

**THE STELLAR FUND**

**PROSPECTUS**

**(A Non-UCITS Retail Scheme with FCA Product Reference Number: 476702)**

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**OF**  
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This document constitutes the Prospectus for The Stellar Fund (the “Company”) which has been prepared in accordance with the terms of the rules contained in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (the “FCA Regulations”) published by the FCA as part of their Handbook of rules made under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the “Act”).

This Prospectus has been prepared solely for, and is being made available to investors for the purposes of evaluating an investment in Shares in the Fund. Investors should only consider investing in the Fund if they understand the risks involved including the risk of losing all capital invested.

The Prospectus is dated and is valid as at 21 March 2024.

Copies of this Prospectus have been sent to the FCA and the Depositary.

All communications in relation to this Prospectus shall be in English.

If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Prospectus you should consult your professional adviser.

The Prospectus is based on information, law and practice at the date hereof.

The Company is not bound by any out of date prospectus when it has issued a new prospectus and potential investors should check that they have the most recently published prospectus.

Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited, the ACD of the Company, is the person responsible for the information contained in this Prospectus.

To the best of its knowledge and belief (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained herein does not contain any untrue or misleading statement or omit any matters required by the FCA Regulations to be included in it.

The Depositary is not a person responsible for the information contained in this Prospectus and accordingly does not accept any responsibility therefore under the FCA Regulations or otherwise.

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## 1 DEFINITIONS

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| “ACD”                      | Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited, the Authorised Corporate Director of the Company;  |
| “Act”                      | Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 as amended;  |
| “AIF”                      | means alternative investment fund;   |
| “AIFM”                     | means alternative investment fund manager;   |
| “AIFMD”                    | means the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive, 2011/61/EU, or the statutory equivalent thereof which forms part of UK law by virtue of the EUWA, as applicable;   |
| “AIFMD Level 2 Regulation” | means Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 231/2013 of 19 December 2012 supplementing the AIFMD, or the statutory equivalent thereof which forms part of UK law by virtue of the EUWA, as applicable;   |
| “AIFM Rules”               | means the AIFMD, AIFMD Level 2 Regulation, and the United Kingdom implementing legislation, including the section of the FCA Handbook that deals with investment funds;  |
| “Approved Bank”            | has the meaning defined in the FCA Rules, broadly an approved bank is the Bank of England or other OECD member state central bank, a bank with Part IV authorisation to accept deposits, a building society, or a bank supervised by the central bank or regulator in a member state of the OECD;  |
| “Approved Derivative”      | an approved derivative is one which is traded or dealt on an eligible derivatives market and any transaction in such a derivative must be effected on or under the rules of the market;  |
| “AUT”                      | a UK authorised unit trust scheme;   |
| “Business Day”             | a day on which the London Stock Exchange is open. If the London Stock Exchange is closed as a result of a holiday or for any other reason, or there is a holiday elsewhere or other reason which impedes the calculation of the fair market value of the Fund’s portfolio of securities or a significant portion thereof, the ACD may decide that any business day shall not be construed as such; |
| “Client Money”             | means any money that a firm receives from or holds for, or on behalf of, a shareholder in the course of, or in connection with, its business unless otherwise specified;   |

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| <b>“COLL”</b>            | refers to the appropriate chapter or rule in the COLL Sourcebook;   |
| <b>“COLL Sourcebook”</b> | the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook issued by the FCA as amended or re-enacted from time to time;  |
| <b>“Company”</b>         | The Stellar Fund, a UK authorised investment company with variable capital;   |
| <b>“Dealing Day”</b>     | Tuesday of each week, except in the week when the last Business Day of the month falls, when the Dealing Day will be the last Business Day of the month only;   |
| <b>“Depositary”</b>      | NatWest Trustee & Depositary Services Limited, the depositary of the Company from time to time;   |
| <b>“EEA State”</b>       | a member state of the European Union or any other state which is within the European Economic Area;   |
| <b>“EMT”</b>             | means the European MiFID Template;  |
| <b>“EUWA”</b>            | means the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018;   |
| <b>“FCA”</b>             | the Financial Conduct Authority or such successor regulatory authority as may be appointed from time to time, and (where applicable) its predecessors including the Financial Services Authority;   |
| <b>“FCA Regulations”</b> | the rules contained in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL), and the Investment Funds Sourcebook (FUND), as part of the FCA Rules as they may be amended or updated from time to time;   |
| <b>“FCA Rules”</b>       | the FCA’s Handbook of Rules and Guidance (including the COLL Sourcebook);   |
| <b>“Hedging”</b>         | the use of derivative transactions (which the ACD reasonably believes to be economically appropriate and to be fully covered) to reduce risk and cost to the Company and to generate additional capital or income with no, or with an acceptably low level of risk;                 |
| <b>“ICVC”</b>            | a UK authorised open ended investment company, an investment company with variable capital;   |
| <b>“Income Share”</b>    | net paying shares, denominated in base currency, in the Company as may be in issue from time to time in respect of which income allocated thereto is distributed periodically to the holders thereof pursuant to the FCA Rules net of any deducted or accounted for by the Company; |

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| <b>“Investment Manager”</b>         | namely Sarasin & Partners LLP;  |
| <b>“MiFID II”</b>                   | Markets in Financial Instruments Directive, effective from 3 January 2018, or the statutory equivalent thereof, which forms part of UK law by virtue of the EUWA, as applicable;  |
| <b>“Net Asset Value” or “NAV”</b>   | the value of the Scheme Property of the Company less the liabilities of the Company as calculated in accordance with the Company’s Instrument of Incorporation;   |
| <b>“Net Income Shares”</b>          | income shares which are net paying shares;  |
| <b>“Net Paying Shares”</b>          | shares (of whatever class) of the Company as may be in issue from time to time and in respect of which income allocated thereto is credited periodically to capital (in the case of accumulation shares) or distributed periodically to the holders thereof (in the case of income shares) in either case in accordance with the relevant tax law net of any tax deducted or accounted for by the Company;  |
| <b>“OEIC Regulations”</b>           | the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001;   |
| <b>“Prime Broker”</b>               | a credit institution, regulated investment firm or another entity subject to prudential regulation and ongoing supervision, offering services to professional clients primarily to finance or execute transactions in financial instruments as counterparty and which may also provide other services, such as clearing and settlement of trades, custodial services, stock lending, customised technology and operational support facilities. The Company does not currently require the services of a Prime Broker; |
| <b>“Regulated Activities Order”</b> | The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001 (SI 2001/544) as amended;   |
| <b>“Regulations”</b>                | the OEIC Regulations and the FCA Handbook (including the Sourcebook);   |
| <b>“Scheme Property”</b>            | the property of the Company to be given to the Depositary for safe-keeping, as required by the FCA Regulations; and in accordance with the requirements of Article 21(8) of the AIFMD;  |
| <b>“SDRT”</b>                       | stamp duty reserve tax;   |
| <b>“Share or Shares”</b>            | a Share or Shares in the Company;   |



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| <b>“Share Class”</b>     | in relation to shares, means (according to the context) a particular class or classes of shares as described in Section 2.2;   |
| <b>“Shareholder”</b>     | a holder of registered Shares in the Company;  |
| <b>“Sourcebook”</b>      | the section of the FCA Handbook which deals with regulated collective investment schemes, as amended from time to time;  |
| <b>“Switch”</b>          | the exchange where permissible of shares of one class for shares of another class;   |
| <b>“UCITS Directive”</b> | means the EC Directive on Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities, or the statutory equivalent thereof which forms part of UK law by virtue of the EUWA, as applicable;  |
| <b>“Valuation Point”</b> | <p>the point on a Dealing Day whether on a periodic basis or for a particular valuation, at which the ACD carries out a valuation of the Scheme Property for the Company for the purpose of determining the price at which shares of a class may be issued, cancelled or redeemed;</p> <p>The current Valuation Point is 12.00 p.m. London time on each Dealing Day, with the exception of any bank holiday in England and Wales or the last business day prior to those days annually, where the valuation may be carried out at a time agreed in advance between the ACD and the Depositary.</p> |
| <b>“VAT”</b>             | value added tax;   |

## 2 THE COMPANY

The Stellar Fund is an investment company with variable capital, whose effective date of authorisation by the FCA was 29 April 2008. Its registration number is IC 000616.

The Head Office of the Company is at 45 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7BG and is also the address of the place in the United Kingdom for service on the Company of notices or other documents required or authorised to be served on it.

The base currency of the Company is Pounds Sterling or such other currency as may be the lawful currency of the UK from time to time. The ACD in consultation with the Depositary shall determine the best means to effect this conversion.

The maximum share capital of the Company is currently £500,000,000 and the minimum is £1,000,000. Shares in the Company have no par value and therefore the share capital of the Company at all times equals the Company's current Net Asset Value.

Information on the typical investor profile for the Fund is set out in Appendix 6.

Shareholders in the Company are not liable for the debts of the Company.

The Company has been established as a "Non-UCITS retail scheme" and is an AIF for the purposes of AIFMD.

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Approval by the FCA in this context refers only to approval under the OEIC Regulations 2001 (as amended) and does not in any way indicate or suggest endorsement or approval of the Fund as an investment.

### 2.1 Company Structure

As explained above the Company is a Non-UCITS retail scheme.

The Company does not intend to have an interest in immovable or tangible movable property.

Details of the Company, including its investment objective and policy are set out in Appendix 1.

### 2.2 Shares

The Share Classes presently available are set out in the details in Appendix 1.

Further Share Classes may be made available in due course, as the ACD may decide.

All shares issued by the Company will be Income Shares. Income shares are entitled to receive annual distributions of income. Such distributions will be made by BACS or telegraphic transfer unless the ACD and shareholder agree otherwise.

Details of the switching facility and the restrictions are set out in Sections 5 and 6.

The minimum initial investment for each Share Class is set out in Appendix 1.

These limits may be waived at the discretion of the ACD.

### **3 MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Authorised Corporate Director**

The Authorised Corporate Director of the Company is Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited which is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 1985. The ACD was incorporated on 30 July 1985 (Registered Company No 1934644).

Registered Office and Head Office:

45 Gresham Street  
London  
EC2V 7BG

Share Capital: Issued and paid up - £50,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each

The ACD is responsible for managing and administering the Company's affairs in compliance with the FCA Regulations.

At the date of this Prospectus, the ACD acts as manager or authorised corporate director of the authorised funds set out in Appendix 9.

#### **3.1.1 Terms of Appointment**

The ACD was appointed by an agreement between the Company and the ACD (the "ACD Agreement").

The ACD Agreement provides that the appointment of the ACD is for an initial period of 2 years and thereafter may be terminated upon 6 months' written notice by either the ACD or the Company, although in certain circumstances the ACD Agreement may be terminated forthwith by notice in writing by the ACD to the Company or the Depositary, or by the Depositary or the Company to the ACD.

Termination cannot take effect until the FCA has approved the appointment of another authorised corporate director in place of the retiring ACD.

Upon termination of the ACD Agreement and the appointment of another ACD (the New ACD), the ACD may transfer any sums being held as client money to the New ACD, who will continue to hold the money in accordance with FCA client money rules.

The Shareholder will be given the opportunity, upon request, to have the proceeds returned by submitting a written request to the Transfer Agency team at 177 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, G2 7ER.

The ACD is entitled to its pro rata fees and expenses to the date of termination and any additional expenses necessarily realised in settling or realising any outstanding obligations. No compensation for loss of office is provided for in the ACD Agreement.

To the extent allowed by the FCA Regulations the ACD Agreement provides indemnities to the ACD other than for matters arising as a direct consequence of fraud, negligence, wilful default or breach of duty by the ACD in the performance of its duties and obligations to the Company.

The ACD is under no obligation to account to the Depositary or the Shareholders for any profit it makes on the issue or re-issue of shares or cancellation of shares which it has redeemed.

The fees to which the ACD is entitled are set out in Section 10.

Copies of the ACD Agreement are available to shareholders upon request.

The main business activities of the ACD are;

- (a) acting as an authorised corporate director;
- (b) acting as an authorised fund manager; and
- (c) fund administration.

The directors of the ACD are listed in Appendix 8. None of them have any significant business activities not connected with the business of the ACD.

The ACD holds professional indemnity insurance to cover its professional liability risks (as set out in Article 12 of the AIFMD Level 2 Regulation), has appropriate professional indemnity insurance in place and maintains an amount of own funds sufficient to meet the PII Requirements in accordance with Article 15 of the AIFMD Level 2 Regulation (professional indemnity insurance). The ACD has internal operational risk policies in place to identify, measure, manage and monitor appropriately operational risks including professional liability risks to which the ACD is or could be reasonably exposed in accordance with the requirements of Article 13 of the AIFMD Level 2 Regulation. The operational risk management activities are performed independently by the Risk Oversight function.

### **The Depositary**

NatWest Trustee & Depositary Services Limited is the Depositary of the Company.

The Depositary is incorporated in England as a private limited company. Its registered office is at 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, which is also its head office. The ultimate holding company of the Depositary is the NatWest Group plc, which is incorporated in Scotland. The principal business activity of the Depositary is the provision of trustee and depositary services.

### **3.1.2 Duties of the Depositary**

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of scheme property, monitoring the cash flows of the Fund, and must ensure that certain processes carried out by the ACD are performed in accordance with the applicable rules and scheme documents.

### **3.1.3 Conflicts of interest**

The Depositary may act as the depositary of other open-ended investment companies and as trustee or custodian of other collective investment schemes.

