

## Polen Capital Global Emerging Markets Growth Fund

**Supplement dated 31 March, 2023 to the Prospectus for Polen Capital Investment Funds Plc dated 8 October, 2021.**

This Supplement contains information relating specifically to the Polen Capital Global Emerging Markets Growth Fund (the "Fund"), a Fund of Polen Capital Investment Funds p.l.c. (the "Company"), an open-ended umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds authorised by the Central Bank on 7 March, 2013 as a UCITS pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

**This Supplement forms part of and should be read in the context of and in conjunction with the Prospectus for the Company dated 8 October, 2021 (the "Prospectus") which immediately precedes this Supplement and is incorporated in this Prospectus.**

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

Application has been made to the Euronext Dublin for the Shares of the Fund to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on the Global Exchange Market of the Euronext Dublin. This Supplement, together with the Prospectus, constitutes Listing Particulars for the purpose of that application and includes all information required to be disclosed by the listing requirements. The Directors do not anticipate an active secondary market to develop in the Shares.

Neither the admission of the Shares of the Fund to the Official List and to trading on the Global Exchange Market of the Euronext Dublin nor the approval of the Listing Particulars pursuant to the listing requirements of the Euronext Dublin shall constitute a warranty or representation by the Euronext Dublin as to the competence of the service providers to or any other party connected with the Company, the adequacy of information contained in the Listing Particulars or the suitability of the company for investment purposes.

Investors should read and consider the section entitled "Risk Factors" before investing in the Fund. **Shareholders should note that although the Directors do not intend to impose a redemption fee in normal circumstances, in order to prevent excessive and disruptive trading practices they reserve the right to impose a redemption fee of up to 3% of the Net Asset Value of Shares being redeemed for the benefit of the Fund. Consequently an investment in the Fund should be viewed as medium to long term.**

**Due to the Fund's ability to invest in emerging markets, a higher degree of risk may be attached to this Fund than would be the case if the Fund did not invest in emerging markets. An investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

## 1. Interpretation

The expressions below shall have the following meanings:

"Business Day"	means any day (except Saturday or Sunday) on which banks in Ireland and the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") are both open or such other day or days as may be determined by the Directors and notified to Shareholders in advance.
"Dealing Day"	means any Business Day and/or such other day or days as may be determined by the Directors and notified to Shareholders in advance provided that there shall be at least two Dealing Days in each month occurring at regular intervals.
"Dealing Deadline"	means 2 p.m. (Irish time) on each Dealing Day or such other time as the Directors may determine and notify to Shareholders in advance provided always that the Dealing Deadline is prior to the Valuation Point.
"Emerging Market"	means a country with an economy that is progressing toward becoming more advanced by means of rapid growth and industrialisation and has some characteristics of a developed market, but does not satisfy economic standards to be termed a developed market. This includes newly industrialised countries, countries that may have large and growing economies as well as those markets which may have smaller economies by either nominal or purchasing power parity-adjusted gross domestic product (whether per capita or not). Emerging markets may become developed markets in the future or may have been developed markets in the past. Typically, emerging markets will include developing countries with smaller, riskier, or more illiquid capital markets than "developed". Emerging Markets include Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Venezuela, Peru, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Baltic Republics, Ukraine, Turkey, Egypt, Israel, India, Pakistan, the Middle East, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, South Korea, North Korea, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines, Russia and the countries of the Former Soviet Union, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Vietnam, Laos, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, Cambodia and Mongolia and other such countries.
"Initial Price"	means \$10, €10, £10, CHF 10 or equivalent in another currency.

“Investment Manager”	means Polen Capital Management, L.L.C. which is a registered investment adviser with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission that services a wide range of institutional and individual investors and having its headquarters at 1825 NW Corporate Boulevard, Suite 300; Boca Raton, Florida, 33431; United States of America.
“Investment Management Agreement”	means the amended and restated Investment Management Agreement made between the Company, the Manager and the Investment Manager on the 8 October, 2021, as may be amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time.
“SFDR”	means Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector as may be amended, updated or supplemented from time to time.
“Sub-Investment Manager”	means Polen Capital UK LLP, which is an entity authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority in the UK to provide discretionary portfolio management having its registered office at First Floor Offices, 15-18 Austin Friars, London, England, EC2N 2HE, and manages assets invested in emerging markets strategies.
“Sub-Investment Management Agreement”	means the Sub-Investment Management Agreement made between the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager on the 22 September, 2020, as may be amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time.
“Valuation Point”	means 9 p.m. (Irish time) on the relevant Dealing Day or such other time as the Directors in consultation with the Manager may determine and notify to Shareholders provided that the Valuation Point shall be after the Dealing Deadline.

All other defined terms used in this Supplement shall have the same meaning as in the Prospectus.

## **2. Base Currency**

The Base Currency shall be the US Dollar.

## **3. Investment Objective**

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek long-term growth of capital.

#### **4. Investment Policy**

The Fund seeks to achieve the investment objective through investment in a well-diversified portfolio of equity securities of issuers in the Emerging Markets or of issuers established outside of the Emerging Markets, which have a predominant proportion of their assets or business operations in the Emerging Markets and which are listed, traded or dealt in or on Recognised Exchanges worldwide. It is not proposed to concentrate investments in any one industry or sector.

The Fund may from time to time also purchase the common stock of companies whose shares are listed or traded on Recognised Exchanges globally which have substantial business in, or revenues from Emerging Markets if the Sub-Investment Manager is of the opinion that the stock represents a particularly attractive investment opportunity in accordance with the Investment Strategy section outlined below.

The Fund may invest up to 20% of net assets in securities which are listed or traded on the Moscow Exchange.

The Fund may also invest in Global Depository Receipts, American Depository Receipts, European Depository Receipts, and International Depository Receipts where deemed appropriate by the Sub-Investment Manager in order to gain exposure to international stocks rather than purchasing the stock directly from the underlying company in order to achieve the investment objective of the Fund. Investment by the Fund in these instruments will limit the need for the Fund to transact in foreign currencies to achieve the investment objective of the Fund.

As part of the Fund's investment policy it seeks to promote environmental and/or social characteristics, in accordance with Article 8 of the SFDR. This is carried out by identifying investments that the Sub-Investment Manager believes promote environmental and/or social characteristics. Further information on the Fund's promotion of environmental or social characteristics is set out in the section below entitled "Sustainability Policy".

