The Directors of the ICAV whose names appear in the Directory on page 1 of this Prospectus accept responsibility for the information contained in this Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

# CIFC CREDIT FUNDS ICAV

(an open-ended Irish collective asset-management vehicle with registered number C422393 structured as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between Funds pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended)

# CONSOLIDATED PROSPECTUS FOR INVESTORS IN GERMANY

THIS IS A CONSOLIDATED PROSPECTUS CONSISTING OF THE PROSPECTUS DATED 28 SEPTEMBER 2021, THE SUPPLEMENT FOR THE CIFC LONG/SHORT CREDIT FUND DATED 1 JUNE 2022, THE SUPPLEMENT FOR THE CIFC GLOBAL FLOATING RATE CREDIT FUND DATED 14 MARCH 2022 AND THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS IN GERMANY DATED 8 JUNE 2022.

THIS CONSOLIDATED PROSPECTUS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A PROSPECTUS FOR THE PURPOSES OF APPLICABLE IRISH LAW AND IS SOLELY FOR USE IN RELATION TO INVESTORS IN GERMANY.

The date of this German Consolidated Prospectus (hereinafter the "Prospectus") is 15 June 2022.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

## THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE ICAV AND SHOULD BE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE INVESTING. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR STOCKBROKER OR OTHER FINANCIAL ADVISER.

Certain terms used in this Prospectus are defined in the section of this Prospectus entitled "Definitions".

#### **Central Bank Authorisation**

The ICAV has been authorised by the Central Bank as a UCITS within the meaning of the UCITS Regulations. The authorisation of the ICAV is not an endorsement or guarantee of the ICAV by the Central Bank nor is the Central Bank responsible for the contents of this Prospectus. Authorisation of the ICAV by the Central Bank does not constitute a warranty as to the performance of the ICAV and the Central Bank shall not be liable for the performance or default of the ICAV or of any Fund.

#### **Risk Factors**

Investors should read and consider the section of this Prospectus entitled "Special Considerations and Risk Factors" before investing in a Fund as well as the Supplement in respect of such Fund.

There can be no assurance that a Fund will achieve its investment objective. The value of the Shares, and the income from them, may fall as well as rise and therefore Shareholders may not get back the amount invested in the Fund. The capital return and income of a Fund are based on the capital appreciation and income of the investments it holds less expenses incurred. Therefore, a Fund's return may be expected to fluctuate in response to changes in such capital appreciation or income.

Details of any applicable Subscription Charge, of up to 5% of the amount subscribed, or Redemption Charge, of up to 3% of the Redemption Proceeds, will be disclosed in the Relevant Supplement for a Fund, if applicable. In the event that such charges are imposed, the difference at any time between the Subscription Price and the Redemption Price of Shares means that an investment in such Shares should be viewed as medium to long term.

Shareholders should note that all/part of the fees and expenses (including management fees if applicable) may be charged to the capital of a Fund. This will have the effect of lowering the capital value of your investment of the relevant Fund where disclosed in the Relevant Supplement.

#### **Selling Restrictions**

The distribution of this Prospectus and the offering or purchase of the Shares may be restricted in certain jurisdictions. No persons receiving a copy of this Prospectus or the accompanying application form in any such jurisdiction may treat this Prospectus or such application form as constituting an invitation to them to subscribe for Shares, nor should they in any event use such application form, unless in the relevant jurisdiction such an invitation could lawfully be made to them and such application form could lawfully be used without compliance with any registration or other legal requirements. Accordingly, this Prospectus does not constitute an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction is not qualified to do so or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation. It is the responsibility of any persons in possession of this Prospectus and any persons wishing to apply for Shares pursuant to this Prospectus to inform themselves of, and to observe, all applicable laws and regulations of any relevant jurisdiction. Prospective applicants for Shares should inform themselves as to the legal requirements of so applying and any applicable exchange control regulations and taxes in the countries of their respective citizenship, residence or domicile.