It is possible that the Depositary and/or its delegates and sub-delegates may in the course of its or their business be involved in other financial and professional activities which may on occasion have potential conflicts of interest with the non-UCITS retail scheme or a particular Sub-fund and/or other funds managed by the ACD or other funds for which the Depositary acts as the depositary, trustee or custodian. The Depositary will, however, have regard in such event to its obligations under the Depositary Agreement and the Regulations and, in particular, will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the performance of its duties will not be impaired by any such involvement it may have and that any conflicts which may arise will be resolved fairly and in the best interests of Shareholders collectively so far as practicable, having regard to its obligations to other clients.

The Depositary operates independently from the Company, Shareholders, the ACD and its associated suppliers and the Custodian.

As such, the Depositary does not anticipate any conflicts of interest with any of the aforementioned parties.

### **3.1.4 Delegation of Safekeeping Functions**

The Depositary is permitted to delegate (and authorise its delegate to sub-delegate) the safekeeping of Scheme Property.

The Depositary has delegated safekeeping of the Scheme Property to The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch (BNYM LB) (“the Custodian”). In turn, the Custodian has delegated the custody of assets in certain markets in which the Fund may invest to various sub-delegates (“sub-custodians”).

### **3.1.5 Terms of Appointment**

The Depositary was appointed under a Depositary Agreement between the ACD, the Company and the Depositary (the “Depositary Agreement”).

Under the Depositary Agreement, the Depositary is free to render similar services to others and the Depositary, the Company and the ACD are subject to a duty not to disclose confidential information.

The powers, duties, rights and obligations of the Depositary, the Company and the ACD under the Depositary Agreement shall, to the extent of any conflict, be overridden by the FCA Rules.

Under the Depositary Agreement the Depositary will be liable to the Company for any loss of Financial Instruments held in Custody or for any liabilities incurred by the Company as a result of the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to fulfil its obligations.

However, the Depositary Agreement excludes the Depositary from any liability except in the case of fraud, wilful default, negligence or failure to exercise due care and diligence in the performance or non-performance of its obligations.

It also provides that the Depositary will be entitled to be indemnified from the scheme property for any loss suffered in the performance or non-performance of its obligations except in the case of fraud, wilful default, negligence or failure to exercise due care and diligence on its part.

The Depositary Agreement may be terminated on three months' written notice by the Depositary, the Company or the ACD provided that the Depositary may not retire voluntarily except upon the appointment of a new depositary.

The fees to which the Depositary is entitled are set out in Section 10.

### **The Investment Manager**

The ACD has appointed Sarasin & Partners LLP to provide investment management and related advisory services to the ACD pursuant to an agreement (the "Investment Management Agreement").

The Investment Manager has the authority to make investment decisions on behalf of the Company and the ACD (in so far as they relate to the portion of the Company to which it has been appointed Investment Manager).

The Investment Management Agreement may be terminated on one month's written notice by the ACD or the Investment Manager. Notwithstanding this, the ACD may terminate the Investment Management Agreement with immediate effect if it is in the interests of the shareholders.

Under the Investment Management Agreement, the ACD provides indemnities to the Investment Manager, (except in the case of any matter arising in connection with its fraud, gross negligence or wilful default).

The ACD may be entitled under the indemnities in the ACD Agreement to recover from the Company amounts paid by the ACD under the indemnities in the Investment Management Agreement.

The principal activity of the Investment Manager is providing investment management services.

The fees and expenses of the Investment Manager will be paid by the Company.

Copies of the Investment Manager's execution and voting policy are available from the ACD on request.

### **The Auditors**

The Auditors of the Company are Johnston Carmichael LLP, whose address is Bishop's Court, 29 Albyn Place, Aberdeen, AB10 1YL.

### **The Administrator and Register of Shareholders**

The ACD has not delegated the role of administrator for the Company.

The Register of Shareholders is maintained by the ACD at its office at 177 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, G2 7ER and may be inspected at that address during normal business hours by any Shareholder or any Shareholder's duly authorised agent.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

The ACD, the Depositary and the Investment Manager are or may be involved in other financial, investment and professional activities which may, on occasion, cause conflicts of interest with the management of the Company. In addition, the Company may enter into transactions at arm's length with companies in the same group as the ACD.

The Depositary may, from time to time, act as depositary of other companies or funds.

The Custodian may, from time to time, act as custodian and hold assets of other funds and investors.

Each of the parties will, to the extent of their ability and in compliance with the FCA Rules, ensure that the performance of their respective duties will not be impaired by any such involvement.

To ensure the fair treatment of shareholders is central to all the activities of the ACD, the ACD has implemented a Treating Customers Fairly policy, against which all its policies and procedures and those of its delegates are measured and must conform. This ensures that conflicts of interest are appropriately managed in a way that is fair to investors as outlined in this section, that expenses are proportionate and allocated fairly (see Fees and Expenses), that investors can redeem their holdings (see Buying and Selling Shares) and that if investors are dissatisfied with their treatment their complaints are assessed by an independent and impartial investigator (see Complaints).

The ACD maintains a written conflict of interest policy. The ACD acknowledges that there may be some situations where the organisational or administrative arrangements in place for the management of conflicts of interest are not sufficient to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that risks of damage to the interests of the Company or its shareholders will be prevented. Should any such situations arise the ACD will, as a last resort if the conflict cannot be avoided, disclose these to shareholders in the report and accounts or otherwise an appropriate format.

Copies of the ACD's and the Investment Manager's conflicts of interest policies are available from the ACD on request.

## 4 CLIENT MONEY

As required by the FCA's client money rules, the ACD will hold money received from clients or on the client's behalf in accordance with those rules in a pooled client bank account, with an approved bank (as defined in the FCA Rules) in the UK.

No interest payment will be made on client money held by the ACD. Client money will be held in a designated client money account with Natwest Group plc.

The ACD will not be liable for any acts or omissions of the approved bank. The approved bank will be responsible for any acts or omissions within its control.

In the event of the insolvency of any party, clients' money may be pooled which means that shareholders may not have a claim against a specific account and may not receive their full entitlement, as any shortfall may be shared pro rata amongst all clients.

The ACD is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). The FSCS may pay compensation if the ACD is unable to meet its financial obligations. For further information about the compensation provided by the FSCS (including the amounts covered and eligibility to claim) refer to the FSCS website [www.FSCS.org.uk](http://www.FSCS.org.uk) or call the FSCS on 020 7741 4100 or 0800 678 1100.

## 5 BUYING, SELLING AND SWITCHING SHARES

The dealing office of the ACD is open from 9.00 am until 5.00 pm on each Business Day to receive requests for the purchase, redemption and switching of shares, which will be effected at prices determined at the next Valuation Point following receipt of such request. Telephone calls may be recorded for training and monitoring purposes. The ACD may also, at its discretion, introduce further methods of dealing in Shares in the future.

### Buying Shares

#### 5.1.1 Procedure

Where the minimum investment levels allow, initial investments can only be made by sending a completed application form to the ACD's Transfer Agency Team at 177 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, G2 7ER, either;

- (a) accompanied by a cheque (up to a maximum value of £50,000) or
- (b) having made a telegraphic transfer to the ACD's bank account. Application forms are available from the ACD.

The ACD will accept written instructions accompanied by payment for subsequent transactions which can be carried out by writing to the ACD's Transfer Agency team at the Correspondence Address set out in Appendix 7. The ACD will also accept telephone purchases from FCA regulated entities for subsequent investments, which may purchase shares by telephoning the ACD on 0141 222 1150. The ACD may accept applications to purchase shares by electronic communication. Electronic communication does not include email. Telephone calls may be recorded by the ACD, its delegates, their duly appointed agents and



any of their respective related, associated or affiliated companies for record keeping, security and/or training purposes, please see paragraph “Telephone Recordings” below for further information.

Where an instruction has been received by telephone, settlement is due within 4 Business Days of the Valuation Point. Purchases made by telephone are subject to risk limits at the ACDs discretion, and the ACD may at its discretion reject or defer an instruction to purchase Shares until it is in receipt of cleared funds for the purchase (when the purchase of Shares will be placed at the next Valuation Point following receipt of cleared funds).

An order for the purchase of Shares will only be deemed to have been accepted by the ACD once it is in receipt of cleared funds for the application.

The ACD, at its discretion has the right to cancel a purchase deal if settlement is materially overdue (being more than 5 Business Days of receipt of an application form or other instruction) and any loss arising on such cancellation shall be the liability of the applicant. The ACD is not obliged to issue Shares unless it has received cleared funds from an investor.

The ACD reserves the right to charge interest at 4% per annum above the prevailing Bank of England Base rate, on the value of any settlement received later than the 4th Business Day following the Valuation Point.

The ACD has the right to reject, on reasonable grounds relating to the circumstances of the applicant, any application for shares in whole or part, and in this event the ACD will return any money sent, or the balance of such monies, at the risk of the applicant. In addition the ACD may reject any application previously accepted in circumstances where the applicant has paid by cheque and that cheque subsequently fails to be cleared.

Any subscription monies remaining after a whole number of shares has been issued will not be returned to the applicant.

Instead, smaller denomination shares will be issued in such circumstances.

No interest payment will be made on client money held by the ACD, prior to investment in the Company. Client money will be held in a designated client money account with the NatWest Group plc.

Shareholders have a right to cancel their transactions within 14 calendar days of receipt of their contract note.

If a Shareholder cancels their contract, they will receive a refund of the amount that they invested including the initial charge either in full or less a deduction to reflect any fall in share price since the date of investment. This may result in a loss on the part of shareholders.

If shareholders wish to exercise their right to cancel, they should write to the Transfer Agency team at 177 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, G2 7ER.

Shareholders will not be able to exercise their cancellation rights after 14 calendar days of receipt of their contract note.

Shareholders should note that in certain circumstances, there may be a delay in returning their investment.

#### **5.1.2 Documentation**

A contract note giving details of the shares purchased and the price used will be issued to the shareholder (the first named, in the case of joint shareholders) by the end of the next business day following the Valuation Point by reference to which the purchase price is determined, together with, where appropriate, a notice of the applicant's right to cancel.

Share certificates will not be issued in respect of shares.

Ownership of shares will be evidenced by an entry on the Company's Register of Shareholders. Tax vouchers in respect of half yearly distributions of income will show the number of shares held by the recipient in respect of which the distribution is made.

Individual statements of a shareholder's (or, when shares are jointly held, the first named holder's) shares will also be issued at any time on request by the registered holder.

#### **5.1.3 Minimum Subscriptions and Holdings**

The minimum initial and subsequent subscription levels, and minimum holdings, are set out in Appendix 1.

The ACD may at its discretion accept subscriptions lower than the minimum amount.

If a holding is below the minimum holding the ACD has discretion to require redemption of the entire holding.

#### **5.1.4 In Specie Issue**

If a shareholder requests, the ACD may at its discretion and subject to the approval of the Investment Manager and the Depositary, arrange for the Company to accept securities in settlement of a purchase of shares in the Company as provided for in the Regulations. In particular, the ACD and Depositary will only do so where satisfied that the acceptance of the assets concerned would not likely to result in any material prejudice to the interests of the shareholders.

### **Selling Shares**

#### **5.1.5 Procedure**

Every shareholder has the right to require that the Company redeem his shares on any Dealing Day unless the value of shares which a shareholder wishes to redeem will mean that the shareholder will hold shares with a value less than the required minimum holding, in which case the shareholder may be required to redeem his entire holding.

Requests to redeem shares may be made in writing to the ACD's Transfer Agency team at the address set out in Appendix 7. The ACD may also, at its discretion and

by prior agreement accept instructions to redeem shares from FCA regulated entities to the ACD by telephone on 0141 222 1150 or by fax. The ACD may accept authority to effect transfer of title to shares by means of electronic communication. Electronic communication does not include email. Telephone calls may be recorded by the ACD, its delegates, their duly appointed agents and any of their respective related, associated or affiliated companies for record keeping, security and/or training purposes, please see paragraph “Telephone Recordings” below for further information.

#### **5.1.6 Documents the Seller will receive:**

A contract note giving details of the number and price of shares sold will be sent to the selling shareholder (the first named, in the case of joint shareholders) or their duly authorised agents together with a form of renunciation for completion and execution by the shareholder (and, in the case of a joint holding, by all the joint holders) not later than the end of the next business day following the Valuation Point by reference to which the redemption price is determined. Payments will be made by BACS, telegraphic transfer or CHAPS in satisfaction of the redemption monies and will be issued within four business days of the later of:

- (a) receipt by the ACD of the form of renunciation (or other sufficient written instructions) duly signed by all the relevant shareholders and completed as to the appropriate number of shares, together with any other appropriate evidence of title; and
- (b) the Valuation Point following receipt by the ACD of the request to redeem.

#### **5.1.7 Minimum Redemption**

Part of a shareholder’s holding may be sold but the ACD reserves the right to refuse a redemption request if the value of the shares to be redeemed is less than any minimum redemption amount set out in Appendix 1 or would result in a shareholder holding less than the minimum holding, as detailed in Appendix 1. In the latter case the shareholder may be asked to redeem their entire shareholding.

#### **5.1.8 In Specie Redemption**

If a shareholder requests the redemption of shares, the ACD may, if it considers the deal substantial in relation to the total size of the Company, arrange for the Company to cancel the shares and transfer Scheme Property to the shareholder instead of paying the price of the shares in cash, or, if required by the shareholder, pay the net proceeds of sale of the relevant Scheme Property to the shareholder.

A deal involving shares representing 5% or more in value of the Company will normally be considered substantial, although the ACD may in its discretion agree an in-specie redemption with a shareholder whose shares represent less than 5% in value of the Company concerned.

Before the proceeds of cancellation of the shares become payable, the ACD will give written notice to the Shareholder that Scheme Property (or the proceeds of sale of that Scheme Property) will be transferred to that shareholder.