In order to invest in Indian securities and gain exposure to India, the Fund will be registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") as a Category II Foreign Portfolio Investor ("FPI"). FPIs are permitted to invest in shares or debentures issued by an Indian company and listed on recognized stock exchanges in India subject to such terms and conditions as are set out by SEBI and the Reserve Bank of India "RBI" from time to time. As a result, the Fund must comply with the circulars and notifications issued by SEBI and the RBI from time to time.

The SEBI (Foreign Portfolio Investors) Regulations, 2019 (the "FPI Regulations") prescribe various conditions for any person to register as an FPI. These conditions are required to be met by the FPI on an ongoing basis, and not just at the time of registration.

It is expected that the application will take approximately six to nine months to register the Fund as an FPI.

The Fund is considered to be actively managed in reference to MSCI Emerging Markets Index (the "Benchmark") by virtue of the fact that it uses the Benchmark for performance comparison purposes.

The Benchmark is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of emerging markets. Certain of the Fund's securities may be components of and may have similar weightings to the Benchmark. However, the Benchmark is not used to define the portfolio composition of the Fund or as a performance target and the Fund may be wholly invested in securities which are not constituents of the Benchmark.

Any change to the index against which the performance of the Fund is measured will be disclosed in the annual or half-yearly report of the Company issued subsequent to such change being effected.

The Fund may invest in and have direct access to certain eligible China A Shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (collectively, the "Stock Connects").

The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited ("HKEx"), Shanghai Stock Exchange ("SSE") and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited ("ChinaClear"). The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links program developed by the HKEx, the Shenzhen Stock Exchange ("SZSE") and ChinaClear. The aim of the Stock Connects is to achieve mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong.

The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shanghai Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shanghai Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Fund), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong ("SEHK"), may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SSE ("SSE securities") by routing orders to SSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.

The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link and a Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Fund), through their Hong Kong brokers, sub-custodians and a securities trading service company established by SEHK, may be able to trade eligible China A Shares listed on the SZSE ("SZSE securities") by routing orders to SZSE. Under the Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors in the PRC will be able to trade certain stocks listed on the SEHK.

German investors should note, in connection with German tax regulations' requirements in effect as of the date of this document, the proportion of the Fund's assets invested in equity participations (Kapitalbeteiligungen) will on a continuous basis far exceed 50% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

While it is not the intention of the Sub-Investment Manager to hold assets outside of those outlined herein, a situation may arise where, beyond the control of the Sub-Investment Manager, the Fund is provided with an asset instead of a dividend or other form of return, by an investee company or issuer, that does not form part of the assets outlined above. Where such a scenario arises, any decision by the Sub-Investment Manager to hold or dispose of such asset in respect of the Fund shall be made, bearing in mind the best interests of the Shareholders.

## *Investment Strategy*

The Sub-Investment Manager employs an intensive fundamental research process in order to identify Emerging Market companies that it believes have certain attractive characteristics, which are typically reflective of an underlying competitive advantage. Those characteristics include: consistent and sustainable high return on capital, vibrant earnings growth, robust free cash flow generation, strong balance sheets and competent and shareholder-oriented management teams. The Sub-Investment Manager generally seeks companies with management teams that have a clear vision for their company, properly aligned incentives, demonstrated good corporate governance, effectively deploy free cash flow, conservatively manage the balance sheet and have a consistent track record of delivering upon stated goals.

The Emerging Market companies in which the Fund invests generally have, in the opinion of the Sub-Investment Manager, a sustainable competitive advantage among companies in their respective industries or sectors. The Sub-Investment Manager believes that consistent earnings growth is the primary driver of intrinsic value growth and long-term stock price appreciation. Accordingly, the Sub-Investment Manager focuses its efforts on identifying and investing in a concentrated portfolio of high quality growth companies in Emerging Market countries that, in its opinion, are able to deliver sustainable above average earnings growth driven by a sustainable competitive advantage. The Sub-Investment Manager believes that such companies not only have the potential to contribute greater returns to the Fund, but also may hold less risk of loss of capital.

The Fund may also hold and maintain ancillary liquid assets, including cash and cash equivalents (such as certificates of deposit) and Money Market Instruments (such as commercial paper, bankers acceptance and other short-term debt securities). The Sub-Investment Manager may hold such instruments in situations where the Sub-Investment Manager deems an appropriate investment opportunity is not available for example during periods of market uncertainty, where market conditions (such as market volatility or decline in the equity markets) may require a defensive investment strategy or in order to meet redemption and expenses payments.

The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its net assets in aggregate in other open-ended collective investment schemes and investment shall only be made in collective investment schemes which have investment policies similar to those of the Fund.

## *Sustainability Policy*

As outlined above, the Fund seeks to promote environmental and/or social characteristics. This is met by the Sub-Investment Manager identifying and investing in investments that it believes promote the following environmental and/or social characteristics: climate change initiatives, initiatives to improve environmental footprints and positive agendas of stakeholders that may be involved in, or impacted by, an investee company. The Sub-Investment Manager applies the following binding strategies as part of the wider investment process outlined above in order to promote the above-mentioned environmental and/or social characteristics that:

- Includes certain investments in the portfolio that the Sub-Investment Manager believes promote the environmental and/or social characteristics; and

- Excludes certain investments from the portfolio.

Inclusion of investments in the portfolio that the Sub-Investment Manager believes promote environmental and/or social characteristics

In seeking to identify companies that promote the environmental and/or social characteristics outlined above, the Sub-Investment Manager commits to identifying and assessing several proprietary business matters as part of the selection of companies; by way of example this includes analysis of greenhouse gas emission reduction initiatives, climate change-related risks and company preparedness, and how companies attract, retain and grow key stakeholder bases.

The Sub-Investment Manager uses a qualitative approach to assess prior to investment and monitoring over the life of an investment, the proprietary business matters to determine if the promotion of the social and/or environmental characteristics are being met on a regular basis through using publicly available information identified and considered material by the Sub-Investment Manager for such assessments and monitoring. This publicly available information may consist of for example financial statements and reports filed by a company, investor events and meetings hosted by a company, industry information, and any other such information, including information obtained from engagement with third party data vendors / consultants, that the Sub-Investment Manager has identified that it feels is material to such assessments and monitoring. In addition, as part of assessing and monitoring compliance with the proprietary business matters that are utilized by the Sub-Investment Manager in determining if the promotion of the social and/or environmental characteristics are being met, the Sub-Investment Manager engages with companies it has invested in on behalf of the Fund that provide access to it, to discuss and encourage progress on initiatives that it feels can meaningfully improve how the Sub-Investment Manager believes a company is managing within one or more of the proprietary business matters that are indicative to it of promoting the Fund's social and/or environmental characteristics. As part of this engagement process the Sub-Investment Manager will also assess if the company continues to be in compliance with the social and/or environmental characteristics being promoted by the Fund.