Each purchaser of Shares will be required to represent that such Shares are being acquired for its own account, for investment, and not with a view to resale or distribution.

Investors must provide such declarations as are reasonably required by the ICAV, including, without limitation, declarations as to matters of Irish and U.S. taxation.

The Shares have not been and will not be registered under the 1933 Act or the securities laws of any state or political sub-division of the U.S., and the ICAV has not been and will not be registered under the 1940 Act. Except as otherwise described herein, Shares may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly to, or for the benefit of, any U.S. Person except pursuant to registration or applicable exemption that does not violate U.S. securities laws.

## **Marketing Rules**

Shares are offered only on the basis of the information contained in the current Prospectus, Relevant Supplement, the latest KIID and the latest annual audited financial statements and any subsequent half-yearly report.

Shareholders should note that the audited financial statements contained in the annual report are presented to the Shareholders as a body at the date of the annual audited financial statements and the auditors do not accept liability to any other party in respect of such financial statements.

Any further information or representation given or made by any dealer, salesman or other person should be disregarded and accordingly should not be relied upon. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor the offer, issue or sale of Shares shall, under any circumstances, constitute a representation that the information given in this Prospectus is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of this Prospectus. Statements made in this Prospectus are based on the law and practice currently in force in Ireland and are subject to changes therein.

The distribution of this Prospectus and the KIIDs in some jurisdictions may require the translation of the documents into other languages specified by the regulatory authorities of those jurisdictions provided that any such translation shall be a direct translation of the English text. In the event of any inconsistency or ambiguity in relation to the meaning of any word or phrase in translation, the English text shall prevail and all disputes as to the terms thereof shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Ireland.

This Prospectus must be read in its entirety before making an application for Shares.

# **Forward Looking Statements**

This Prospectus includes "forward looking statements." In some cases, forward looking statements can be identified by the use of terminology such as "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "seeks," "expects," "plans," "will," "intends," "aims" and similar expressions. Although the ICAV believes that the expectations reflected in these forward looking statements are reasonable as of the date of this Prospectus, such expectations may prove to be incorrect. Important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from such expectations. For information about some of the factors that could cause a Fund's actual results to differ from the expectations and Risk Factors" in this Prospectus. The ICAV urges investors to consider these risk factors carefully in evaluating the forward looking statements contained in this Prospectus. All subsequent written or oral forward looking statements attributable to the ICAV or any persons acting on behalf of the ICAV are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. The forward looking statements included in this Prospectus are made only as of the date of this Prospectus. The ICAV does not intend, and undertakes no obligation, to update these forward looking statements.

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# DEFINITIONS

In this Prospectus the following words and phrases have the meanings set forth below:

"1933 Act"	means the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 (as amended);
"1940 Act"	means the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940 (as amended);
"Accumulating Shares"	means Shares of a Fund carrying no right to any distributions of income with the income and capital gains attributable to such Shares retained within the Fund and reflected in the Net Asset Value of such Shares;
"Administration Agreement"	means the agreement dated 31 July 2020 between the Manager, the ICAV and the Administrator, pursuant to which the latter was appointed administrator, registrar and transfer agent of the ICAV as may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;
"Administrator"	means JPMorgan Hedge Fund Services (Ireland) Limited or such other entity that shall be appointed by the ICAV as administrator, registrar and transfer agent;
"AEOI"	has the meaning ascribed to it in the section of this Prospectus entitled "The OECD Common Reporting Standard";
"Anti-Dilution Levy"	means such levy, adjustment or charge which may be applied in the circumstances described in this Prospectus and/or the relevant Supplement to cover any dealing costs (including Duties and Charges) and to preserve the value of the underlying assets of the relevant Fund, such levy being retained for the benefit of the Fund;
"Application Form"	means the application form to be completed by Subscribers for Shares of any Fund or Class as prescribed by the ICAV from time to time;
"Base Currency"	means the base currency of a Fund as specified in the Relevant Supplement;
"Beneficial Owner"	means a natural person(s) who ultimately owns or controls the ICAV through either a direct or indirect ownership of a sufficient percentage of shares or voting rights or ownership interest in the ICAV (as a whole). Where a natural person holds more than 25% of the shares of the ICAV or has an ownership interest of more than 25%, then that shall be an indication of direct ownership by that person. Where a corporate or multiple corporates hold more than 25% of the shares or other ownership interest exceeding 25% in the ICAV and those holdings are controlled by the same natural person(s) that shall be an indication of indirect ownership;