The ACD will select the property to be transferred (or sold) in consultation with the Depositary. They must ensure that the selection is made with a view to achieving no greater advantage or disadvantage to the redeeming shareholder than to continuing shareholders, and any such redemption as set out above, shall be subject to a retention by the Company from that property (or proceeds) the value (or amount) of any stamp duty reserve tax to be paid on the cancellation of shares.

#### **Direct Issue or Cancellation of shares by an ICVC through the ACD**

Not applicable.

Shares are issued or cancelled by the ACD making a record of the issue or cancellation and of the number of shares of each class concerned.

#### **Switching**

Subject to any restrictions on the eligibility of investors for a particular Fund, a Shareholder may at any time Switch all or some of his Shares of one Fund (“the Original Shares”) for Shares of another Fund (“the New Shares”). The number of New Shares issued will be determined by reference to the respective prices of New Shares and Original Shares at the Valuation Point applicable at the time the Original Shares are redeemed and the New Shares are issued.

Switching may be effected in writing to the ACD at 177 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, G2 7ER. A switching shareholder must be eligible to hold the shares into which the switch is to be made. The ACD may at its sole discretion and by prior agreement, accept switching instructions by telephone from FCA regulated entities only. The ACD may accept requests to switch Shares by electronic communication. Telephone calls may be recorded by the ACD, its delegates, their duly appointed agents and any of their respective related, associated or affiliated companies for record keeping, security and/or training purposes, please see paragraph “Telephone Recordings” below for further information.

Electronic communication does not include email.

The ACD may at its discretion charge a fee on the switching of shares between classes.

These fees are set out in Section 6.

If the switch would result in the Shareholder holding a number of Old Shares or New Shares of a value which is less than the minimum holding, the ACD may, if it thinks fit, convert the whole of the applicant’s holding of Old Shares to New Shares or refuse to effect any switch of the Old Shares. No switch will be made during any period when the right of shareholders to require the redemption of their shares is suspended. The general provisions on selling shares shall apply equally to a switch.

The ACD may adjust the number of New Shares to be issued to reflect the imposition of any switching fee together with any other charges or levies in respect of the issue or sale of the New Shares or repurchase or cancellation of the Old Shares as may be permitted pursuant to the FCA Regulations.

A switch of shares between different funds is deemed to be a realisation for the purposes of capital gains taxation.

A shareholder who switches shares in one fund for shares in any other fund will not be given a right by law to withdraw from or cancel the transaction.

## **6 DEALING CHARGES**

### **Preliminary Charge**

The ACD may impose a charge on the sale of shares to investors which is based on the amount invested by the prospective investor.

The preliminary charge is payable to the ACD.

Full details of the current preliminary charge for each class of share are set out in Appendix 1.

### **Redemption Charge**

The ACD may make a charge on the redemption of shares.

At present no redemption charge is levied.

The ACD may not introduce a redemption charge on shares unless, not less than 60 days before the introduction, it has given notice in writing to the then current shareholders of that introduction and has revised and made available the Prospectus to reflect the introduction and the date of its commencement. If charged, the redemption charge will be deducted from the price of the shares being redeemed and will be paid by the Company to the ACD.

In the event of a change to the rate or method of calculation of a redemption charge, details of the previous rate or method of calculation will be available from the ACD.

### **Switching Fee**

On the switching of shares of one fund for shares of another fund the Instrument of Incorporation authorises the Company to impose a switching fee. The fee will not exceed an amount equal to the then prevailing preliminary charge for the Class into which shares are being switched. The switching fee is payable by the Company to the ACD. Currently no switching charge will be levied.

## **7 OTHER DEALING INFORMATION**

### **Dilution Levy**

The basis on which the Company's investments are valued for the purpose of calculating the issue and redemption price of shares as stipulated in the FCA Regulations and the Company's Instrument of Incorporation is summarised in Section 8.1.

The actual cost of purchasing or selling investments may be higher or lower than the mid-market value used in calculating the share price - for example, due to

dealing charges, or through dealing at prices other than the mid-market price. Under certain circumstances (for example, large volumes of deals) this may have an adverse effect on the shareholders' interest. In order to prevent this effect, called "dilution", the ACD has the power to charge a "dilution levy" on the sale and/or redemption of shares.

As a dilution levy is not currently charged on the sale and/or redemption of shares (except on large deals, as defined below), the cost of purchasing or selling investments for the Company subsequent to shareholder dealing will be borne by the Company with a consequent effect on future growth. If the ACD decides in the future to charge a dilution levy on all deals (and not just on large deals), it will be calculated by reference to the costs of dealing in the underlying investments of the Company, including any dealing spreads, commission and transfer taxes. If charged, the dilution levy will be paid into the Company and will become part of its property.

The dilution levy for the Company will be calculated by reference to the estimated costs of dealing in the underlying investments of the Company, including any dealing spreads, commission and transfer taxes.

The need to charge a dilution levy will depend on the volume of sales or redemptions. The ACD may charge a discretionary dilution levy on the sale and redemption of shares if, in its opinion, the existing shareholders (for sales) or remaining shareholders (for redemptions) might otherwise be adversely affected, and if charging a dilution levy is, so far as practicable, fair to all shareholders and potential shareholders. In particular, the dilution levy may be charged in the following circumstances:

- (a) Where over a dealing period the Company has experienced a large level of net sales or redemptions relative to its size;
- (b) On "large deals".

For these purposes, a large deal means a single deal which equals or exceeds 5% or more of the value of the size of the Company; and

- (c) Where the ACD considers it necessary to protect the interests of the shareholders of the Company.

It is therefore not possible to predict accurately whether dilution would occur at any point in time. If a dilution levy is required then, based on future projections the estimated rate or amount of such levy will be 0.20% on sales (creation) and 0.13% on redemptions (liquidation) and will be incurred on around 10% of deals. If a dilution levy is not charged then this may restrict the future growth of the Company.

The ACD may alter its dilution policy in accordance with the FCA Regulations either by shareholder consent pursuant to the passing of a resolution to that effect at a properly convened meeting of shareholders and by amending this Prospectus or by giving shareholders notice and amending the Prospectus 60 days before the change to the dilution policy is to take effect.

## **Money Laundering**

As a result of legislation in force in the United Kingdom to prevent money laundering, persons conducting investment business are responsible for compliance with money laundering regulations.

In order to implement these procedures, in certain circumstances investors may be asked to provide proof of identity when buying shares.

The ACD reserves the right to reverse the transaction or to refuse to sell shares if it is not satisfied as to the identity of the applicant.

### **Restrictions and Compulsory Transfer and Redemption**

The ACD may from time to time impose such restrictions as it may think necessary for the purpose of ensuring that no shares are acquired or held by any person in breach of the law or governmental regulation (or any interpretation of a law or regulation by a competent authority) of any country or territory. In this connection, the ACD may, inter alia, reject in its discretion any application for the purchase, sale, transfer or switching of shares.

### **Suspension of Dealings in the Company**

The ACD may, with the agreement of the Depositary, and must if the Depositary so requires, temporarily suspend the issue, cancellation, sale and redemption of shares in the Company, if the ACD or the Depositary is of the opinion that due to exceptional circumstances it is in the interest of all shareholders. The suspension will only be permitted to continue for as long as it is justified having regard to the interests of the shareholders. The ACD and the Depositary must formally review the suspension at least every 28 days and inform the FCA of the result of this review with a view to ending the suspension as soon as practicable after the exceptional circumstances have ceased.

The ACD will notify all shareholders of the suspension in writing as soon as practicable and will publish details to keep shareholders appropriately informed about the suspension including its likely duration.

Re-calculation of the share price for the purpose of sales and purchases will commence on the next relevant Valuation Point following the ending of the suspension.

### **Governing Law**

All deals in shares are governed by English law.

## **8 VALUATION OF THE COMPANY**

The price of a share in the Company is calculated by reference to the Net Asset Value of the Company.

There is only a single price for any share as determined from time to time by reference to a particular Valuation Point.

The Net Asset Value per share of the Company is currently calculated on each Dealing Day at noon.

The ACD may at any time during a business day carry out an additional valuation if the ACD considers it desirable to do so.

The ACD maintains a Fair Value Pricing policy with an audit review carried out annually. The policy is detailed fully in the Fair Value Policy document.

The ACD's Transfer Agency Team may request a change to the pricing methodology in certain circumstances. The policy is detailed in the Pricing Policy document.

All asset prices from the primary price source are compared to two other sources to ensure the validity of each price. The policy is detailed in the Pricing Policy document

### **Calculation of the Net Asset Value**

- 8.1.1 The value of the Scheme Property of the Company shall be the value of its assets less the value of its liabilities determined in accordance with the following provisions.
- 8.1.2 All the Scheme Property (including receivables) of the Company is to be included, subject to the following provisions.
- 8.1.3 Scheme Property which is not cash (or other assets dealt with in Section 8.1.4) or a contingent liability transaction shall be valued as follows:
  - (a) units or shares in a collective investment scheme:
    - (i) if a single price for buying and selling units is quoted, at the most recent such price; or
    - (ii) if separate buying or selling prices are quoted, at the average of the two prices provided the buying price has been reduced by any preliminary charge included therein and the selling price has been increased by any exit or redemption charge attributable thereto; or
    - (iii) if, in the opinion of the ACD, the price obtained is unreliable or no recent traded price is available or if no recent price exists, at a price which in the opinion of the ACD is fair and reasonable;
  - (b) any other transferable security:
    - (i) if a single price for buying and selling the security is quoted, at that price; or
    - (ii) if separate buying and selling prices are quoted, the average of those two prices; or
    - (iii) if, in the opinion of the ACD, the price obtained is unreliable or no recent traded price is available or if no price exists, at a value which in the opinion of the ACD reflects a fair and reasonable price for that investment;
  - (c) property other than that described in Sections (a) and (b) above:



- (i) At a value which, in the opinion of the ACD, represents a fair and reasonable mid-market price.
- 8.1.4 Cash and amounts held in current and deposit accounts and in other time-related deposits shall be valued at their nominal values.
- 8.1.5 Property which is a contingent liability transaction shall be treated as follows:
  - (a) If it is a written option (and the premium for writing the option has become part of the Scheme Property), the amount of the net valuation of premium receivable shall be deducted.
  - (b) if it is an off-exchange future, it will be included at the net value of closing out in accordance with a valuation method agreed between the ACD and the Depositary;
  - (c) if the property is an off-exchange derivative, it will be included at a valuation method agreed between the ACD and Depositary;
  - (d) If it is any other form of contingent liability transaction, it will be included at the net value of margin on closing out (whether as a positive or negative value).
- 8.1.6 In determining the value of the Scheme Property, all instructions given to issue or cancel shares shall be assumed to have been carried out (and any cash paid or received) whether or not this is the case.
- 8.1.7 Subject to Sections 8.1.8 and 8.1.9 below, agreements for the unconditional sale or purchase of property which are in existence but uncompleted shall be assumed to have been completed and all consequential action required to have been taken. Such unconditional agreements need not be taken into account if made shortly before the valuation takes place and, in the opinion of the ACD, their omission will not materially affect the final net asset amount.
- 8.1.8 Futures or contracts for differences which are not yet due to be performed and unexpired and unexercised written or purchased options shall not be included under Section 8.1.7.
- 8.1.9 All agreements are to be included under Section 8.1.7 which are, or ought reasonably to have been, known to the person valuing the property.
- 8.1.10 An estimated amount for anticipated tax liabilities at that point in time including (as applicable and without limitation) capital gains tax, income tax, corporation tax and value added tax will be deducted.
- 8.1.11 An estimated amount for any liabilities payable out of the Scheme Property and any tax thereon treating periodic items as accruing from day to day will be deducted.
- 8.1.12 The principal amount of any outstanding borrowings whenever repayable and any accrued but unpaid interest on borrowings will be deducted.

- 8.1.13 An estimated amount for accrued claims for tax of whatever nature which may be recoverable will be added.
- 8.1.14 Any other credits or amounts due to be paid into the Scheme Property will be added.
- 8.1.15 A sum representing any interest or any income accrued due or deemed to have accrued but not received will be added.
- 8.1.16 Currency or values in currencies other than the base currency shall be converted at a rate of exchange that is not likely to result in any material prejudice to the interests of shareholder or potential shareholders.

#### **Price per Share in the Company and each Class**

The price per Share at which shares are bought, redeemed or switched is the Net Asset Value per Share.

Any initial charge or redemption charge, (or dilution levy or SDRT on a specific deal, if applicable) is payable in addition to the price or deducted from the proceeds and is taken from the gross subscription or redemption monies.

#### **Pricing Basis**

The Company deals on a forward pricing basis.

A forward price is the price calculated at the next valuation point after the sale or redemption is agreed.

#### **Publication of Prices**

Shareholders can obtain the price of their shares by calling 0141 222 1151 (local rate) or going to [www.trustnet.com](http://www.trustnet.com).

## **9 RISK FACTORS**

### **General Risk**

The price of shares of the Company and any income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. There is no assurance that the investment objective of a Fund will actually be achieved.

The following statements are intended to summarise some of the risks, but are not exhaustive, nor do they offer advice on the suitability of investments.

### **Equities Risk**

Where investments are in the shares of companies (equities), the value of those equities may fluctuate, sometimes dramatically, in response to the activities and results of individual companies or because of general market and economic conditions or other events. Currency exchange rate movements will also cause changes in value when the currency of the investment is other than sterling.

### **Warrants Risk**

Where investments are in warrants, the price per share of the Company may fluctuate more than if the Company was invested in the underlying securities because of the greater volatility of the warrant price.

