualified eligible persons (as defined in CFTC Rule 4.7(a)(2) or (3)) represent in the aggregate less than 10% of the beneficial interest in the entity, and that such entity was not formed principally for the purpose of facilitating investment by persons who do not qualify as Non-United States persons in a pool with respect to which the operator is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the CFTC’s regulations by virtue of its participants being Non-United States persons; and
- (e) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of an entity organised and with its principal place of business outside the United States.

An investor who is considered a “non- U.S. Person” under Regulation S and a “Non-United States person” under CFTC Rule 4.7 may nevertheless be considered a “U.S. Taxpayer” depending on the investor’s particular circumstances.

*Definition of U.S. Taxpayer*

- (1) “U.S. Taxpayer” means:
  - (a) a U.S. citizen or resident alien of the U.S. (as defined for U.S. Federal income tax purposes);
  - (b) any entity treated as a partnership or corporation for U.S. tax purposes that is created or organised in, or under the laws of, the U.S. or any state thereof;

- (c) any other partnership that is treated as a U.S. Person under U.S. Treasury Department regulations;
- (d) any estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. income taxation regardless of source; and
- (e) any trust over whose administration a court within the U.S. has primary supervision and all substantial decisions of which are under the control of one or more U.S. fiduciaries. Persons who have lost their U.S. citizenship and who live outside the U.S. may nonetheless, in some circumstances, be treated as U.S. Taxpayers.

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

#### *“Benefit Plan Investor”*

“Benefit Plan Investor” is used as defined in US Department of Labor Regulation 29 C.F.R. §2510.3-101 and Section 3(42) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”) (collectively, the “Plan Asset Rule”), and includes (i) any employee benefit plan subject to Part 4 of Title I of ERISA; (ii) any plan to which Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), applies (which includes a trust described in Code Section 401(a) that is exempt from tax under Code Section 501(a), a plan described in Code Section 403(a), an individual retirement account or annuity described in Code Section 408 or 408A, a medical savings account described in Code Section 220(d), a health savings account described in Code Section 223(d) and an education savings account described in Code Section 530); and (iii) any entity whose underlying assets include plan assets by reason of a plan’s investment in the entity (generally because 25% or more of a class of equity interests in the entity is owned by plans). An entity described in (iii) immediately above will be considered to hold plan assets only to the extent of the percentage of the equity interests in the entity held by Benefit Plan Investors. Benefit Plan Investors also include that portion of any insurance company’s general account assets that are considered “plan assets” and (except if the entity is an investment company registered under the 1940 Act) also include assets of any insurance company separate account or bank common or collective trust in which plans invest.

#### *Special Considerations for Benefit Plan Investors*

*In General.* Subject to the limitations applicable to investors generally, Shares may be purchased using assets of various benefit plans, including employee benefit plans (“ERISA Plans”) subject to Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”), or retirement plans subject to Code Section 4975, such as plans intended to qualify under Code Section 401(a) (including plans covering only self-employed individuals) and individual retirement accounts (together with ERISA Plans, “Plans”). However, none of the Company, the Investment Manager, the Investment Advisor, the Directors or the Administrator, nor any of their principals, agents, employees, affiliates or consultants, makes any representation with respect to whether the Shares are a suitable investment for any such Plan.

In considering whether to invest assets of a Plan in Shares, the persons acting on behalf of or with any assets of the Plan should consider in the Plan’s particular circumstances whether the investment will be consistent with their responsibilities and any special constraints imposed by the terms of such Plan and applicable U.S. federal, state or other law, including ERISA and the Code. Some of the responsibilities and constraints imposed by ERISA and the Code are summarised below. The following is merely a summary of those particular laws, however, and should not be construed as

legal advice or as complete in all relevant respects. All investors are urged to consult their legal advisors before investing assets of an employee benefit plan in Shares and to make their own independent decisions.

Employee benefit plans that are not Plans, including, for example, governmental plans, church plans with respect to which no election has been made under Code Section 410(d), and non-U.S. plans, although they are not subject to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, may be subject to other laws regulating employee benefit plans. The laws or governing instruments applicable to such plans may have provisions that impose restrictions on the investments and management of the assets of such plans that are, in some cases, similar to those under ERISA and the Code. It is uncertain whether exemptions and interpretations under ERISA would be recognised by the applicable authorities in such cases. Provisions relating to the investment and management of such plans' assets also might contain restrictions and limitations such as a prohibition, or percentage limitation, on investments of a particular type, or a bar on investments in particular countries or kinds of businesses. Fiduciaries of such plans, in consultation with their advisers, should consider the impact of their applicable laws, regulations and governing instruments on investments in the Company, as well as the considerations discussed herein, to the extent applicable.