"Beneficial Ownership Regulations"	means the European Union (Anti-Money Laundering Beneficial Ownership of Corporate Entities) Regulations 2019 as may be amended, consolidated or substituted from time to time;
"Business Day"	means a "Business Day" as defined in the Relevant Supplement;
"Central Bank"	means the Central Bank of Ireland or any successor regulatory authority with responsibility for the authorisation and supervision of the ICAV;
"Central Bank Regulations"	means the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2019, as amended or any further amendment thereto for the time being in force and any other regulations, rules, conditions, notices, requirements or guidance of the Central Bank issued from time to time applicable to the ICAV pursuant to the UCITS Regulations;
"Class"	means any class of Shares;
"Class Currency"	means the currency in which Shares of a Class are issued;
"CLO"	means collateralized loan obligations;
"Connected Person"	means the Depositary or the Manager, and the delegates or sub-delegates of the Depositary or the Manager (excluding any non-group company sub-custodians appointed by the Depositary), and any associated or group company of the Depositary or the Manager and any such delegate or sub- delegate;
"Conversion Charge"	means the charge, if any, payable on the conversion of Shares as is specified in the Relevant Supplement;
"CRS"	means the Common Reporting Standard more fully described as the Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information approved on 15 July 2014 by the Council for Economic Cooperation and Development;
"Data Privacy Notice"	means the data privacy notice of the ICAV, a copy of which can be found at <u>https://www.cifc.com/investors/cifc-credit-</u> <u>funds/</u> , which includes details of how the ICAV processes personal data;
"Data Protection Legislation"	means the Data Protection Act 2018, Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council (GDPR), the EU ePrivacy Directive 2002/58/EC (as amended), any relevant transposition of, or successor or replacement to, those laws; and any other applicable law, regulations and codes of conduct in any relevant jurisdiction relating to the processing of Personal Data and privacy

including the guidance and codes of practice issued by a relevant data protection regulator;

"Dealing Day" means a day on which Shares may be subscribed for and/or redeemed, as specified in the Relevant Supplement, provided that there shall, in any event be at least one dealing day per fortnight or at least two dealing days per month, at regular intervals;

"Delegated Regulation"

"Directive"

"Distributor"

- means the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/438 supplementing Directive 2009/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2015 as may be amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time;
- "Depositary" means J.P. Morgan Bank (Ireland) plc or such other entity that shall be appointed by the ICAV as the depositary of the ICAV from time to time;

"Depositary Agreement" means the agreement dated 31 July 2020 between the ICAV and the Depositary, pursuant to which the latter was appointed depositary of the ICAV as may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;

> means the Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the Coordination of laws, regulations, and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) as amended by Directive 2014/91/EU of 23 July 2014 and as amended or replaced from time to time;

"Directors" means the directors of the ICAV for the time being and (as the context may require or permit) any duly constituted committee thereof;

means CIFC Asset Management LLC or such other entity that may be appointed by the Manager and the ICAV as the distributor of the ICAV from time to time;

"Distributing Shares" means Shares in a Fund in respect of which the Directors intend to declare a dividend;