### **Bonds and Debt Instruments (Including High Yielding Securities) Risk**

Where investments are in bonds or other debt instruments, the value of those investments will depend on market interest rates, the credit quality of the issuer and liquidity considerations. Investments in high yielding debt instruments where the level of income may be relatively high (compared to investment grade debt instruments); however the risk of depreciation and realisation of capital losses on such debt instruments held will be significantly higher than on lower yielding debt instruments.

### **Lower Rated/Unrated Securities Risk**

The credit quality of debt instruments is often assessed by rating agencies. Medium and lower rated securities and unrated securities of comparable quality may be subject to wider fluctuations in yield, wider bid-offer spreads, greater liquidity premium and accentuated market expectations, and consequently greater fluctuations in market values, than higher rated securities. Changes in such ratings, or expectation of changes, will be likely to cause changes in yield and market values, at times significantly so.

### **Collective Investment Scheme Risk**

The Company may make investments in collective investment schemes. Such investments may involve risks not present in direct investments, including, for example, the possibility that an investee collective investment scheme may at any time have economic or business interests or goals which are not fully consistent with those of the Company. Moreover, many alternative investment strategies give themselves significant discretion in valuing securities. There may be liquidity constraints and the extent to which an investee fund's securities are valued by independent sources are factors which could impact on the Company's valuation.

Unregulated collective investment schemes in which the Company may invest up to 20% of its scheme property may invest in highly illiquid securities that may be difficult to value. Moreover, many alternative investment strategies give themselves significant discretion in valuing securities. You should be aware that liquidity constraints and the extent to which a fund's securities are valued by independent sources are factors which could have an impact on the Company's valuation.

### **Leverage Risk**

Leverage is where a fund borrows money in order to meet redemption requests or, through the use of derivatives, for the purpose of buying or selling assets. Where assets are bought or sold using borrowed money this increases the risk that in the case of losses that these are compounded and as a result have a material negative impact on the value of the Fund.

### **Leveraged Companies Risk**

Investments may be made in companies or collective investment schemes which borrow funds. Such companies or collective investment schemes may not be subject to any limitations on the amount of their borrowings, and the amount of borrowings that they may have outstanding at any time may be large in comparison to their capital. Furthermore, given that the Company may borrow in order to make investments, the Shareholders must be aware that they may suffer a greater risk resulting from the decline of the net asset value of the underlying investments made with this borrowing facility and therefore, the Company's risk exposure will be higher.

### **Futures and Options Risk**

The Company may use, under certain conditions, options and futures on indices and interest rates, for the purposes of efficient portfolio management.

Also, the Company may hedge market and currency risks using futures, options and forward exchange contracts. Transactions in futures carry a high degree of risk. The amount of the initial margin is small relative to the value of the futures contract so that transactions are "leveraged" or "geared". A relatively small market movement will have a proportionately larger impact which may work for or against the investor. The placing of certain orders which are intended to limit losses to certain amounts may not be effective because market conditions make it impossible to execute such orders. Transactions in options also carry a high degree of risk. Selling ("writing") an option generally entails considerably greater risk than purchasing options. Although the premium received by the seller is fixed, the seller may sustain a loss well in excess of that amount. The seller will also be exposed to the risk of the purchaser exercising the option and the seller will be obliged either to settle the option in cash or acquire or deliver the underlying interest. If the option is "covered" by the seller holding a corresponding position in the underlying interest or a future on another option, the risk may be reduced.

### **Foreign Currency Risk**

The Company may invest in securities denominated in a number of different currencies other than sterling in which the Company is denominated. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates may adversely affect the value of a Fund's investments and the income thereon.

### **Pricing and Valuations Risk**

For quoted investments a valuation price can be obtained from an exchange or similarly verifiable source. However, investment in unquoted and/or illiquid investments which are difficult to value may increase the risk of mispricing. Furthermore, the Company will compute Net Asset Values when some markets are closed for holidays or other reasons. In these and similar cases a verifiable source of market prices will not be available and the ACD may invoke its Fair Value process which will determine a fair value price for the relevant investments; this Fair Value process involves assumptions and subjectivity.

### **Emerging Countries and Developing Markets Risk**

The Company may invest in emerging markets which are undergoing rapid growth and regulatory change.

Emerging markets present additional risks to those normally encountered in developed securities markets.

These risks may be political, social and economic in nature and may be complicated by inflationary pressures and currency depreciation.

The accounting and financial reporting standards, practices and disclosure requirements in some of the countries in which investments may be made may differ from those experienced in more developed markets.

Similarly, reliability of the trading and settlement systems in such markets and the liquidity of these markets may not be equal to those available in more developed markets and this could lead to delays in settlement or affect the price at which investments could be realised.

Government influence or control of private companies in some countries may be significant and investments may be exposed to the risks of political change, political uncertainty or governmental action.

Such assets could be expropriated, nationalised, confiscated or subjected to changes in legislation relating to foreign ownership.

The value of investments in emerging markets may therefore be adversely affected by political and/or economic conditions, which would, in turn, adversely impact on the performance of the Company and its share price

### **Smaller and Unquoted Companies Risk**

Significant investments may be made in smaller companies, in which there may be no established market for the shares, or the market may be highly illiquid.

Because of this potential illiquidity investment in the Company may not be appropriate for all investors, including those who are not in a position to take a long-term view of their investment. The Company may also invest, directly and indirectly, in securities that are not listed or traded on any stock exchange. In such situations, the Company may not be able to immediately sell such securities. The purchase price and subsequent valuation of these securities may reflect a discount, which could be significant, from the market price of comparable securities for which a liquid market exists.

### **Risk to Capital**

This includes potential risk of erosion resulting from withdrawals or cancellations of shares and distributions in excess of investment returns.

### **Liquidity Risk**

In normal market conditions a Fund's assets comprise mainly realisable investments which can be readily sold. A Fund's main liability is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. In general the Company manages its investments, including cash, such that it can meet its liabilities. Investments held

may need to be sold if insufficient cash is available to finance such redemptions. If the sizes of the disposals are sufficiently large, or the market is illiquid, then there is a risk that either the investments might not be sold or the price at which they are sold may adversely affect the Net Asset Value of the Company. If there were significant requests for redemption of shares in the Company at a time when a large proportion of the Company's assets were invested in illiquid investments, then the Company's ability to fund those redemptions would be impaired and it might be necessary to suspend dealings in shares in the Company.

### **Credit Risk**

Investments may be adversely affected if any of the institutions with which money is deposited suffers insolvency or other financial difficulties (default). Credit risk also arises from the uncertainty about an issuer's ultimate repayment of principal and interest for bond or other debt instrument investments. The entire deposit or purchase price of the debt instrument is at risk of loss if there is no recovery after default. The risk of default is usually greatest with bonds and debt instruments that are classed as 'sub-investment' grade.

### **Settlement Risk**

All security investments are transacted through brokers who have been approved by the investment manager as an acceptable counterparty. The list of approved brokers is reviewed regularly. There is a risk of loss if a counterparty fails to perform its financial or other obligations to the Company, for example, the possibility that a counterparty may default, by failing to make payments due, or make payments in a timely manner. If settlement never occurs the loss incurred by the Company will be the difference between the price of the original contract and the price of the replacement contract or, in the case where the contract is not replaced the absolute value of the contract at the time it is voided. Furthermore, in some markets 'Delivery versus Payment' may not be possible in which case the absolute value of the contract is at risk if the Company meets its settlement obligations but the counterparty fails before meeting its obligations.

### **Custody Risk**

Assets of the Company are kept by the custodian and investors are exposed to the risk of the custodian not being able to fully meet its obligation to reconstitute in a short time frame all of the assets of the Company in the case of bankruptcy of the custodian. Securities of the Company will normally be identified in the custodian's books as belonging to the Company and segregated from other assets of the custodian which mitigates but does not exclude the risk of non-restitution in case of bankruptcy. However, no such segregation applies to cash which increases the risk of non-restitution in case of bankruptcy. The custodian does not keep all the assets of the Company itself but uses a network of sub-custodians which are not part of the same group of companies as the custodian. Investors are exposed to the risk of bankruptcy of the sub-custodians in the same manner as they are to the risk of bankruptcy of the custodian.

A Fund may invest in markets where custodial and/or settlement systems are not fully developed. The assets of the Company that are traded in such markets and which have been entrusted to such sub-custodians may be exposed to risk in circumstances where the custodian will have no liability.

### **Tax Risk**

Tax laws, currently in place, may change in the future which could affect the value of the Company's and therefore the shareholders' investments. Refer to the section headed 'Taxation' in the prospectus for further details about the taxation of the Company.

### **Inflation Risk**

Unless the performance of your investment keeps up with or beats inflation, the real value of your investments will fall over time.

### **Political and/or Environmental Risk**

The investee companies may operate in countries where the ownership rights may be uncertain and development of the resources themselves may be subject to disruption due to factors including civil disturbances, industrial action, interruption of power supplies, as well as adverse climatic conditions.

### **Market Risk**

The risk that the entire market of an asset class will decline thus affecting the prices and values of the assets.

### **Liabilities of the Company**

Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company. A shareholder is not liable to make any further payment to the Company after paying the purchase price of shares.

### **Risk Management**

Upon request to the ACD a shareholder can receive information relating to:

- (a) The quantitative limits applying in the risk management of the Company;
- (b) The methods used in relation to (a) above and
- (c) Any recent developments of the risk and yields of the main categories of investment in the Company.

The FCA Regulations require that authorised corporate directors maintain a liquidity risk management process.

The ACD assesses how many days are likely to be required to sell investments without negatively impacting the fund price or liquidity on a best endeavours basis i.e. a liquidity ladder. The ACD assess the bid/offer spreads and trading volumes as widening spreads and thin trading volumes give an indication that it might be more difficult to dispose of an investment. The characteristic of the Fund determines the frequency of this assessment. The main factors are:

- (a) Liquidity of underlying investments;

- (b) The size of the investment as a proportion of the Fund and also relative to the market (e.g. proportion of the holding to the average trade size); and
- (c) The average holding period of Shareholders in the Fund.

It is also the ACD's responsibility to ensure that the Investment Managers undertake testing of their liquidity management arrangements against various stressed liquidity arrangements on a regular basis.

## 10 FEES AND EXPENSES

### General

The Company may pay out of the property of the Company charges and expenses incurred by the Company, which will include the following expenses:

- (a) the fees and expenses payable to the ACD, to the Investment Manager and to the Depositary;
- (b) broker's commission, fiscal charges (including stamp duty and/or stamp duty reserve tax) and other disbursements which are necessarily incurred in effecting transactions for the Company and normally shown in contract notes, confirmation notes and difference accounts as appropriate;
- (c) fees and expenses in respect of establishing and maintaining the register of shareholders and any sub-register of shareholders;
- (d) any costs incurred in or about the listing of shares in the Company on any Stock Exchange, and the creation, conversion and cancellation of shares;
- (e) any costs incurred in producing and dispatching any payments made by the Company, or the yearly and half-yearly reports of the Company, or the Prospectus;
- (f) any fees, expenses or disbursements of any legal or other professional adviser of the Company;
- (g) any costs incurred in taking out and maintaining any insurance policy in relation to the Company;
- (h) any costs incurred in respect of meetings of shareholders convened for any purpose including those convened on a requisition by shareholders not including the ACD or an associate of the ACD;
- (i) liabilities on unitisation, amalgamation or reconstruction including certain liabilities arising after transfer of property to the Company in consideration for the issue of shares as more fully detailed in the FCA Regulations;
- (j) interest on borrowings and charges incurred in effecting or terminating such borrowings or in negotiating or varying the terms of such borrowings;
- (k) taxation and duties payable in respect of the property of the Company or the issue or redemption of shares;



- (l) the audit fees of the Auditors (including VAT) and any expenses of the Auditors;
- (m) the fees of the FCA, in accordance with the Fees Manual, together with any corresponding periodic fees of any regulatory authority in a country or territory outside the United Kingdom in which shares in the Company are or may be marketed;
- (n) the Depositary's expenses, as detailed in Section 10 below;
- (o) any expense incurred in relation to company secretarial duties including the cost of maintenance of minute books and other documentation required to be maintained by the Company and any expenses incurred in distributing information regarding the prices of shares to shareholders;
- (p) any payments otherwise due by virtue of the FCA Regulations;
- (q) any fees or expenses incurred in the modification of the Prospectus and/or Instrument of Incorporation and/or simplified prospectus (or any successor document), to the extent permitted by the FCA Handbook; and
- (r) any expenses incurred in the printing and preparation (but not the dissemination) of the simplified prospectus or (or any successor document).

Value Added Tax is payable on these charges where appropriate.

Any third party research received in connection with investment advisory services that an Investment Manager provides to the Fund will be paid for by the Investment Manager out of its fees, as relevant in relation to the Fund, and will not be charged to the Fund.

Expenses are allocated between income and capital in accordance with the FCA Regulations and the OEIC Regulations and as specified in Appendix 1.

Where expenses are allocated to income, but at the end of the accounting period there is insufficient income, the shortfall may be allocated to capital in accordance with the FCA Regulations and the OEIC Regulations. This may constrain capital growth.

### **Charges Payable to the ACD**

In payment for carrying out its duties and responsibilities the ACD is entitled to take out of the Company an annual management charge.

The annual management charge accrues daily and is payable monthly in arrears on the last Business Day of each month. The fee is calculated by reference to the value of the Company on the last Business Day of the preceding month. The current management charges are set out in Appendix 1.

The ACD is also entitled to reimbursement of all reasonable, properly vouched, out of pocket expenses incurred in the performance of its duties, including stamp

duty, stamp duty reserve tax on transactions in shares and expenses incurred in effecting regulatory changes to the Company.