The information gathered by the Sub-Investment Manager in the process outlined above in respect of the sustainability approach relates to the environmental and social characteristics (and proprietary business matters) that the Sub-Investment Manager is assessing investee companies against. For example purposes only, in the context of a "social" characteristic in respect of a relevant investee company, as part of the Sub-Investment Manager's qualitative assessment and monitoring, one of the areas that an investee company will be reviewed against is their ability to attract and retain talent. As part of this and on the basis of the example outlined above, the Sub-Investment Manager will examine how it believes the investee company is fairing in this area. In this regard, the Sub-Investment Manager may seek to gain information on the investee company's (through the publicly available information and engagement) head count growth, attrition rates and general compensation levels. After the Sub-Investment Manager carries out their qualitative analysis, the Sub-Investment Manager will determine whether to invest in a company. The qualitative analysis approach taken by the Sub-Investment Manager is a binding strategy and implemented for each investee company over the life of the Fund.

### Exclusion of certain investments from the portfolio

In seeking to promote the environmental and/or social characteristics outlined above, the Sub-Investment Manager excludes various companies from the Fund's portfolio as part of the investment strategy of the Fund. The Sub-Investment Manager's exclusionary process is based on the Sub-Investment Manager's assessment and judgment of the proprietary business matters, and an investee company will be excluded based on the Sub-Investment Manager's view that it is currently too difficult to determine that such investee company is and/or will be promoting what the Sub-Investment Manager considers relevant environmental and/or social characteristics through effectively balancing the interests of its customers, employees, suppliers and other business partners, shareholders, communities, and the environment. Examples of the investments that the Sub-Investment Manager does not currently invest directly in, based on the Sub-Investment Manager's assessment and judgment outlined above, include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Investments in companies whose revenues are made up of at least 25% of the following:
  - (i) adult entertainment production,
  - (ii) small arms,
  - (iii) tobacco production,
  - (iv) thermal coal, and
  - (v) controversial weapons.

(each an "Excluded Investment" and together the "Excluded Investments")

In addition, the Sub-Investment Manager will exclude investment in companies that it believes do not follow good governance practices through the Sub-Investment Manager's analysis of several proprietary governance-related matters it considers within the investment process, as further outlined below.

The Sub-Investment Manager may vary or amend the Excluded Investments from time-to-time, as part of the ongoing monitoring and assessment by the Sub-Investment Manager of the proprietary business matters, should their assessment lead to different conclusions in line with the promotion of environmental and/or social characteristics. This is not a change to the sustainability policy or investment process of the Fund, but rather, as a result of the Sub-Investment Manager's ongoing monitoring and assessment of proprietary business matters, this may result in companies being included in the Fund's portfolio that were once excluded on the basis that they were previously categorised as an Excluded Investment and are no longer considered by the Sub-Investment Manager as an Excluded Investment. In the same context, this may also result in companies being excluded from the Fund's portfolio and being categorised as Excluded Investments where previously they may have been considered for investment purposes by the Sub-Investment Manager.

The application of Excluded Investments is a binding strategy and implemented in respect of the investment universe at the beginning of the investment process and applies over the life of the Fund.



## Good governance

As part of the sustainability policy, the Sub-Investment Manager commits to only investing in companies that it believes follow good governance practices such as sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance and excluding companies from the Fund's portfolio that it believes do not follow good governance practices.

In order to invest in companies that follow good governance practices and exclude companies that do not follow good governance practices the Sub-Investment Manager identifies, assesses and monitors several proprietary business matters that it believes are important to assessing whether a company has good governance in its view, including but not limited to what it considers sound management structures, management of employee relations, management of remuneration of staff, and tax compliance.

The Sub-Investment Manager monitors on a regular basis that a company that it has invested in maintains good governance practices through engagement with such companies that provide access to it to discuss and encourage progress on initiatives that it feels can meaningfully improve governance practices. In addition, the Sub-Investment Manager may monitor a company's maintenance of good governance practices through using publicly available information identified and considered material by the Sub-Investment Manager. This publicly available information may consist of for example financial statements and reports filed by a company, investor events and meetings hosted by a company, industry information, and any other such information that the Sub-Investment Manager has identified that it feels is material to such monitoring.

### *Consideration of Principal Adverse Impacts as part of the Sustainability Policy*

All investment decisions in respect of the Fund are made by the Sub-Investment Manager. In this regard, as part of the investment strategy of the Fund, the Sub-Investment Manager does consider the principal adverse impacts ("PAI") of their investment decisions in respect of the Fund. PAI are described in the SFDR as those impacts of investment decisions that "result in negative effects on sustainability factors". Sustainability factors are defined in the SFDR as "environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters". The Sub-Investment Manager seeks to identify PAI as part of the investment process, both during the pre-investment assessments but also as part of its ongoing monitoring of investments. This involves the Sub-Investment Manager carrying out its own analysis of the Fund's portfolio against the relevant PAI indicators and/or engaging with third party data vendors who seek to accumulate data that is available for the investee companies. The Sub-Investment Manager uses a combination of methods to help mitigate PAI including for example engagement with investee companies to understand how their approach to the PAI and their plans for the future in this area, voting, via voting proxy forms, as a stakeholder on behalf of the Company in the investee companies on issues that related to the PAI in a way that the Sub-Investment Manager believes assists with mitigating PAI indicators and the implementation of an explicit exclusions list as outlined above.

In considering PAI as part of the overall Sustainability Policy, the Sub-Investment Manager considers whether all mandatory PAI indicators outlined in Annex I of Commission Delegated Regulation 2022/1288 (as may be amended, updated or supplemented from time to time) are relevant to the

investment strategy. Those PAI indicators which are deemed not relevant to the investment strategy or where the Sub-Investment Manager does not have access to sufficient data for evaluating those PAIs will not be reported against in the annual financial statement of the Company or considered on an ongoing basis.

#### *Integration of sustainability risk*

The management of sustainability risk forms an important part of the due diligence process implemented by the Sub-Investment Manager.

When assessing the sustainability risk associated with underlying investments, the Sub-Investment Manager is assessing the risk that the value of such underlying investments could be materially negatively impacted by a business matter as outlined above classified by the Sub-Investment Manager as an environmental, social or governance event or condition (“ESG Event”).