"Duties and Charges" in relation to any Fund, all stamp and other duties, taxes, governmental charges, brokerage, bank charges, foreign exchange spreads, interest, depositary or sub-custodian charges (relating to sales and purchases), transfer fees, registration fees and other duties and charges whether in connection with the original acquisition or increase of the assets of the relevant Fund or the creation, issue, sale, conversion or repurchase of Shares or the sale or purchase of investments or otherwise which may have become or may be payable in respect of or prior to or in connection with or arising out of or upon the occasion of the transaction or dealing in respect of which such duties and charges are

	payable, which for the avoidance of doubt, includes, when calculating subscription and redemption prices/Net Asset Value per Share, any provision for spreads (to take into account the difference between the price at which assets were valued for the purpose of calculating the Net Asset Value and the estimated price at which such assets shall be bought as a result of a subscription and sold as a result of a redemption), but shall not include any commission payable to agents on sales and purchases of Shares or any commission, taxes, charges or costs which may have been taken into account in ascertaining the Net Asset Value of Shares in the relevant Fund;
"EEA"	The European Economic Area being at the date of this Prospectus the Member States, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein;
"EEA State"	A member state of the EEA;
"EMIR"	means Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and Council on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories dated 4 July 2012 as may be amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time;
"ESMA"	means the European Securities and Markets Authority;
"€" or " <b>euro</b> " or " <b>EUR</b> "	means the currency referred to in the Second Council Regulation (EC) no. 974/98 of 3 May 1998 on the introduction of the euro;
"EU"	means the European Union;
"FATCA"	means the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (as amended, consolidated or supplemented from time to time) including any regulations issued pursuant thereto (including any intergovernmental agreement between the US and any other jurisdiction which facilitates the implementation of any law or regulation relating to FATCA);
"FDI"	means financial derivative instruments;
<b>"Fund</b> " or <b>"Funds</b> "	means a separate portfolio of assets invested in accordance with the investment objective and policies as set out in the Relevant Supplement and to which all liabilities, income and expenditure attributable or allocated to such fund shall be applied or charged and "Funds" means all or some of the Funds as the context requires, including any other Funds as may be established by the ICAV from time to time with prior approval of the Central Bank.
"Hedged Share Class"	means a Share Class whose dealing currency is hedged against the Base Currency and/or other currencies in which the assets of the relevant Fund may be denominated;

"ICAV"	means CIFC Credit Funds ICAV, an Irish collective asset- management vehicle with variable capital established pursuant to the ICAV Act and the UCITS Regulations;
"ICAV Act"	means the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015, as may be amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time, including any regulations made by ministerial order thereunder;
"Initial Offer Period"	means the period during which Shares in a Fund are first offered for subscription at the Initial Offer Price, as specified in the Relevant Supplement;
"Initial Offer Price"	means the price at which a Class of Shares is first offered or at which it is reoffered, as specified in the Relevant Supplement;
"Instrument of Incorporation"	means the instrument of incorporation of the ICAV as may be amended from time to time in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;
"Investment Management and Distribution Agreement"	means the investment management and distribution agreement dated 31 July 2020 between the Manager, the ICAV and the Investment Manager pursuant to which the Investment Manager was appointed investment manager and distributor of the ICAV, as may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;
"Investment Manager"	means CIFC Asset Management LLC or such other entity that shall be appointed by the Manager and the ICAV as the investment manager of the ICAV from time to time;
"Investor Money Regulations"	means the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) Investor Money Regulations 2015 for Fund Service Providers, as may be amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time;
"Investor Monies"	means subscription monies received from, and redemption and distribution monies due to, investors in a Fund;
"Irish Resident"	shall have the meaning given to that term in the section of this Prospectus entitled " <i>Taxation of the ICAV</i> ";
"KIID"	means the key investor information document applicable to a Share Class;
"Management Agreement"	means the management agreement dated 31 July 2020 between the ICAV and the Manager pursuant to which the latter was appointed manager of the ICAV;
"Manager"	means Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, or any successor manager appointed by the ICAV in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;