The ACD may not introduce a new category of remuneration for its services unless the introduction has been approved by an extraordinary resolution of shareholders in the Company.

The ACD may not increase the current rate or amount of its remuneration payable out of the Scheme Property of the Company or the preliminary charge unless, not less than 60 days before the introduction or increase, the ACD gives notice in writing of the introduction or increase and the date of its commencement to all shareholders and has revised and made available the Prospectus to reflect the introduction of new rate and the date of its commencement.

The Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited remuneration policy is designed to be compliant with the AIFMD Remuneration Code contained in SYSC 19B of the FCA Handbook, and provides a framework to attract, retain and reward employees and partners and to maintain a sound risk management framework, with particular attention to conduct risk. The overall policy is designed to promote the long term success of the group. The policy is designed to reward partners, directors and employees for delivery of both financial and non-financial objectives which are set in line with company strategy.

Details of the Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited remuneration policy are available on the website <https://www.evelyn.com/regulatory/remuneration-code-disclosure>

A paper copy of the remuneration policy can be obtained free of charge by telephoning 0141 222 1151.

Any fees payable to the ACD may be reduced or waived by the ACD at its discretion.

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

The Investment Manager's fees and expenses are paid by the Company. The Investment Manager's fee accrues daily and is calculated by reference to the value of the Company managed by the Investment Manager on the last Business Day of the preceding month. The fee is payable monthly in arrears on receipt of the invoice from the Investment Manager. The current fees are as set out in Appendix 1.

### **Depositary's Fee**

The Depositary receives for its own account a periodic fee which will accrue daily from the last business day in the preceding month to the last business day in each month. It is payable within seven days after the last business day in each month.

The fee is calculated by reference to the value of the Company on the last business day of the preceding month except for the first accrual, which is calculated by reference to the first valuation point of the Company.

The fee is payable out of the property attributable to the Company.

The rate of the periodic fee is agreed between the ACD and the Depositary and is subject to a current annual minimum of £7,500 plus VAT.

The current fee is:

- (a) 0.0275% + VAT on first £50 million,
- (b) 0.025% + VAT between £50 million and £100 million and;
- (c) 0.02% + VAT above £100 million per annum.

These rates can be varied from time to time in accordance with the Regulations.

The first accrual in relation to the Company will take place in respect of the period beginning on the day on which the first valuation of that Company is made and ending on the last business day of the month in which that day falls.

In addition to the periodic fee referred to above, the Depositary shall also be entitled to be paid transaction and custody charges in relation to transaction handling and safe-keeping of the Scheme Property as follows:

| Item                 | Range  |
|----------------------|--|
| Transaction Charges  | Between £5.00 and £472 per transaction   |
| Safe Custody Charges | Between 0.003% and 0.50%* of the value of investments being held per annum<br><br>*With the exception of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USA (Physical Securities) - £14 per line per calendar month.</li> <li>• Not in Bank / Not in Custody Assets - £65 per line per calendar month.</li> </ul> |

These charges vary from country to country depending on the markets and the type of transaction involved.

Transaction charges accrue at the time the transactions are effected and are payable as soon as is reasonably practicable, and in any event not later than the last Business Day of the month when such charges arose or as otherwise agreed between the Depositary and the ACD.

Custody charges accrue and are payable as agreed from time to time by the ACD and the Depositary.

In addition, charges may be applied for cash payments, currency conversion, corporate actions and other incidental expenses.

Details are available on request.

The Depositary will also be paid out of the property attributable to the Company, expenses properly incurred in the performance of, or arranging the performance

of, functions conferred on it by the Depositary Agreement, the Regulations or by the general law including but not limited to:

- (a) the acquisition, holding and disposal of property;
- (b) the collection and distribution to shareholders of dividends, interest and any other income;
- (c) the maintenance of distribution accounts;
- (d) the conversion of foreign currency;
- (e) registration of assets in the name of the Depositary or its nominee or agents;
- (f) borrowings or other permitted transactions;
- (g) communications with any parties (including telex, facsimile, SWIFT and electronic mail);
- (h) taxation matters;
- (i) insurance matters;
- (j) costs relating to banking and banking transactions;
- (k) preparation of the Depositary's annual report;
- (l) taking professional advice;
- (m) conducting legal proceedings;
- (n) the convening and/or attendance at meetings of shareholders; and
- (o) modification of the Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus, and negotiation and/or modification of the Depositary Agreement and any other agreement entered into between the Depositary and its delegates.

The Depositary shall be entitled to recover its fees, charges and expenses when the relevant transaction or other dealing is effected or relevant service is provided or as may otherwise be agreed between the Depositary and the Company or the ACD.

On a winding up of the Company or the redemption of a class of shares, the Depositary will be entitled to its pro rata fees, charges and expenses to the date of winding up, the termination, or the redemption (as appropriate) and any additional expenses necessarily realised in settling or receiving any outstanding obligations.

No compensation for loss of office is provided for in the agreement with the Depositary.

Any value added tax on any fees, charges or expenses payable to the Depositary will be added to such fees, charges or expenses.

In each such case such expenses and disbursements will also be payable if incurred by any person (including the ACD or any associate or nominee of the Depositary or of the ACD) who has had the relevant duty delegated to it pursuant to the FCA Regulations by the Depositary.

## 11 **SHAREHOLDER MEETINGS AND VOTING RIGHTS**

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Company will not hold annual general meetings.

### **Requisitions of Meetings**

The ACD may requisition a general meeting at any time.

Shareholders may also requisition a general meeting of the Company.

A requisition by shareholders must state the objects of the meeting, be dated, be signed by shareholders who, at the date of the requisition, are registered as holding not less than one-tenth in value of all shares then in issue and the requisition must be deposited at the head office of the Company.

The ACD must convene a general meeting no later than eight weeks after receipt of such requisition.

### **Notice of Quorum**

Shareholders will receive at least 14 days' notice of a shareholders' meeting and are entitled to be counted in the quorum and vote at such meeting either in person or by proxy.

The quorum for a meeting is two shareholders, present in person or by proxy.

The quorum for an Adjourned Meeting is also two shareholders present in person or by proxy, however if a quorum is not present from a reasonable time from the time appointed for the meeting then one person entitled to be counted in a quorum shall be a quorum.

Notices of Meetings and Adjourned Meetings will be sent to shareholders at their registered addresses.

### **Voting Rights**

At a meeting of shareholders, on a show of hands every shareholder who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by its representative properly authorised in that regard, has one vote.

On a poll vote, a shareholder may vote either in person or by proxy.

The voting rights attaching to each share are such proportion of the voting rights attached to all the shares in issue that the price of the share bears to the aggregate price(s) of all the shares in issue at the date seven days before the notice of meeting is deemed to have been served.

A shareholder entitled to more than one vote need not, if he votes, use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.

Except where the FCA Regulations or the Instrument of Incorporation of the Company requires an extraordinary resolution (which needs 75% of the votes cast at the meeting to be in favour if the resolution is to be passed) any resolution will be passed by a simple majority of the votes validly cast for and against the resolution.

The ACD may not be counted in the quorum for a meeting and neither the ACD nor any associate (as defined in the FCA Rules) of the ACD is entitled to vote at any meeting of the Company except in respect of shares which the ACD or associate holds on behalf of or jointly with a person who, if the registered shareholder, would be entitled to vote and from whom the ACD or associate has received voting instructions.

Where every shareholder within the Company is prohibited under Rule 4.4.8R (4) of the FCA Rules from voting, a resolution may, with the prior written agreement of the Depositary, instead be passed with the written consent of Shareholders representing 75% of the Shares of the Company in issue.

“Shareholders” in this context means shareholders on the date seven days before the notice of the relevant meeting was deemed to have been served but excludes holders who are known to the ACD not to be shareholders at the time of the meeting.

### **Class Meetings**

The above provisions, unless the context otherwise requires, apply to Share Class meetings as they apply to general meetings of shareholders.

## **12 TAXATION**

The following summary is only intended as a general summary of United Kingdom (“UK”) tax law and HM Revenue & Customs practice, as at the date of this Prospectus, applicable to the Fund and to individual and corporate investors who are the absolute beneficial owners of a holding in the Fund which is held as an investment. The summary’s applicability to, and the tax treatment of, investors will depend upon the particular circumstances of each investor (and it will not apply to persons, such as certain institutional investors, who are subject to a special tax regime). It should not be treated as legal or tax advice. Accordingly, if investors are in any doubt as to their taxation position, they should consult their professional adviser.

Levels and bases of, and reliefs from, taxation are subject to change in the future.

The following is divided into sections relating to “Bond Fund” and “Equity Fund”.

A “Bond Fund” is a Fund which invests more than 60% of its market value in “Qualifying Investments” (at all times in each accounting period).

The term “Qualifying Investments” includes money placed at interest and securities that are not shares, including but not limited to government and corporate debt securities and cash on deposit.

The tax issues relating to the Fund and the investors within it are treated separately in this section.

It is anticipated that the Fund will for most periods be an Equity Fund for these purposes, but that depending on how it is invested it may constitute a Bond Fund for some periods.

### **Taxation of an Equity Fund**

#### **12.1.1 Taxation of Capital Gains**

An Equity Fund is not subject to UK taxation on capital gains arising on the disposal of its investments. In the unlikely event that the Fund be considered to be trading in securities under tax law, and to the extent an investment is disposed in a non-distributor/reporting Fund, any gains made will be treated as taxable income and not exempt gains.

#### **12.1.2 Tax on Income**

An Equity Fund will be liable to corporation tax at a rate equal to the lower rate of income tax, currently 20%, on its income after relief for expenses (which include fees payable to the ACD and to the Depositary).

Dividends and similar income distributions from UK and non-UK resident companies are generally exempt from corporation tax.

Dividends and similar income distributions from UK authorised unit trusts and UK ICVCs are also generally exempt from corporation tax to the extent the underlying income derives from dividends.

Foreign dividends and similar income are generally treated as exempt for the purposes of UK corporation tax. This income may be subject to withholding tax in certain jurisdictions.

Dividend income received from certain countries are likely to be elected to be treated as taxable income in the UK in order to obtain a beneficial rate of withholding tax in the source country. This is based on guidance provided to the investment Fund industry by the Investment Association.

Profits from loan relationships are treated as taxable income, as for a Bond Fund.

### **Taxation of a Bond Fund**

#### **12.1.3 Taxation of Capital Gains**

Bonds or loan relationships held are taxable as income (see below) and are not subject to capital gains tax. Capital gains, for example on investment in equities, (except insofar as treated as income gains - see below) accruing to a Bond Fund will be exempt from UK tax on chargeable gains.

#### 12.1.4 Tax on Income

A Bond Fund will be liable to UK corporation tax at 20% on income, translated (where appropriate) into Sterling, from investments in debt, debt-related securities and cash deposits less deductible expenses.

Such income will be computed according to the generally accepted accounting practice relevant to the Fund.

The total will be taxed under the Loan Relationship rules.

Any income received from UK equities will be exempt from UK corporation tax.

A Bond Fund would generally be entitled to make up distribution accounts in such a way that the income distribution (including accumulations of income, which are deemed to be paid and reinvested as capital) to shareholders is treated as if it were interest for UK tax purposes.

If so entitled, the Fund intends that distributions will be made in this way.

The treatment of distributions as interest distributions for UK tax purposes is significant because:

- distributions made should be deductible for corporation tax purposes against UK taxable income.

The income, less interest distributions, expenses (including the ACD's and Depositary's fees) and any non-UK withholding taxes, is subject to UK corporation tax at a rate equal to the basic rate of income tax (currently 20%). Any corporation tax charge should not be significant.

Capital gains (except insofar as treated as accrued income gains - see above) accruing to a Bond Fund will be exempt from UK tax on chargeable gains.

#### **Stamp Duty Reserve Tax**

On 30 March 2014, Schedule 19 Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (SDRT) ceased to be chargeable on dealings in shares in an OEIC. As such, the provisions relating to SDRT no longer apply. However, investors should note that should SDRT or a similar tax relating to dealings on shares in OEICs be reintroduced in the future, all such costs will be paid out of the Fund's Scheme Property and charged to capital.

However it should be noted that in the unlikely event of either of;

- (a) third party transfer of shares or
- (b) non-pro rata in specie redemptions, occurring within the Fund,

SDRT may still be triggered and where applicable be charged to the investor.

#### 13 **AUTOMATIC EXCHANGE OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNT INFORMATION**



## **US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA)**

The US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) is designed to help the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) combat US tax evasion.

It requires financial institutions, such as the Fund, to report on US investors or US holdings, whether or not this is relevant.

Failure to comply (or be deemed compliant) with these requirements will subject the Fund to US withholding taxes on certain US-sourced income and gains. Under an intergovernmental agreement between the US and the United Kingdom, the Fund may be deemed compliant, and therefore not subject to the withholding tax, if it identifies and reports US taxpayer information directly to HMRC.

Shareholders may be asked to provide additional information to the ACD to enable the Fund to satisfy these obligations. Institutional Shareholders may be required to provide a Global Intermediary Identifications Number (GIIN).

Failure to provide requested information may subject a Shareholder to liability for any resulting US withholding taxes, US tax information reporting and/or mandatory redemption, transfer or other termination of the Shareholder's interest in its Shares. The Global Intermediary Identification Number for the Fund is available on request.

## **Common Reporting Standard**

The Common Reporting Standard (CRS) is the reporting standard approved and developed by the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2014, and came into force with effect from 1st January 2016. This requires financial institutions such as the Fund (or the Sub-Fund(s)), to report non-UK resident investors, other than US Persons, to other agreed jurisdictions on an annual basis. The objective of this reporting is the same as the FATCA regulations but on a worldwide basis and is based on Residency rather than citizenship as with the US model, and will encompass natural persons and legal entities.