Using both quantitative and qualitative processes, sustainability risk is identified, monitored and managed by the Sub-Investment Manager in the following manner:

- (i) Prior to acquiring investments on behalf of the Fund, the Sub-Investment Manager conducts fundamental analysis to assess several proprietary business matters that it classifies as environmental, social or governance matters to inform its views on the adequacy of ESG programmes and practices of an issuer and the ability of an issuer to manage the sustainability risk it faces. The Sub-Investment Manager also reviews research and ESG ratings from a third-party provider as an additional risk management measure. The information gathered and views formed from the fundamental analysis conducted will be taken into account by the Sub-Investment Manager in deciding whether the investment meets the Sub-Investment Manager’s expectation for long-term sustainability including financial sustainability. The Sub-Investment Manager reviews third-party ESG ratings but does not use these ratings to include or exclude a potential investment.
- (ii) During the life of the investment, sustainability risk is monitored through ongoing fundamental analysis of the above-referenced business matters and a review of third-party ESG ratings to determine whether the level of sustainability risk has meaningfully changed since the initial assessment has been conducted. The third-party ESG ratings review is conducted semi-annually. The Sub-Investment Manager will evaluate how the investee company is responding to any increased risk it perceives and will assess the potential impact of the increased risk on the investment’s ability to perform in line with the Sub-Investment Manager’s expectations.

The Sub-Investment Manager does not believe that that the sustainability risk (being the risk that the value of the Fund could be materially negatively impacted by an ESG Event) faced by the Fund is significant.

### *Taxonomy Regulation*

At the date of this Supplement, investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 (the “Taxonomy Regulation”) (i.e. taxonomy aligned investments) shall be 0%.

It should be noted that the “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the Fund that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of the Fund do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Please refer to the annex to this Supplement for more information about the promotion by the Fund of the environmental and social characteristics.

### *Share Class Hedging-Financial Derivative Instruments*

Certain Classes of the Fund are 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.

With the exception of GBP Class (Institutional Unhedged) and GBP Class (Institutional Unhedged Distributing), in relation to Classes designated in a currency other than the Base Currency of the Fund, it is the intention of the Sub-Investment Manager to try to mitigate this risk by using financial derivative instruments such as currency swaps and currency forwards solely for hedging purposes. Where a Class of Shares is designated as a hedged Class, that Class will be hedged against exchange rate fluctuation risks between the denominated currency of the Share Class and the Base Currency of the Fund. Such hedging strategy shall be subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank.

Currency forward contracts are a contractually binding obligation to purchase or sell a specified amount of a particular currency at a specified date in the future. These contracts are not exchange traded and instead are individually negotiated transactions.

Currency swaps may be used by the Fund in order to exchange currencies at a fixed rate of exchange for currencies at a floating rate of exchange or currencies at a floating rate of exchange for currencies at a fixed rate of exchange.

The Fund may enter into currency forwards or currency swaps with the Depositary or entities related to the Depositary. Further information relating to related party transactions is provided at the section of the Prospectus entitled “Conflicts of Interest”. Operational costs and/or fees may, if applicable, be deducted from the revenue delivered to the Fund for the account of the relevant Class. All revenues generated from the use of currency forwards or currency swaps, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the Fund for the account of the relevant Class. The Sub-Investment Manager shall not combine or offset currency exposures of different Classes and the Sub-Investment Manager shall not allocate currency exposures of assets of the Fund to separate Classes. The identities of the entities to which such direct and indirect costs and fees are paid shall be disclosed in the annual financial statements of the Company.

If the Sub-Investment Manager chooses not to engage in such hedging strategies, a currency conversion will take place on subscription, redemption, switching and, if applicable, distributions at prevailing exchange rates. In such circumstances, where the value of the Share expressed in the Class currency will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency.

The hedged classes are EUR Class (Institutional), EUR Class (Retail), GBP Class (Institutional), GBP Class (Retail), CHF Class (Retail) and CHF Class (Institutional). Further information relating to the implications of this hedging strategy is set down in the Prospectus at the section entitled "Hedged Classes".

The Fund will use a risk management process based on the commitment approach methodology to accurately measure, monitor and manage the global exposure generated through the use of derivatives by the Fund. The commitment approach is calculated by converting the derivative position into the equivalent position in the underlying asset, based on the market value of the underlying asset or the market value of the contract, as described in the risk management process of the Company. The global exposure of the Fund shall not exceed 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

The Sub-Investment Manager will not utilise financial derivatives other than those listed above until such time as a revised risk management process has been prepared, submitted to the Central Bank.

It is not intended that the Fund will be leveraged as a result of its use of derivatives.

#### *Borrowing Powers*

The Company may only borrow on a temporary basis and the aggregate amount of such borrowings may not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Subject to this limit, the Directors may exercise all borrowing powers on behalf of the Fund. In accordance with the provisions of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, the Company may charge the assets of the Fund as security for such borrowings. The Fund may acquire foreign currency by means of a "back-to-back" loan agreement. The Company shall ensure that the Fund with foreign currency borrowings which exceed the value of a back-to-back deposit treats that excess as borrowings for the purpose of Regulation 103 of the UCITS Regulations.

### **5. Profile of a Typical Investor**

Investment in the Fund is suitable for investors who are seeking long-term capital appreciation, have a long-term investment horizon, are willing to accept a moderate to high level of volatility and are willing to invest through a complete market cycle.

### **6. Offer**

Shares in the Classes of the Fund that have not yet launched will be offered until 22 September, 2023 (the "Initial Offer Period") at the Initial Price and subject to acceptance of applications for Shares by the Company.

The Initial Offer Period may be shortened or extended by the Directors. The Central Bank will be notified in advance of any such shortening or extension if subscriptions for Shares have been received and otherwise on an annual basis.

#### *Subsequent Offer*

After closing of the Initial Offer Period Shares in the relevant Class are issued at the Net Asset Value per Share.