*Fiduciary Responsibilities under ERISA.* Persons acting as fiduciaries on behalf of or with any assets of an ERISA Plan are subject to specific standards of behaviour in the discharge of their responsibilities. As a result, such persons must, for example, conclude an investment in Shares by an ERISA Plan would be (i) prudent, (ii) in the best interests of Plan participants and their beneficiaries, and (iii) in accordance with the documents and instruments governing the ERISA Plan, and would satisfy the diversification requirements of ERISA. In making those determinations, such persons should take into account, among other factors, (i) that the Company will invest the assets in each Class in accordance with the applicable investment objectives and strategies without regard to the particular objective of any class of investors, including Plans, (ii) the fee structure of the Company, (iii) the tax effects of the investment, (iv) the relative illiquidity of the investment and its effect on the cash flow needs of the Plan, (v) the Plan's funding objectives, (vi) the risks of an investment in the Company and (vii) that, as discussed below, it is not expected that the Company's assets will constitute the "plan assets" of any investing Plan, so that none of the Company, the Investment Manager, the Investment Advisor, the Directors or the Administrator, nor any of their principals, agents, employees, affiliates or consultants will be a "fiduciary" as to any investing Plan.

ERISA imposes certain duties on persons who are ERISA Plan fiduciaries. In addition, both ERISA and the Code prohibit certain transactions involving "plan assets" between the Plan and its fiduciaries or other parties in interest under ERISA or disqualified persons under the Code with respect to the Plan.

*Identification of, and Consequences of Holding, Plan Assets.* Under U.S. Department of Labor ("DOL") Regulation 29 C.F.R. §2510.3-101 and Section 3(42) of ERISA (collectively, the "Plan Asset Rule"), the prohibited transaction and other applicable provisions of ERISA and the Code, including the rules for determining who is a party in interest or a disqualified person, would generally be applied by treating the investing Plan's assets as including any Shares purchased, but not solely by reason of such purchase, including any of the underlying assets of the Company. Under the Plan Asset Rule, however, this may not be the case if immediately after any acquisition or redemption of any equity interest in the Company, 25 per cent. or more of the value of any class of equity interests in the Company is held by "Benefit Plan Investors" (as defined below). For purposes of this 25 per cent. determination, the value of any equity interest held by a person (other than a Benefit Plan Investor) who has discretionary authority or control with respect to the assets of the Company or any person who provides investment advice for a fee (direct or indirect) with respect to Company assets, or any affiliate of such a person (such as the Directors, the Investment Manager and the Investment Advisor), shall be disregarded. For this purpose, an "affiliate" of a person includes any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with that person, including by reason of having the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of such person. For this purpose,

“Benefit Plan Investor” is used as defined in the Plan Asset Rule and includes (i) any employee benefit plan subject to Part 4 of Title I of ERISA; (ii) any plan to which Code Section 4975 applies (which includes a trust described in Code Section 401(a) that is exempt from tax under Code Section 501(a), a plan described in Code Section 403(a), an individual retirement account or annuity described in Code Section 408 or 408A, a medical savings account described in Code Section 220(d), a health savings account described in Code Section 223(d) and an education savings account described in Code Section 530); and (iii) any entity whose underlying assets include plan assets by reason of a plan’s investment in the entity (generally because 25 per cent. or more of a class of equity interests in the entity is owned by plans). An entity described in (iii) immediately above will be considered to hold plan assets only to the extent of the percentage of the equity interests in the entity held by Benefit Plan Investors. Benefit Plan Investors also include that portion of any insurance company’s general account assets that are considered “plan assets” and (except if the entity is an investment company registered under the 1940 Act) also include assets of any insurance company separate account or bank common or collective trust in which plans invest.

The Company intends to limit the sale and transfer of Shares, and may exercise the Company’s right compulsorily to redeem Shares, to the extent necessary to prevent the 25 per cent. threshold described above from being exceeded with respect to any Class of equity interests, and consequently to prevent the underlying assets of the Company from being treated as “plan assets” of any Plan investing in the Company.