## **14 INCOME EQUALISATION**

Income equalisation, as explained below, may apply in relation to the Company, as detailed in Appendix 1.

Part of the purchase price of a share reflects the relevant share of accrued income received or to be received by the Company.

This capital sum is returned to a shareholder with the first allocation of income in respect of a share issued during an accounting period.

The amount of income equalisation is either;

- (a) the actual amount of income included in the issue price of that share; or
- (b) is calculated by dividing the aggregate of the amounts of income included in the price of shares issued or sold to shareholders in an annual or interim accounting period by the number of those shares and applying the resultant average to each of the shares in question.

The ACD currently uses the method outlined in (a) above to apply income equalisation.

## 15 WINDING UP OF THE COMPANY

The Company shall not be wound up except as an unregistered company under Part V of the Insolvency Act 1986 or under the FCA Regulations.

Where the Company is to be wound up under the FCA Regulations, such winding up may only be commenced following approval by the FCA.

The FCA may only give such approval if the ACD provides a statement (following an investigation into the affairs of the Company) either that the Company will be able to meet its liabilities within 12 months of the date of the statement or that the Company will be unable to do so.

The Company may not be wound up under the FCA Regulations if there is a vacancy in the position of ACD at the relevant time.

The Company may be wound up under the FCA Regulations if:

- (a) an extraordinary resolution to that effect is passed by shareholders; or
- (b) the period (if any) fixed for the duration of the Company by the Instrument of Incorporation expires, or an event (if any) occurs on the occurrence of which the Instrument of Incorporation provides that the Company is to be wound up (for example, if the share capital of the Company is below its prescribed minimum); or
- (c) On the date of effect stated in any agreement by the FCA to a request by the ACD for the revocation of the authorisation order in respect of the Company.

On the occurrence of any of the above:

- (a) The parts of the FCA Regulations and the Instrument of Incorporation relating to Pricing and Dealing and Investment and Borrowing will cease to apply to the Company;
- (b) The Company will cease to issue and cancel shares in the Company and the ACD shall cease to sell or redeem shares or arrange for the Company to issue or cancel them for the Company;
- (c) No transfer of a share shall be registered and no other change to the register shall be made without the sanction of the ACD;
- (d) Where the Company is being wound up, the Company shall cease to carry on its business except in so far as it is beneficial for the winding up of the Company;
- (e) The corporate status and powers of the Company and, subject to the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (d) above, the powers of the ACD shall remain until the Company is dissolved.

The ACD shall, as soon as practicable after the Company falls to be wound up, realise the assets and meet the liabilities of the Company and, after paying out or retaining adequate provision for all liabilities properly payable and retaining provision for the costs of winding up, arrange for the Depositary to make one or more interim distributions out of the proceeds remaining (if any) to shareholders proportionately to their rights to participate in the Scheme Property of the Company.

When the ACD has caused all of the Scheme Property to be realised and all of the liabilities of the Company to be realised, the ACD shall arrange for the Depositary to also make a final distribution to shareholders (if any Scheme Property remains to be distributed) on or prior to the date on which the final account is sent to shareholders of any balance remaining in proportion to their holdings in the Company.

As soon as reasonably practicable after completion of the winding up of the Company or the Company, the Depositary shall notify the FCA.

On completion of a winding up of the Company, the Company will be dissolved and any money (including unclaimed distributions) standing to the account of the Company, will be paid into court within one month of dissolution.

Following the completion of the winding up of the Company, the ACD shall notify the Registrar of Companies and shall notify the FCA that it has done so.

Following the completion of the winding up of the Company, the ACD must prepare a final account showing how the winding up took place and how the Scheme Property was distributed.

The auditors of the Company shall make a report in respect of the final account stating their opinion as to whether the final account has been properly prepared.

This final account and the auditors' report must be sent to the FCA, to each shareholder and, in the case of the winding up of the Company, to the Registrar of Companies within four months of the termination of the winding up.

## 16 GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Accounting Periods**

The annual accounting period of the Company ends each year on 5 April (the accounting reference date).

The interim accounting period of the Company ends each year on 5 October.

### **Income Allocations**

Allocations of income are made in respect of the income available for allocation in each accounting period.

Distributions of income in respect of Income Shares for the Company are paid by BACS or telegraphic transfer, on or before 5 August in each accounting period (annual income allocation date).

There is no interim allocation date.

The Authorised Corporate Director and the Depositary have agreed a de minimis amount of £20 in respect of distribution of income payments made by cheque.

If a distribution remains unclaimed for a period of six years after it has become due, it will be forfeited and will revert to the Company.

The amount available for distribution in any accounting period is calculated by taking the aggregate of the income received or receivable for the account of the Company in respect of that period, and deducting the charges and expenses paid or payable out of income in respect of that accounting period.

The ACD then makes such other adjustments as it considers appropriate (and after consulting the auditors as appropriate) in relation to taxation, income equalisation, income unlikely to be received within 12 months following the relevant income allocation date, income which should not be accounted for on an accrual basis because of lack of information as to how it accrues, transfers between the income and capital account and any other adjustments which the ACD considers appropriate after consulting the auditors. The ACD does not normally adjust the distributions in order to smooth the amount of interim and final distributions within any particular accounting period.

Income will be distributed as a dividend payment where the Company is deemed to be an Equity Company or as an interest payment where the Company is deemed to be a Bond Company over the relevant accounting period.

The treatment of income anticipated by the ACD is given in Appendix 1, although Shareholders are advised the treatment of income will depend on the composition of assets over the accounting period.

Income can only be distributed as an interest payment if the Company has held the minimum Qualifying Investments over the accounting period (see Taxation for further details).

Details of the treatment of income for taxation purposes over an accounting period will be given in a tax voucher sent to all Shareholders when the income is allocated.

### **Annual Reports**

An Annual report of the Company will be published within four months of each annual accounting period and a half-yearly report will be published within two months of each interim accounting period. The annual and half-yearly reports are available upon request.

The annual and half-yearly reports will include disclosures on the following:

- (a) The percentage of the Company's assets that are subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature;
- (b) Any new arrangements for managing the liquidity of the Company;

- (c) The current risk profile of the Company and the risk management systems employed by the ACD to manage those risks;
- (d) Any changes to the maximum level of leverage that the ACD may employ on behalf of the Company;
- (e) Any changes to any right of reuse of collateral or any guarantee granted under the leveraging arrangement; and
- (f) The total amount of leverage employed by the Company.

### **Documents of the Company**

The following documents may be inspected free of charge between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. every business day at the offices of the ACD at 45 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7BG.

- (a) the most recent annual and half-yearly reports of the Company;
- (b) the Prospectus; and
- (c) the Instrument of Incorporation (and any amending Instrument of Incorporation).

The ACD may make a charge at its discretion for copies of the Instrument of Incorporation although copies of the Prospectus will be available free of charge.

Copies of the ACD agreement or any contract of service between the Company and its directors can be provided free of charge on request.

### **Notices**

Notices and Documents will be sent to the shareholder's registered address.

### **Telephone Recording**

Please note that the ACD may record telephone calls for training and monitoring purposes and to confirm investors' instructions. Recordings will be provided on request for a period of at least five years from the date of such recording, or, where requested by a competent regulatory authority, for a period of seven years, where the ACD can identify the call. If you ask the ACD to send you a recording of a particular call, the ACD may ask for further information to help identify the exact call to which your request relates.

### **Complaints**

Complaints concerning the operation or marketing of the Company should be referred to the Compliance Officer of the ACD at 45 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7BG, in the first instance. If the complaint is not dealt with satisfactorily then it can be made direct to The Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange Square, London E14 9SR, telephone number 0800 023 4567. A copy of the ACD's complaints handling procedure is available on request.

Making a complaint will not prejudice your rights to commence legal proceedings.

Further information regarding any compensation scheme or any other investor-compensation scheme of which the ACD or the Fund is a member (including, if relevant, membership through a branch) or any alternative arrangement provided, are also available on request.

### **Best Execution**

The ACD must act in the best interests of the Fund when executing decisions to deal on behalf of the Fund. The ACD's order execution policy sets out the (i) systems and controls that have been put in place and (ii) the factors which the ACD expects the Investment Manager to consider when effecting transactions and placing orders in relation to the Fund. This policy has been developed in accordance with the ACD's obligations under the Regulations to obtain the best possible result for the Company.

Details of the order execution policy are available from the ACD on request. If you have any questions regarding the policy please contact the ACD or your professional adviser.

### **Inducements and Soft Commission**

When executing orders, or placing orders with other entities for execution, that relate to financial instruments for, or on behalf of, the Fund, an Investment Manager or the ACD (as relevant) will not accept and retain any fees, commissions or monetary benefits; or accept any non-monetary benefits, where these are paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party.

The Investment Manager or ACD will return to the Fund as soon as reasonably possible after receipt any fees, commissions or any monetary benefits paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on behalf of a third party in relation to the services provided to the Fund, and disclose in the annual report the fees, commissions or any monetary benefits transferred to them.

However, the Investment Manager or ACD may accept without disclosure minor non-monetary benefits that are capable of enhancing the quality of service provided to the Fund; and of a scale and nature such that they could not be judged to impair their compliance with its duty to act honestly, fairly and professionally in the best interests of the Fund.

### **Genuine Diversity of Ownership (GDO)**

Shares in, and information on, the Company are and will continue to be marketed and made easily and widely available to reach the intended categories of investors and in a manner appropriate to attract those categories of investors.

The intended categories of investors are retail and institutional investors.

## **Compensation**

Under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS), in the event of firm default your investment is protected up to the value of £85,000 per person per firm.

## APPENDIX 1

### Investment Objective, Policy and Other Details of The Company

Investment of the assets of the Company must comply with the FCA Regulations and its own investment objective and policy.

Details of the investment objective and policy are set out overleaf together with other information including available Share Classes, charges, minimum investment levels and distribution dates.

A detailed statement of the investment and borrowing restrictions applicable to the Company is contained in Appendix 2. Lists of the eligible securities and derivatives markets on which the Company may invest are contained in Appendix 4 and Appendix 5. A list of the locations of the establishment of any second schemes which the Company may invest in from time to time is shown in Appendix 10.

Changes to the Investment Objective and Policy will normally require approval by shareholders at an EGM if the change alters the nature or risk profile of the scheme, or on giving 60 days' notice to shareholders where these do not alter the nature or risk profile of the scheme. In exceptional circumstances, changes may be made to the Investment Objective and Policy with no minimum period of notice where these are for clarification purposes only. In all cases, changes may only be made to the Investment Objective and Policy following notification to the FCA pursuant to the OEIC regulations and confirmation from the FCA that these changes will not affect the ongoing authorisation of the Company.

#### Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)

The OCF provides investors with a clearer picture of the total annual costs in running a collective investment scheme and is based on the previous year's expenses. The figure may vary from year to year and it excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the Fund (but includes transaction charges incurred by investing in any other collective investment schemes). Where there is not enough historic data available, or when historic data will not provide a reliable indication of future costs, an estimated OCF will be calculated based on the most reliable information available (OCF (Estimated)). The OCF is displayed in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID). A copy of the KIID can be provided free of charge on request.



## THE STELLAR FUND

### Investment Objective

The Company will aim to achieve (through a combination of capital and income) a return of 4% per year more than the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) over a rolling 10-year period after deducting fees and costs.

### Investment Policy

The Company is actively managed and invests at least 60% in companies that are listed on major stock exchanges around the world and in emerging markets. In normal market conditions, the Fund will normally be invested in between 50 - 80 companies. This exposure will be mostly direct, with up to 5% through collective investment schemes and investment trusts.

The Fund may also invest up to 30% in a wide range of alternative assets accessed through listed investment vehicles, such as listed investment trusts and listed investment companies. Such alternative assets include infrastructure bonds or equities, green energy bonds or equities, commodities, including gold, through ETCs, private equity, distressed debt, hedge funds, alternative bonds (including high yield bonds and asset backed bonds).

The Fund also has the ability to invest up to 10% in government and corporate bonds from anywhere in the world that have a minimum credit rating of BB at the time of purchase.

The Fund may also invest up to 10% indirectly in property, through REITs and property unit trusts.

The Fund will also invest up to 10% in cash, near cash and deposits.

Exposure to any of the above asset classes may be obtained through investment in other collective investment schemes (including funds managed by Sarasin) in line with the Fund's investment and borrowing powers.

The Investment Manager will identify core "themes" that it considers offer attractive long-term investment opportunities. These themes will be kept under review by the Investment Manager and may change from time to time.

The Fund will also invest in derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management. Derivatives are financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of another asset (e.g. indices, rates, share prices, currencies).