### **7. Information on Share Classes**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Distribution Policy</b>	<b>Currency</b>	<b>Minimum Initial Subscription</b>	<b>Minimum Holding</b>	<b>Minimum Transaction Size</b>
US Dollar Class (Institutional)	Accumulating	U.S. Dollar	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$5,000
US Dollar Class (Retail)	Accumulating	U.S. Dollar	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500
EUR Class (Institutional)	Accumulating	Euro	€250,000	€250,000	€5,000
EUR Class (Retail)	Accumulating	Euro	€1,000	€1,000	€500
GBP Class (Institutional)	Accumulating	GBP	£250,000	£250,000	£5,000
GBP Class (Retail)	Accumulating	GBP	£1,000	£1,000	£500
CHF Class (Retail)	Accumulating	CHF	CHF 1,000	CHF 1,000	CHF 500
CHF Class (Institutional)	Accumulating	CHF	CHF 250,000	CHF 250,000	CHF 5,000
A Class (Retail)	Accumulating	U.S. Dollar	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500
C Class (Retail)	Accumulating	U.S. Dollar	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500
GBP Class (Institutional Unhedged)	Accumulating	GBP	£250,000	£250,000	£5,000
GBP Class (Institutional Unhedged Distributing)	Distributing	GBP	£250,000	£250,000	£5,000

## **8. Minimum Initial Subscription, Minimum Holding and Minimum Transaction Size**

Each investor must satisfy the Minimum Initial Subscription requirements applicable to the relevant Class as outlined above and must retain Shares having a Net Asset Value of the Minimum Holding applicable to the relevant Class as outlined above. A Shareholder may make subsequent subscriptions, conversions and redemptions, each subject to a Minimum Transaction Size applicable to the relevant Class as outlined above.

The Directors reserve the right to differentiate between Shareholders, waive or reduce the Minimum Initial Subscription, Minimum Holding and Minimum Transaction Size for certain investors.

## **9. Application for Shares**

Applications for Shares should be made through the Administrator (whose details are set out in the Application Form) on behalf of the Company. Such requests must be received by the Administrator prior to the Dealing Deadline for the relevant Dealing Day. Applications received by the Administrator no later than the Dealing Deadline will be processed on that Dealing Day. Any applications received after the Dealing Deadline for a particular Dealing Day will be processed on the following Dealing Day unless the Directors in their absolute discretion otherwise determine to accept one or more applications received after the Dealing Deadline for processing on that Dealing Day provided that such application(s) have been received prior to the Valuation Point for the particular Dealing Day. Applications received after the Dealing Deadline but prior to the Valuation Point will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances, as determined and agreed by the Directors and having regard to the equitable treatment of Shareholders.

Initial applications should be made by submitting a completed Application Form to the Administrator via post or by facsimile subject to prompt transmission to the Administrator of the original, signed Application Form and such other papers (such as documentation relating to money laundering prevention checks) as may be required by the Directors, the Manager or their delegate. Subsequent applications to purchase Shares in the Fund following the initial subscription may be made to the Administrator by facsimile or such other means as may be permitted by the Directors and agreed with the Administrator in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, without a requirement to submit original documentation. Amendments to a Shareholder's registration details and payment instructions will only be made following receipt of original written instructions from the relevant Shareholder.

### *Method of Payment*

Subscription payments for Shares in the Fund net of all bank charges should be paid by electronic transfer to the relevant bank account specified in the Application Form. Other methods of payment are subject to the prior approval of the Directors. No interest will be paid in respect of payments received in circumstances where the application is held over until a subsequent Dealing Day.

### *Currency of Payment*

Subscription monies are payable in the currency of denomination of the relevant Share Class. However, the Company may accept payment in such other currencies as the Directors may agree at the prevailing exchange rate quoted by the Administrator. The cost and risk of converting currency in such circumstances will be borne by the investor.

### *Timing of Payment*

Payment in respect of subscriptions must be received in cleared funds by the Administrator no later than three Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day provided that the Directors reserve the right to defer the issue of Shares until receipt of cleared subscription monies by the Fund.

Title to Shares will be evidenced by the entering of the investors name on the Company's register of Shares and no certificates will be issued.

### *Confirmation of Ownership*

Shares will be issued in registered form only and share certificates will not be issued. Written confirmations of entry in the register of Shareholders will normally be sent to Shareholders within 24 hours of the Net Asset Value being published.

### *Subscription Charge*

If subscribing for Shares in A Class (Retail), Shareholders should note that they may be subject to a subscription charge of up to 5% of the amount of investment in that Class which shall be payable to the relevant financial intermediary or financial broker through whom Shares in that Class have been acquired.

Dealing is carried out at forward pricing basis, i.e. the Net Asset Value next computed after receipt of subscription requests.

## **10. Redemption of Shares**

Requests for the redemption of Shares should be made to the Administrator (whose details are set out in the Application Form) on behalf of the Company by facsimile or written communication or such other means as may be permitted by the Directors and should include such information as may be specified from time to time by the Directors, the Manager or their delegate.

Requests for redemption received prior to the Dealing Deadline for any Dealing Day will be processed on that Dealing Day. Any requests for redemption received after the Dealing Deadline for a Dealing Day will be processed on the next Dealing Day unless the Directors in their absolute discretion determine otherwise. Applications received after the Dealing Deadline but prior to the Valuation Point will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances, as determined and agreed by the Directors and having regard to the equitable treatment of Shareholders.

**No redemption payment will be made from an investor's holding until cleared funds, the original subscription Application Form and all documentation required by or on behalf of the Company (including any documents in connection with anti-money laundering procedures) has been received from the investor and the anti-money laundering procedures have been completed.**

Dealing is carried out at forward pricing basis, i.e. the Net Asset Value next computed after receipt of redemption requests.

The minimum value of Shares which a Shareholder may redeem in any one redemption transaction is the Minimum Transaction Size specified above. In the event of a Shareholder requesting a redemption which would, if carried out, leave the Shareholder holding Shares having a Net Asset Value less than the Minimum Holding, the Company may, if it thinks fit, redeem the whole of the Shareholder's holding.

The redemption price per Share shall be the Net Asset Value per Share.

#### *Redemption Fee*

It is not the current intention of the Directors to charge a redemption fee. However, in order to prevent excessive and disruptive trading practices the Directors may impose a redemption fee not exceeding 3% of the Net Asset Value of Shares being redeemed for the benefit of the Fund.

#### *Method of Payment*

Redemption payments will be made to the bank account detailed on the Application Form or as subsequently notified to the Administrator in writing. Redemption payments following processing of instructions will only be made to the account of record of a Shareholder.

#### *Currency of Payment*

Shareholders will normally be repaid in the currency of denomination of the Class from which the Shareholder has redeemed Shares. If however, a Shareholder requests to be repaid in any other freely convertible currency, the necessary foreign exchange transaction may be arranged by the Administrator (at its discretion) on behalf of and for the account, risk and expense of the Shareholder.

#### *Timing of Payment*

Redemption proceeds in respect of Shares will be paid within three Business Days of the Dealing Deadline for the relevant Dealing Day provided that all the required documentation has been furnished to and received by the Administrator.