If the assets of the Company nonetheless were deemed to be “plan assets” under ERISA, its Investment Manager and the Investment Advisor could be characterised as a fiduciary of investing ERISA Plans under ERISA and it and its affiliates and certain of its delegates could be characterised as “parties in interest” under ERISA and/or “disqualified persons” under the Code with respect to investing Plans. Further, (i) the prudence and other fiduciary responsibility standards of ERISA applicable to investments made by ERISA Plans and their fiduciaries would extend to investments made with assets of the Company; (ii) an ERISA Plan’s investment in the Shares might expose the ERISA Plan fiduciary to co-fiduciary liability under ERISA for any breach of ERISA fiduciary duties by the Investment Manager or the Investment Advisor; (iii) assets of the Company held outside the jurisdiction of the U.S. district courts might not be held in compliance with applicable DOL regulations; (iv) the Plan’s reporting obligations might extend to the assets of the Company; and (v) certain transactions in which the Company might seek to engage could constitute prohibited transactions under ERISA and/or the Code. A prohibited transaction involving a Plan, unless an exemption for the prohibited transaction were available, generally could subject an interested party to an excise tax and to certain remedial measures imposed by ERISA; a prohibited transaction involving an individual retirement account in certain circumstances could result in its disqualification. DOL regulations do provide, however, that the ERISA requirement that plan assets be held in trust would be satisfied with respect to the assets of an entity that are deemed to be plan assets if the indicia of ownership of such assets (*e.g.* Shares) are held in trust on behalf of an investing ERISA Plan by one or more of its trustees.

Each prospective investor that is a Plan or a governmental or non-electing church plan will be required to represent and warrant that the acquisition and holding of Shares does not and will not constitute or result in a non-exempt prohibited transaction under Title I of ERISA or Code Section 4975, or a violation of any similar applicable law.

Even though the assets of a Plan that invests in the Company should not include assets of the Company, a possible violation of the prohibited transaction rules under ERISA and the Code nonetheless could occur if an investment in the Company were made with assets of a Plan with respect to which the Investment Manager, the Investment Advisor or any of its affiliates, has discretionary authority or control or renders investment advice. Accordingly, the fiduciaries of a Plan should not permit investment in the Company with plan assets if its Investment Manager, Investment Advisor or any of its affiliates, performs or has any such investment powers with respect to those assets, unless an exemption from the prohibited transaction rules applies with respect to such



acquisition.

BEFORE MAKING AN INVESTMENT IN THE COMPANY, ANY PLAN FIDUCIARY SHOULD CONSULT ITS LEGAL ADVISORS CONCERNING THE ERISA, TAX AND OTHER LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS OF SUCH AN INVESTMENT.

## APPENDIX IV

### Efficient Portfolio Management - Techniques and Instruments

In addition to the investments in FDIs, the Company may employ other techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and money market instruments subject to the Regulations and to conditions imposed by the Central Bank. These techniques and instruments will be used in the best interest of the Shareholders.

Such techniques and instruments are set out below and are subject to the following conditions:

Use of Repurchase/Reverse Repurchase and Stock Lending Agreements.

Repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending (“efficient portfolio management techniques”) may only be effected in accordance with normal market practice. All assets received by a UCITS in the context of efficient portfolio management techniques should be considered as collateral and should comply with the criteria set down below.

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

**Liquidity:** Collateral received other than cash should be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to pre-sale valuation. Collateral received should also comply with the provisions of UCITS Regulation 74.

**Valuation:** Collateral received should be valued on at least a daily basis and assets that exhibit high price volatility should not be accepted as collateral unless suitably conservative haircuts are in place.

**Issuer Credit Quality:** Collateral received must be of high quality and will be evaluated in accordance with the issuer credit assessment process requirements as set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

**Correlation:** Collateral received must be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is not expected, on reasonable grounds, to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty.

**Diversification (asset concentration):** Collateral should be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20% of the Fund’s Net Asset Value. When the Fund is exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral should be aggregated to calculate the 20% limit of exposure to a single issuer.

The Funds may be fully collateralised using transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by any Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a third country or a public international body of which one or more Member States belongs provided the Funds should receive securities from at least 6 different issues and securities from any single issue shall not account for more than 30% of the relevant Fund’s net asset value. It is expected that the Funds will receive collateral of more than 20% of the net asset value of each Fund in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the U.S. Government.

**Immediately Available:** Collateral received should be capable of being fully enforced by the Fund at any time without reference to or approval from the counterparty.

Risks linked to the management of collateral, such as operational and legal risks, should be identified, managed and mitigated by the risk management process.

Collateral received on a title transfer basis should be held by the trustee. For other types of collateral arrangement, the collateral can be held by a third party custodian which is subject to prudential supervision, and which is unrelated to the provider of the collateral.

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

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

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

In accordance with the Central Bank UICTS Regulations, invested cash collateral should be diversified in accordance with the diversification requirement applicable to non-cash collateral. Invested cash collateral may not be placed on deposit with the counterparty or a related entity.

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

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

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

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

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

The Company will ensure that it is able at any time to recall any security that has been lent out or terminate any securities lending agreement into which it has entered.<sup>1</sup>

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

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<sup>1</sup> Fixed-term repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements that do not exceed seven days should be considered as arrangements on terms that allow the assets to be recalled at any time by the UCITS.