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Benchmark</b>                   | <p>CPI (Consumer Price Index) Plus 4% is the target set for the fund's performance to exceed over a rolling 10-year period.</p> <p>The ACD has selected this target benchmark as the ACD believes it best reflects the strategic allocation of the Company.</p> |
| <b>Classes of shares available</b> | Net Income Shares   |

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Currency of denomination</b>  | Pounds Sterling  |
| <b>Minimum initial investment</b>  | £100,000   |
| <b>Minimum subsequent investment</b>   | None as long as minimum holding is maintained  |
| <b>Minimum withdrawal</b>  | None   |
| <b>Minimum holding</b>   | £100,000   |
| <b>ACD's preliminary charge</b>  | 5%   |
| <b>Annual management charge</b>  | 0.15% per annum subject to a minimum of £32,000 per annum  |
| <b>Investment Manager fee</b>  | First £25m at 0.55%<br>Second £25m at 0.50%<br>Third £25m at 0.35%<br>Above £75m at 0.30%  |
| <b>Charge for investment research</b>  | None   |
| <b>Accounting dates</b>  | 5 April (Final) and 5 October (Interim)  |
| <b>Income allocation date</b>  | 5 August   |
| <b>Invest in any Securities Market of the UK or a Member State of the EU or states within the EEA on which securities are admitted to Official Listing</b> | Yes  |
| <b>Invest in Eligible Markets</b>  | As listed in Appendices 4 and 5  |
| <b>Income Equalisation</b>   | Yes, averaged  |
| <b>Charges taken from Income or Capital?</b>   | All charges other than those relating directly to the purchase and sale of investments will be taken from income.<br><br>If at the end of an accounting period there is insufficient income the shortfall may be allocated to capital. |
| <b>Income to be distributed as a dividend or interest?</b>   | The Company may distribute income in the form of a dividend or interest depending on the composition of the assets held over the accounting period.  |
|  |  |

Whether an investment in the Company is appropriate for you will depend on your own requirements and attitude to risk.

The Company is designed for investors of any category, including retail investors, who:

- want to achieve capital growth and income over the longer term through investing in UK and overseas markets using the expertise of the Investment Manager,
- can meet the minimum investment levels,
- are able to commit to a long term investment in the Company and take the risk of losing part or all of their investment capital,
- understand and are willing to take the risks involved in investing in the Company (as detailed under “Risk Factors”).

**If you have any doubts as to whether the investment is suitable for you, please contact a financial adviser.**

## APPENDIX 2

### Investment and Borrowing Powers of the Company

These restrictions apply to the Company.

#### 1 Investment restrictions

1.1 The Company will be invested with the aim of achieving the investment objective of the Company but subject to the limits on investment set out in the FCA Regulations and the Company's investment policy.

1.2 Generally the Company will invest in the investments to which it is dedicated including approved securities which are transferable securities admitted to or dealt on a regulated market or in a market in the UK or an EEA State which is regulated, operates regularly and is open to the public, units in collective investment schemes, warrants, money market instruments, deposits and derivatives and forward transactions.

1.3 Eligible markets are regulated markets or markets established in UK or an EEA State which are regulated, operate regularly and are open to the public; and markets which the ACD, after consultation with the Depositary, has decided are appropriate for the purpose of investment of or dealing in the property of the Company having regard to the relevant criteria in the FCA Regulations and guidance from the FCA.

Such markets must operate regularly, be regulated, recognised, open to the public, adequately liquid and have arrangements for unimpeded transmission of income and capital to or to the order of the investors. The eligible securities and derivatives markets for the Company are set out in Appendix 4 and Appendix 5.

1.4 New eligible securities markets may be added to the existing list in accordance with the FCA Regulations governing approvals and notifications.

#### 2 Transferable securities

2.1 Up to 20% of the value of the Company may be invested in transferable securities which are not approved securities.

2.2 Up to 10% of the value of the Company may be invested in transferable securities, other than Government and public securities, or money market instruments issued by any single body.

2.3 More than 35% of the property of the Company may be invested in Government and public securities issued by or on behalf of or guaranteed by one issuer, which may be one of the following: the government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the governments of Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden; or by or on behalf of the Governments of Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland or the United States of America.

### 3 Collective Investment Schemes

- 3.1 Except where the investment policy of the Company is inconsistent with this, up to 100% in value of the property of the Company may be invested in units in other collective investment schemes although not more than 35% in value of the scheme property of the Company is to consist of the units of any one collective investment scheme.

Investment may be made in another collective investment scheme managed by the ACD or an associate of the ACD.

Investment may only be made in other collective investment schemes whose maximum annual management charge does not exceed 5%.

- 3.2 Any investee scheme must either:

- (a) be a UK UCITS scheme or satisfy the conditions necessary for it to enjoy the rights conferred by the UCITS Directive as implemented in the EEA; or
- (b) be recognised under the provisions of Section 272 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000; or
- (c) be authorised as a non-UCITS retail scheme (provided certain requirements are met); or
- (d) be authorised in an EEA State (provided certain requirements are met); or
- (e) be a scheme not falling within (a) to (d) and in respect of which no more than 20% in value of the Scheme Property of the Company (including any transferable securities which are not approved securities) is invested.

The investee scheme must also operate on the basis of the prudent spread of risk, be prohibited from having more than 15% in value of the property of that scheme consisting of units in collective investment schemes (unless COLL 5.6.10AR applies) and the participants in the second scheme must be entitled to have their units redeemed in accordance with the scheme at a price related to the net value of the property to which the units relate and determined in accordance with the scheme.

- 3.3 The Company may invest in units of other collective investment schemes and pay any related charges or expenses for investing in such units unless the schemes are managed, operated or administered by the ACD (or one of its associates) in which case the rules on double charging contained in the FCA Regulations are complied with.

- 3.4 Any second schemes in which the Company invests will be established in the locations listed in Appendix 10. The Company may invest in second schemes established in locations not currently listed in Appendix 10 provided the second scheme satisfies the requirements of this clause, 3.1 and the FCA Regulations, where this occurs the list in Appendix 10 will be updated and an updated Prospectus issued.

## 4 Feeder Schemes

- 4.1 A non-UCITS retail scheme that is not a feeder NURS may, if the following conditions are met, invest in units of:
- (a) a feeder UCITS; or
  - (b) a feeder NURS; or
  - (c) a scheme dedicated to units in a single property authorised investment fund; or
  - (d) a scheme dedicated to units in a recognised scheme
- 4.2 The relevant master UCITS must comply with COLL 5.2.13R (2), (3) and (4) as if it were the second scheme for the purpose of that rule.
- 4.3 The relevant qualifying master scheme, property authorised investment fund or recognised scheme must comply with COLL 5.6.10R (2) to (5) as if it were the second scheme for the purpose of that rule.
- 4.4 Not more than 35% in value of the scheme property of the non-UCITS retail scheme may consist of units of one or more schemes permitted under 4.1(a) to (d).
- 4.5 The non-UCITS retail scheme must not invest directly in units of the relevant master UCITS, qualifying master scheme, property authorised investment fund or recognised scheme.
- 4.6 The authorised corporate director of the non-UCITS retail scheme must be able to show on reasonable grounds that an investment in one or more schemes permitted under 4.1(a) to (d) is:
- (a) in the interests of investors; and
  - (b) no less advantageous than if the non-UCITS retail scheme had held units directly in the relevant:
    - (i) master UCITS; or
    - (ii) qualifying master scheme; or
    - (iii) property authorised investment fund; or
    - (iv) recognised scheme.

## 5 Warrants and nil and partly paid securities

- 5.1 Up to 5% in value of the scheme property of the Company may consist of warrants, provided that warrants may only be held if it is reasonably foreseeable there will be no change to the scheme property between the acquisition of the warrant and its exercise and the rights conferred by the proposed warrant and all other warrants forming part of the scheme property at the time of the acquisition of the proposed warrant will be exercised and that the exercise of the rights conferred by the warrants will not contravene the FCA Regulations.

5.2 Securities on which any sum is unpaid may be held provided that it is reasonably foreseeable that the amount of any existing and potential call for any sum unpaid could be paid by the Company at any time when the payment is required without contravening the FCA Regulations.

5.3 A warrant may not be included in the scheme property unless it is listed on an eligible securities market.

## 6 Money market instruments

6.1 Up to 20% in value of the scheme property of the Company can be invested in money market instruments which are liquid and have a value which can be determined accurately at any time.

6.2 Notwithstanding the above, up to 10% of the scheme property of the Company may be invested in money market instruments (or transferable securities) issued by any single body.

## 7 Deposits

7.1 Up to 20% in value of the scheme property of the Company can consist of deposits with a single body.

A Company may only invest in deposits with an approved bank and which are repayable on demand, or have the right to be withdrawn, and maturing in no more than 12 months.

## 8 Efficient Portfolio Management

The Company may also utilise the Scheme Property to enter into transactions for the purposes of Efficient Portfolio Management (“EPM”). Permitted EPM transactions (excluding stock lending arrangements) are transactions in derivatives e.g. to hedge against price or currency fluctuations, dealt with or traded on an eligible derivatives market; off-exchange options or contracts for differences resembling options; or synthetic futures in certain circumstances. The ACD must take reasonable care to ensure that the transaction is economically appropriate to the reduction of the relevant risks (whether in the price of investments, interest rates or exchange rates) or to the reduction of the relevant costs and/or to the generation of additional capital or income with a risk level which is consistent with the risk profile of the Company and the risk diversification rules laid down in the FCA Regulations. The exposure must be fully “covered” by cash and/or other property sufficient to meet any obligation to pay or deliver that could arise.

Permitted transactions are those that the Company reasonably regards as economically appropriate to EPM, that is:

- (a) Transactions undertaken to reduce risk or cost in terms of fluctuations in prices, interest rates or exchange rates where the ACD reasonably believes that the transaction will diminish a risk or cost of a kind or level which it is sensible to reduce; or

- (b) Transactions for the generation of additional capital growth or income for the Company by taking advantage of gains which the ACD reasonably believes are certain to be made (or certain, barring events which are not reasonably foreseeable) as a result of:
  - (i) pricing imperfections in the market as regards the property which the Company holds or may hold; or
  - (ii) receiving a premium for the writing of a covered call option or a cash covered put option on property of the Company which the Company is willing to buy or sell at the exercise price, or
  - (iii) stock lending arrangements.

A permitted arrangement in this context may at any time be closed out.

Transactions may take the form of “derivatives transactions” (that is, transactions in options, futures or contracts for differences) or forward currency transactions. A derivatives transaction must either be in a derivative which is traded or dealt in on an eligible derivatives market (and effected in accordance with the rules of that market), or be an off-exchange derivative which complies with the relevant conditions set out in the FCA Regulations, or be a “synthetic future” (i.e. a composite derivative created out of two separate options). Forward currency transactions must be entered into with counterparties who satisfy the FCA Regulations. A permitted transaction may at any time be closed out.

## 9 Derivatives

- 9.1 Derivatives and forward transactions may be used for Hedging. In pursuing the Company’s objective the ACD may make use of a variety of derivative instruments and forward transactions in accordance with the FCA Regulations. Where derivatives and transactions are used for Hedging, or in accordance with efficient portfolio management techniques, then this will not alter the risk profile of the Company. Use of derivatives and forward transactions will not contravene any relevant investment objectives or limits.
- 9.2 Except as set out in 9.5 below there is no upper limit on the use of transactions in derivatives or forward transaction for the Company but they must fall under 9.3 and 9.4.
- 9.3 A transaction in a derivative or forward transaction must:
  - (a) Comply with (i) or (ii) below:
    - (i) be an approved derivative; or
    - (ii) OTC in a future, an option or a contract for differences which must be entered into with a counterparty that is acceptable in accordance with the FCA Regulations, must be on approved terms as to valuation and close out and must be capable of valuation.
  - (b) have the underlying consisting of any or all of the following to which the Company is dedicated:



- (i) transferable securities;
  - (ii) permitted money market instruments;
  - (iii) permitted deposits;
  - (iv) permitted derivatives;
  - (v) permitted collective investment scheme units;
  - (vi) financial indices;
  - (vii) interest rates;
  - (viii) foreign exchange rates; and
  - (ix) Currencies.
- (c) be effected on or under the rules of an eligible derivatives market, it must not cause the Company to diverge from its investment objective, must not be entered into if the intended effect is to create the potential for an uncovered sale of one or more transferable securities, money market instruments, units in collective investment schemes, or derivatives and must be with an approved counterparty.

Use of derivatives and forward transactions must be supported by a risk management process maintained by the ACD which should take account of the investment objective and policy of the Company.

9.4 A transaction in derivatives or forward transaction is to be entered into only if the maximum exposure, in terms of the principal or notional principal created by the transaction to which the scheme is or may be committed by another person is covered under (a) below.

- (a) Exposure is covered if adequate cover from within the scheme property for the Company is available to meet its total exposure, taking into account the initial outlay, the value of the underlying assets, any reasonably foreseeable market movement, counterparty risk, and the time available to liquidate any positions.
- (b) Cash not yet received into the scheme property of the Company, but due to be received within one month, is available as cover for the purposes of (a).
- (c) The exposure relating to derivatives held in the Company may not exceed the net value of its scheme property.

9.5 The exposure to any one counterparty in an OTC derivative transaction must not exceed 10% in value of the scheme property of the Company.

## 10 General

- 10.1 Underwriting and sub-underwriting contracts and placings may also, subject to certain conditions set out in the FCA Regulations, be entered into for the account of the Company.
- 10.2 Cash or near cash must not be retained in the scheme property of the Company except in order to enable the pursuit of the investment objective; or for redemption of Shares in the Company; or efficient management of the Company in accordance with its investment objective or for a purpose which may reasonably be regarded as ancillary to the investment objective of the Company.
- 10.3 The Company will not be investing directly in immovable property or gold.

## 11 Stocklending

- 11.1 The Company may not enter into stocklending transactions.

## 12 Borrowing powers

- 12.1 The Company may, subject to the FCA Regulations, borrow money from an eligible institution or an approved bank for the use of the Company on the terms that the borrowing is to be repayable out of the scheme property.
- 12.2 The ACD must ensure that borrowing does not, on any business day, exceed 10% of the value of the scheme property of the Company.
- 12.3 These borrowing restrictions do not apply to “back to back” borrowing to be cover for transactions in derivatives and forward transactions

## 13 Leverage

- 13.1 Transactions introducing leverage are generally undertaken to reduce risk or cost in terms of fluctuations in prices, interest rates or exchange rates or involve receiving a premium for the writing of a covered call option or cash covered put option on the property of the Company which the Company is willing to buy or sell at the exercise price.