#### *Withdrawal of Redemption Requests*

Requests for redemption may not be withdrawn save with the written consent of the Company or its authorised agent or in the event of suspension of calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.



### *Compulsory/Total Redemption*

Shares of the Fund may be compulsorily redeemed and all the Shares may be redeemed in the circumstances described in the Prospectus under the sub-headings “Compulsory Redemption of Shares” and “Total Redemption of Shares”.

## **11. Conversion of Shares**

Subject to the Minimum Initial Subscription, Minimum Holding and Minimum Transaction Size requirements of the relevant Classes, Shareholders may request conversion of some or all of their Shares in one fund of the Company or Class to Shares in another fund of the Company or Class or another Class in the Fund in accordance with the procedures specified in the Prospectus under the heading “Conversion of Shares”.

### *Conversion Charge*

It is not currently intended to impose a conversion charge on the conversion of Shares in any fund or Class to Shares in another fund or Class of the Company.

## **12. Suspension of Dealing**

Shares may not be issued, redeemed or converted during any period when the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Fund is suspended in the manner described in the Prospectus under the heading “Suspension of Valuation of Assets”. Applicants for Shares and Shareholders requesting redemption and/or conversion of Shares will be notified of such suspension and, unless withdrawn, applications for Shares will be considered and requests for redemption and/or conversion will be processed as at the next Dealing Day following the ending of such suspension.

## **13. Fees and Expenses**

The Fund shall bear its attributable portion (based on its Net Asset Value) of the fees and operating expenses of the Company. The fees and operating expenses of the Company are set out in detail in the section entitled “FEES AND EXPENSES” in the Prospectus. The Directors intend to apply the fees and expenses associated with the establishment and ongoing operations of the Company across each Fund of the Company on a pro-rata basis in respect of each Fund’s Net Asset Value, to the extent possible.

In addition, fees and expenses that may be incurred in respect of this Fund are set out below.

### *Manager’s Fee:*

Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the Manager shall be entitled to a maximum annual management fee equal to 0.012% of the Net Asset Value of each Share Class. The Manager is also entitled to a minimum annual fee for the Company of €40,000 per Fund. Such fee shall be calculated and accrued at each Valuation Point and payable monthly in arrears.

The Manager shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the Company for reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by it and any VAT on fees and expenses payable to or by it.

*Investment Manager's Fee:*

Pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, the Investment Manager shall be entitled to a maximum annual investment management and distribution fee equal to a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Class as outlined in the table below. Such fee shall be calculated and accrued at each Valuation Point and payable monthly in arrears.

<b>Class of Shares</b>	<b>Investment Management Fee</b>
USD Class (Institutional)	1.00%
USD Class (Retail)	1.75%
EUR Class (Institutional)	1.00%
EUR Class (Retail)	1.75%
GBP Class (Institutional)	1.00%
GBP Class (Retail)	1.75%
CHF Class (Institutional)	1.00%
CHF Class (Retail)	1.75%
A Class (Retail)	1.75%
C Class (Retail)	2.00%
GBP Class (Institutional Unhedged)	1.00%
GBP Class (Institutional Unhedged Distributing)	1.00%

The Investment Manager shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the Company for reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by it and any VAT on fees and expenses payable to or by it.

The Investment Manager will pay the Sub-Investment Manager out of the Investment Management Fee, such fees as agreed between the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager from time to time and reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by it as well as any VAT on fees and expenses payable to or by the Sub-Investment Manager.

*Administration Fee*

The Administrator, in relation to the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, shall be entitled to a fee payable out of the assets of the Fund accruing at each Valuation Point and payable monthly in arrears at the end of each calendar month at a maximum rate of up to 0.010% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund per annum, subject to a minimum annual fee of \$7,500 for the Fund. These charges are inclusive of two Share Classes. Thereafter, an additional fee of \$600 per annum will apply per each additional Share Class. The Fund shall also be subject to transaction charges, which shall not exceed normal commercial rates.

In addition, the Administrator shall be entitled to charge the Fund for transfer agency services such as maintenance and servicing, processing payments (such as dividends), ad-hoc reporting (where the Administrator is required to report on matters to the Directors outside of the standard quarterly reporting topics) and other similar services. These transfer agency fees shall vary in proportion to the level of transaction activity of the Fund. Notwithstanding this, transfer agency fees are payable by the Fund monthly in arrears at the end of each calendar month at an annual rate of up to 0.15% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, subject to a minimum monthly fee of \$300. In addition, each Share Class will be charged \$1,000 per annum payable in arrears at the end of each calendar month in respect of shareholder services.

Actual fees charged by the Administrator will be set out in the annual and semi-annual reports of the Company.

The Administrator shall also be entitled to reimbursement of all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred for the benefit of the Fund out of the assets of the Fund.

#### *Depositary Fee*

Safekeeping fees are based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund and vary, from 0.0020% to 0.80%, depending on the country in which the security is traded and held, exclusive of transaction charges and out-of-pocket expenses, subject to a minimum annual fee of \$3,480 in respect of the Fund per annum. The Fund shall also bear the cost of all relevant sub-custodian transaction charges incurred by the Depositary, or any sub-custodian, which shall not exceed normal commercial rates. The Depositary shall also be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Depositary, or any sub-custodian, for the benefit of the Fund.

The Depositary, as trustee, shall be entitled to a fee payable out of the assets of the Fund accruing at each Valuation Point and payable monthly in arrears at the end of each calendar month at an annual rate of up to 0.0175% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, subject to a minimum annual fee per Fund, exclusive of out-of-pocket expenses, of \$7,100.

#### *Subscription and Redemption Charges*

The Directors are empowered to levy a subscription charge not exceeding 5% of the Net Asset Value of Shares being subscribed for and in order to prevent excessive and disruptive trading practices a redemption charge not exceeding 3% of the Net Asset Value of Shares being redeemed. Save as disclosed above under "Redemption Fee", there is no intention to levy a redemption charge. A Class (Retail) Shares may be subject to a subscription charge as outlined at "Subscription Charge" above. No subscription charge is currently levied on any other Classes of the Fund.

#### *Establishment Costs*

The cost of establishing the Fund and the preparation and printing of the relevant Supplement is expected not to exceed €50,000 and will be charged to the Fund and amortised over a period of up to five years of the Fund's operation or such other shorter period as the Directors may determine.

## **14. Dividends and Distributions**

The distribution policy applicable to each Class of the Fund is as set out at Section 7 above entitled “Information on Share Classes.”

### *Accumulating Share Classes*

In the case of accumulating Classes, all net income 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 Fund attributable to the relevant Class, subject to certain adjustments will be accumulated and reflected in the Net Asset Value per Share.

### *Distributing Share Classes*

In the case of GBP Class (Institutional Unhedged Distributing) dividends will normally be declared annually on 31 December and paid to Shareholders on or before 31 January.

Income will usually be paid to the Shareholder’s bank account as detailed on the application form. For further information please see the section of the Prospectus entitled “Dividend Policy”.

The Directors may at any time determine to change the policy of the Fund with respect to dividends distribution. If the Directors so determine full details of any such change will be disclosed in an updated prospectus or supplement and Shareholders will be notified in advance.

Pending payment to the relevant Shareholder, distribution payments will be held in an account in the name of the Company (herein defined as an Umbrella Cash Account) and will be treated as an asset of the Fund until paid to that Shareholder and will not benefit from the application of any investor money protection rules (i.e. the distribution monies in such circumstance will not be held on trust for the relevant Shareholder). In such circumstance, the Shareholder will be an unsecured creditor of the relevant Fund with respect to the distribution amount held by the Company until paid to the Shareholder and the Shareholder entitled to such distribution amount will be an unsecured creditor of the Fund.

In the event of an insolvency of the Fund or the Company, there is no guarantee that the Fund or the Company will have sufficient funds to pay unsecured creditors in full. Shareholders due dividend monies which are held in an Umbrella Cash Account will rank equally with all other unsecured creditors of the relevant Fund and will be entitled to a pro-rata share of monies which are made available to all unsecured creditors by the insolvency practitioner. Therefore in such circumstances, the Shareholder may not recover all monies originally paid into an Umbrella Cash Account for onward transmission to that Shareholder.

Your attention is drawn to the section of the Prospectus entitled “*Risk Factors*” – “*Operation of Umbrella Cash Accounts*” above.

## **15. Risk Factors**

The attention of investors is drawn to the “Risk Factors” section in the Section of the Prospectus entitled

“The Company”.

### *Emerging Markets Risk*

Investment in Emerging Markets involves risk factors and special considerations which may not be typically associated with investing in more developed markets. Political or economic change and instability may be more likely to occur and have a greater effect on the economies and markets of emerging countries. Adverse government policies, taxation, restrictions on foreign investment and on currency convertibility and repatriation, currency fluctuations and other developments in the laws and regulations of emerging countries in which investment may be made, including expropriation, nationalisation or other confiscation could result in loss to the Fund.

By comparison with more developed securities markets, most emerging countries' securities markets are comparatively small, less liquid and more volatile. This may result in greater volatility in the Net Asset Value per Share than would be the case in relation to funds invested in more developed markets. In addition, if a large number of securities have to be realised at short notice to meet substantial redemption requests in the Fund such sales may have to be effected at unfavourable prices which may in turn have an adverse effect on the Net Asset Value per Share.

In addition settlement, clearing, safe custody and registration procedures may be underdeveloped increasing the risks of error, fraud or default. Furthermore, the legal infrastructure and accounting, auditing and reporting standards in Emerging Markets may not provide the same degree of investor information or protection as would generally apply in more developed markets. Investments in certain Emerging Markets may require consents or be subject to restrictions which may limit the availability of attractive investment opportunities to the Fund. Emerging Markets generally are not as efficient as those in developed countries. In some cases, a market for the security may not exist locally and so transactions may need to be made on a neighbouring exchange.

The clearing, settlement and registration systems available to effect trades in the markets of Asia, and the Indian sub-continent are significantly less developed than those in more mature world markets. This can result in significant delays and other material difficulties in settling trades and in registering transfer of securities. Problems of settlement may impact on the Net Asset Value and the liquidity of the Fund.

Emerging Market securities may incur brokerage or stock transfer taxes levied by foreign governments which would have the effect of increasing the cost of investment and which may reduce the realised gain or increase the loss on such securities at the time of same. The issues of Emerging Market securities, such as banks and other financial institutions, may be subject to less stringent regulation than would be the case for issuers in developed countries, and therefore potentially carry greater risk. In addition custodial expenses for Emerging Market securities are generally higher than for developed market securities. Dividend and interest payments from, and capital gains in respect of, Emerging Market securities may be subject to foreign taxes that may or may not be reclaimable.

Laws governing foreign investment and securities transactions in Emerging Markets may be less sophisticated than in developed countries. Accordingly, the Fund may be subject to additional risks, including inadequate investor protection, unclear or contradictory legislation or regulations and lack of enforcement thereof, ignorance or breach of legislation or regulations on the part of other market

participants, lack of legal redress and breaches of confidentiality. It may be difficult to obtain and enforce a judgement in certain Emerging Markets in which assets of the Fund are invested.

#### *Risks Associated with the Stock Connects*

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

#### *Liquidity Risk of Investing in China A Shares*

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

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

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

Based on the prevailing value added tax ("VAT") regulations, capital gains derived by investors via the Stock Connects are exempted from VAT.

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

### *Investment in Russia*

The Fund may invest a portion of its assets in Russia. In addition to the risks disclosed above under the heading “Emerging Markets Risks”, investments in Russia may involve a particularly high degree of risk and special considerations not typically associated with investing in more developed markets. Investments in Russian assets should be considered highly speculative. Such risks and special considerations include: (a) delays in settling portfolio transactions and the risk of loss arising out of Russia’s system of share registration and custody; (b) pervasiveness of corruption, insider trading, and crime in the Russian economic system; (c) difficulties associated in obtaining accurate market valuations of many Russian investments, based partly on the limited amount of publicly available information; (d) the general financial condition of Russian companies, which may involve particularly large amounts of inter-company debt; (e) the risk that the Russian tax system will not be reformed to prevent inconsistent, retroactive and/or exorbitant taxation or, in the alternative, the risk that a reformed tax system may result in the inconsistent and unpredictable enforcement of the new tax laws; (f) the risk that the government of Russia or other executive or legislative bodies may decide not to continue to support the economic reform programs implemented since the dissolution of the Soviet Union; (g) the lack of corporate governance provisions applying in Russia generally, and (h) the lack of any rules or regulations relating to investor protection.

Some Russian securities are issued in book-entry form, with ownership recorded in a share register held by the issuer’s registrar. Transfers may be effected by entries to the books of registrars. Transferees of shares may have no proprietary rights in respect of shares until their name appears in the register of shareholders of the issuer. The law and practice relating to registration of shareholdings are not well developed in Russia and registration delays and failures to register shares can occur. In common with other emerging markets, Russia has no central source for the issuance or publication of corporate actions information. The Depository therefore cannot ensure the completeness or timeliness of the distribution of corporate actions notifications. Investments in securities listed or traded in Russia will only be made in securities that are listed or traded on the Moscow Exchange.