The fund may also borrow up to 10% of its net asset value; as a result of actively invested borrowing the fund would display leveraged characteristics.

The types and sources of leverage and risks the Company may employ are as follows:

- (a) The Company may borrow up to 10% of its net asset value from an Approved Bank, and
- (b) Through the use of derivatives.

Any exposure by the Company through the use of derivatives must be covered by cash or readily realisable assets held by the Company. Restrictions on the use of derivatives are outlined in the Investment Objective and Policy in Appendix 1 and detailed in the Investment and Borrowing Powers in Appendix 2.

Please refer to the Risk Factors for details of the risks associated with these types of leverage.

13.2 The following restrictions apply to the use of leverage:

- (a) Leverage through Borrowing: The Fund may borrow from Eligible Institutions or Approved Banks only.
- (b) Leverage through the Use of Derivatives: Derivatives may be used for the purposes of Efficient Portfolio Management only.

No current collateral or asset reuse arrangements are currently in place. Should the Fund enter into any contracts that require the use of collateral in future, collateral will be managed in accordance with FCA Regulations and Guidelines issued from time to time by the European Securities and Markets Authority. A Collateral Management Policy will be implemented by the ACD before the Company enters into any transactions which require it to hold collateral from a counterparty.

13.3 Under AIFMD, it is necessary for AIFs to disclose their leverage in accordance with prescribed calculations. The two types of leverage calculations defined are the gross and commitment methods. These methods summarily express leverage as a ratio of the exposure of the AIF against its net asset value. 'Exposure' typically includes debt, the value of any physical properties subject to mortgage, non sterling currency, equity or currency hedging (even those held purely for risk reduction purposes, such as forward foreign exchange contracts held for currency hedging) and derivative exposure (converted into the equivalent underlying positions). The commitment method nets off derivative instruments, while the gross method aggregates them.

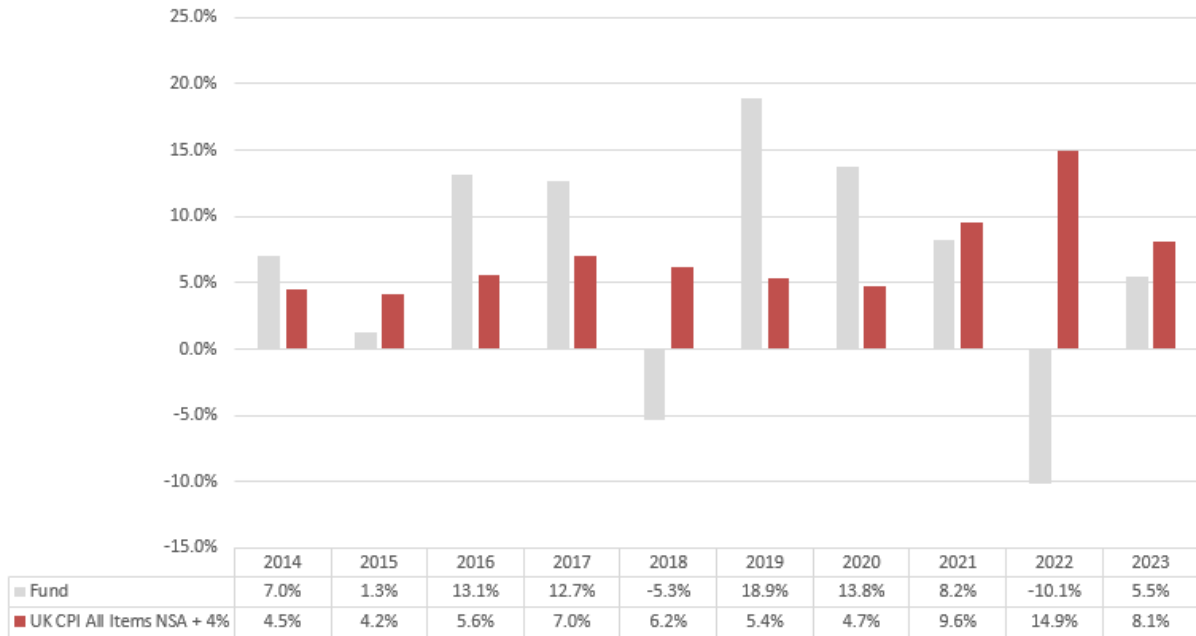
The maximum level of leverage for the Company expressed as a ratio of the Company's total exposure to its Net Asset Value:

- (a) under the Gross Method is 200 per cent; and
- (b) under the Commitment Method is 130 per cent.

The limits have been set for the investment policy of the AIF under AIFMD and have been set to accommodate the maximum level of leverage conceivable.

## APPENDIX 3

### Historical Performance Data



Source: FE fundinfo 2024

Mid to Mid, net income reinvested, net of charges and tax. Performance does not include the effect of any initial or redemption charges.

**Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.**

## APPENDIX 4

### Eligible Securities Markets

The Company may deal through securities and derivatives markets which are regulated markets (as defined in the glossary to the FCA Handbook) or markets established in the UK or an EEA State which are regulated, operate regularly and are open to the public (excluding Cyprus and Slovenia).

The Company may also deal through the securities markets and derivatives markets indicated below:

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Australia</b>          | Australian Securities Exchange  |
| <b>Bermuda</b>            | Bermuda Stock Exchange  |
| <b>Brazil</b>             | BM&FBOVESPA S.A.  |
| <b>Canada</b>             | The Montreal Exchange<br>Toronto Stock Exchange   |
| <b>China</b>              | Shanghai Stock Exchange<br>Shenzhen Stock Exchange  |
| <b>Hong Kong</b>          | Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Company  |
| <b>India</b>              | BSE Limited   |
| <b>Indonesia</b>          | Indonesia Stock Exchange  |
| <b>Israel</b>             | Tel Aviv Stock Exchange   |
| <b>Japan</b>              | Nagoya Stock Exchange<br>Osaka Securities Exchange<br>Sapporo Securities Exchange<br>Tokyo Stock Exchange |
| <b>Korea, Republic of</b> | Korea Exchange  |
| <b>Malaysia</b>           | Bursa Malaysia  |
| <b>Mexico</b>             | Mexican Stock Exchange (Bolsa Mexicana de Valores)  |
| <b>New Zealand</b>        | New Zealand Exchange Ltd  |
| <b>Peru</b>               | Lima Stock Exchange (Bolsa de Valores de Lima)  |
| <b>Philippines</b>        | Philippine Stock Exchange   |
| <b>Singapore</b>          | Singapore Exchange  |
| <b>South Africa</b>       | JSE Limited   |

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|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Sri Lanka</b>                | Colombo Stock Exchange   |
| <b>Switzerland</b>              | SIX Swiss Exchange   |
| <b>Taiwan</b>                   | Taiwan Stock Exchange  |
| <b>Thailand</b>                 | Stock Exchange of Thailand   |
| <b>Turkey</b>                   | Borsa Istanbul   |
| <b>United States of America</b> | NASDAQ<br>NASDAQ OMX PHLX<br>New York Stock Exchange<br>NYSE Arca<br>NYSE LIFFE US<br>NYSE MKT LLC |

## APPENDIX 5

### Eligible Derivatives Markets

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Australia</b>                | Australian Securities Exchange   |
| <b>Canada</b>                   | The Montreal Exchange<br>Toronto Stock Exchange  |
| <b>Hong Kong</b>                | Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Company   |
| <b>Japan</b>                    | Osaka Securities Exchange<br>Tokyo Financial Exchange<br>Tokyo Stock Exchange  |
| <b>Korea, Republic of</b>       | Korea Exchange   |
| <b>New Zealand</b>              | New Zealand Exchange Ltd   |
| <b>Singapore</b>                | Singapore Exchange   |
| <b>South Africa</b>             | JSE Limited  |
| <b>Switzerland</b>              | Eurex Zurich   |
| <b>United States of America</b> | Chicago Board Options Exchange<br>CME Group<br>ICE Futures U.S.<br>NASDAQ<br>NASDAQ OMX Futures Exchange<br>NASDAQ OMX PHLX<br>New York Stock Exchange<br>NYSE Arca<br>NYSE LIFFE US<br>NYSE MKT LLC |

## APPENDIX 6

### Typical Investor Profile(s)

Below is an indication of the target market of the Fund as required under MiFID II and its supplementing regulations, or the statutory equivalent thereof which forms part of UK law by virtue of the EUWA, as applicable. This is fully detailed in the EMT which should be made available to you before making an investment. If you do not believe you fit the target market of this Fund please seek advice from your professional adviser.

This Fund is suitable for all investor types of all levels of knowledge and experience coming into the fund from all available distribution channels.

Investors should be seeking no capital guarantee and be able to bear losses up to their full investment.

The Fund seeks to increase capital and grow income over a 5 year time period.

Please refer to the latest EMT or KIID for the Synthetic Risk Reward Indicator (SRRI).



## APPENDIX 7

### Directory

#### **The Company and Head Office**

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## APPENDIX 8

### List of Directors of Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited

#### Name of Director

Andrew Baddeley

Brian McLean

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Neil Coxhead

Dean Buckley (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Linda Robinson (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Victoria Muir (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Sally Macdonald (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Guy Swarbreck (Non-Executive Director)

None of the directors have any business activities of significance to the Company that are not connected with the business of the ACD.

## APPENDIX 9

### List of Authorised Funds that Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited acts as authorised fund manager or authorised corporate director for

| Authorised Unit Trusts                   | Investment Companies with Variable Capital     |
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| Dragon Trust                             | Bute Fund                                      |
| Eagle Fund                               | Earlstone Fund                                 |
| Evelyn Witch General Trust               | Evelyn Partners Funds                          |
| Langham Trust                            | Evelyn Partners Investment Funds ICVC          |
| Magnum Trust                             | Forest Fund ICVC                               |
| Marathon Trust                           | Ganymede Fund                                  |
| Orchard Fund                             | GFS Investments Fund                           |
| Ourax Unit Trust                         | Glairnox Fund                                  |
| Spenser Fund                             | Gryphon Investment Funds                       |
| SVS DW Asia Income & Growth Fund         | Hercules Managed Funds                         |
| SVS Dowgate Wealth UK New Economies Fund | Issodola Fund                                  |
| SVS Sanlam European Equity Fund          | JC Investments Fund                            |
| SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest Fund           | Kanthaka Fund                                  |
| SVS Sanlam North American Equity Fund    | Moorgate Funds ICVC                            |
| The Acorn Trust                          | New Square Investment Funds                    |
| The Alkerton Trust                       | Pendennis Fund ICVC                            |
| The Barro II Trust                       | Pharaoh Fund                                   |
| The Capital Balanced Fund                | Pityoulish Investments Fund                    |
| The Dream Trust                          | Quercus Fund                                   |
| The Endeavour II Fund                    | Sardasca Fund                                  |
| The Enterprise Trust                     | Sherwood Fund                                  |
| The Global Opportunities Fund            | Smithfield Funds                               |
| The Ilex Fund                            | Starhunter Investments Fund                    |
| The Jetwave Trust                        | Stratford Place Fund                           |
| The Lancaster Trust                      | Sussex Fund                                    |
| The Millennium Fund                      | SVS Aubrey Capital Management Investment Funds |
| The Plain Andrews Unit Trust             | SVS Brooks Macdonald Fund                      |
| The Securities Fund                      | SVS Brown Shipley Multi Asset Portfolio        |
| Worldwide Growth Trust                   | SVS Cornelian Investment Funds                 |
|  | SVS Dowgate Wealth Funds ICVC                  |
|  | SVS Heritage Investment Fund                   |
|  | SVS Kennox Strategic Value Fund                |
|  | SVS RM Funds ICVC                              |
|  | SVS Saltus Onshore Portfolios                  |
|  | SVS WAM Investment Funds                       |
|  | SVS Zeus Investment Funds ICVC                 |
|  | Sylvan Funds                                   |
|  | Taber Investments Fund                         |
|  | The Air Pilot Fund                             |
|  | The Aurinko Fund                               |
|  | The Blu-Frog Investment Fund                   |
|  | The Brighton Rock Fund                         |
|  | The Cheviot Fund                               |
|  | The Daisybelle Fund                            |
|  | The Dinky Fund                                 |
|  | The Dunninger Fund                             |
|  | The Folla Fund                                 |

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|  | <p>The Galacum Fund<br/>The Global Balanced Strategy Fund<br/>The Gloucester Portfolio<br/>The Headspring Fund<br/>The Headway Fund<br/>The Jake Fund<br/>The Jay Fund<br/>The Kingfisher Fund<br/>The Loch Moy Fund<br/>The Magpie Fund<br/>The MF Fund<br/>The Milne Fund<br/>The Nectar Fund<br/>The Norton Fund<br/>The Princedale Fund<br/>The Rosslyn Fund<br/>The SBB Fund<br/>The Staffordshire Portfolio<br/>The Stellar Fund<br/>The SVS Levitas Funds<br/>The Touchstone Investment Fund<br/>The Tully Fund<br/>The Westhill Investment Fund<br/>TS Campana Fund<br/>Vagabond Investment Fund<br/>White Oak Fund</p> |
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## APPENDIX 10

### Establishment of Collective Investment Schemes

Any second schemes in which the Fund may invest will be established in the locations listed below. This list is not restrictive and may be amended from time to time where the Fund invests in second schemes established in new locations.

Any member state of the UK or the European Economic Area

Australia

Bermuda

Canada

Cayman Islands

Channel Islands

Isle of Man

Japan

Singapore

Switzerland

United States