### *Loss of FPI Registration*

Where the Fund is registered with SEBI as a foreign portfolio investor under the FPI Regulations, 2019, there is no assurance that continued registration will be allowed. If for any reason, the Fund’s registration as an FPI is cancelled, the Fund could be forced to redeem its investments, and such forced redemption could adversely impact the investments made by the Fund and thereby the interests of the Shareholders in the Fund.

### *Indian Stock Market*

The Indian stock markets are undergoing a period of growth and change, which may lead to greater volatility and difficulties in the settlement, and recording of transactions and in interpreting and applying the relevant regulations, in comparison to the developed countries. There can be no assurance that the Fund’s objectives will be realised or that there will be any return of capital. The following considerations should be carefully evaluated before making an investment in the Fund. The Indian stock market has previously experienced substantial fluctuations in the prices of listed securities and no assurance can

be given that such volatility will not occur in the future.

### *Indian Political and Economic Risks*

The Government of India has traditionally exercised, and continues to exercise, a significant influence over many aspects of the economy. Since 1991, successive Indian governments have pursued policies of economic liberalisation and financial sector reforms. The current Government has announced its general intention to continue India's current economic and financial sector liberalisation and deregulation policies. However there can be no assurance that such policies will be continued and a significant change in the government's policies in the future could affect business and economic conditions in India and could also adversely affect our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations. Any political instability in India may adversely affect the Indian securities markets in general, which could also adversely affect the trading price of the Indian securities.

Political, economic, and social factors, changes in Indian law or regulations and the status of India's relations with other countries may adversely affect the value of the Fund's assets. In addition, the Indian economy may differ favourably or unfavourably from other economies in several respects, including the rate of growth of GDP, the rate of inflation, currency fluctuation, resource self-sufficiency and balance of payments position. The Fund does not intend to obtain political risk insurance. The Indian Government has traditionally exercised and continues to exercise a significant influence over many aspects of the Indian economy. Further actions or changes in policy (including taxation) of the Indian Central Government or the respective Indian State Governments could have a significant effect on the Indian economy, which could adversely affect private sector companies, market conditions and prices and yields of the Fund's investments.

Certain developments, beyond the control of the Fund, such as the possibility of nationalisation, expropriations, or confiscatory taxation, political changes, government regulation, social instability, diplomatic disputes, or other similar developments could adversely affect the Fund's assets. Thus, there can be no assurance that the government policies will continue and any significant change in the Indian government's future policies could affect general business and economic conditions in India and could also affect the Fund's operations and investments. In addition, any political instability in India could adversely affect the Indian economy in general, which could also affect the value of the investments of the Fund. India has in the past experienced periods of political instability and, in some cases, civil unrest and clashes.

Severe monsoons or drought conditions could hurt India's agricultural production and dampen momentum in some sectors of the Indian economy, which could adversely affect the performance of the companies in whose securities the Fund invests. The liquidity of the assets and their value may be affected generally by changes in Indian government policy, interest rates and taxation, social and religious instability and political, economic or other developments in or affecting India.

Indian regulatory standards and disclosure standards may be less stringent than standards in developed countries, and there may therefore be less publicly available information about Indian companies than is regularly available about companies located in developed countries. Securities law and regulations in India are still evolving.



Further changes in the market, business, and economic conditions, including, for example, interest rates, foreign exchange rates, inflation rates, industry conditions, competition, technological developments, political and diplomatic events and trends, tax laws and numerous other factors, can affect substantially and adversely the performance of and the development to be undertaken by an Indian company in which the Fund may have invested. None of these conditions will be within the control of the Fund or Investment Manager or Sub-Investment Manager.

## **16. General**

No Director has:

- (i) any unspent convictions in relation to indictable offences; or
- (ii) been bankrupt, 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 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 liquidation, administration or partnership voluntary arrangement, or had a receiver appointed to any partnership asset; or
- (v) had any public incrimination and/or sanctions 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.

No present Director or any connected person has any interests beneficial or non-beneficial, or any options, in the Shares of the Fund.

As at the date of this Supplement, the Fund has no loan capital (including term loans) outstanding or created but unissued nor any mortgages, charges, debentures or other borrowings or indebtedness in the nature of borrowings, including bank overdrafts, liabilities under acceptances (other than normal trade bills), acceptance credits, finance leases, hire purchase commitments, guarantees, other commitments or contingent liabilities.

## **17. Material Contracts**

*Investment Management Agreement* under which the Investment Manager is responsible, subject to the overall supervision and control of the Manager, for managing the assets and investments of the Fund in accordance with the investment objective and policies of the Fund. The Investment Management Agreement may be terminated by any party on 90 days' written notice or forthwith by notice in writing in certain circumstances such as the winding up, appointment of a receiver or examiner (or upon the happening of a like event) or unremedied breach after notice. The Investment Management Agreement may be terminated with prior written notice in the best interests of Shareholders where the Investment Manager is in non-compliance with International Sanctions obligations under the Investment Management Agreement. The

Investment Management Agreement may be terminated without prior notice where there is an act of corruption by the Manager or Investment Manager. The Investment Management Agreement may be terminated with immediate effect by the Manager or the Company if this is considered to be in the best interest of Shareholders. The Company shall indemnify out of the relevant Funds' assets the Investment Manager from and against all actions, proceedings, damages, claims, costs, demands, charges, losses and expenses including, without limitation, legal and professional expenses on a full indemnity basis which may be brought against, suffered or incurred by the Investment Manager in connection with any act or omission of the Investment Manager taken, or omitted to be taken, in connection with the proper performance of the Investment Manager's duties under the Investment Management Agreement, other than due to the negligence, fraud, bad faith or wilful default of the Investment Manager or by reason of any action constituting a breach of the obligations of the Investment Manager under the Investment Management Agreement.

The Investment Manager may delegate to a sub-investment manager(s). Information on the sub-investment manager(s) will be provided to Shareholders on request and details of the sub-investment manager(s) will be disclosed in the periodic reports.

*Sub-Investment Management Agreement* between the Investment Manager and the Sub-Investment Manager dated 22 September, 2020 pursuant to which the Sub-Investment Manager was appointed as sub-investment manager to provide discretionary portfolio management services to the Fund.