"Member State"	means a member state of the EU;
"Minimum Holding"	means such minimum number or value of a holding of Shares (if any) which must be held at any time by a Shareholder as the Directors, in consultation with the Manager, as appropriate, may determine and as set out in the Relevant Supplement;
"Minimum Initial Investment Amount"	means such minimum cash amount or number of Shares (if any) that the Directors, in consultation with the Manager, as appropriate, may from time to time determine as the minimum initial investment amount required by an applicant for Shares in a Fund or Class thereof as is specified in the Relevant Supplement;
"Minimum Redemption Amount"	means such amount (excluding any Redemption Charge) in the relevant currency that must be redeemed for Shares of any Class in a Fund as is specified in the Relevant Supplement for the Fund;
"Minimum Subsequent Investment Amount"	means such minimum cash amount or minimum number of Shares (if any) as the Directors may prescribe as the minimum additional investment amount required by a Shareholder for Shares in a Fund or Class thereof as specified in the Relevant Supplement;
"Net Asset Value" or "NAV"	means the Net Asset Value of the ICAV, or of a Fund or Class, as appropriate, calculated as described herein;
"Net Asset Value per Share"	means in respect of any Shares, the Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Shares issued in respect of a Fund or Class, divided by the number of Shares in issue in respect of the Fund or Class;
"Non-Irish Resident"	has the meaning ascribed to it in the section of this Prospectus entitled "Taxation of the ICAV";
"OECD"	means the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development;
"OTC"	means over-the-counter;
"Prospectus"	means this document and any Supplement or Relevant Supplement designed to be read and construed together with and to form part of this document;
"Redemption Charge"	means in respect of a Fund, the charge (if any) payable by a Shareholder on a redemption of Shares as is specified in the Relevant Supplement;
"Redemption Price"	means the price at which Shares will be redeemed being the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class referable to the relevant Dealing Day;

"Redemption Proceeds"	means the amount due on a redemption of Shares;
"Regulated Market"	means any stock exchange or regulated market in the EU or a stock exchange or regulated market which is set forth in Schedule 1 to this Prospectus, or such other markets as the Directors may from time to time determine in accordance with the UCITS Requirements and as shall be specified in a supplement or addendum to this Prospectus;
"Relevant Supplement"	means, in relation to a Fund, the Supplement published in respect of that Fund and any addenda thereto;
"Securities Financing Transaction Regulation" or "SFTR"	means Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 of the securities financing transactions and of reuse and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 applicable to total return swaps and to the following transactions (i) a repurchase transaction; (ii) securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing; (iii) a buy-sell back transaction or sell-buy back transaction; (iv) a margin lending transaction, each as defined in the SFTR;
"Service Providers"	means the service providers of the ICAV, including the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Administrator and the Depositary;
"Settlement Time"	means: (i) in the case of subscriptions, the time by which funds representing subscription monies in respect of a subscription order must be received; and (ii) in the case of redemptions, the time by which funds representing Redemption Proceeds in respect of a redemption request shall be paid, as specified in the Relevant Supplement;
"Share" or "Shares" or "Share Classes"	means any Class or Classes of participating share or shares in the ICAV or a Fund, as the context so requires. Shares may be issued in a Fund with voting rights or with no voting rights as specified in the Relevant Supplement;
"Shareholder"	means a holder of Shares;
"Subscriber Shares"	means the subscriber shares issued by the ICAV;
"Subscription Charge"	means in respect of a Fund, the charge (if any) payable on a subscription of Shares as is specified in the Relevant Supplement;
"Subscription Price"	means the price at which Shares will be subscribed (after the Initial Offer Period) being the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class referable to the relevant Dealing Day;
"Supplement"	means any supplemental prospectus issued by the ICAV from time to time in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank;
"TCA"	means the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended from time to time;

"Trade Cut-Off Time"	means in relation to applications for subscription, redemption or conversion of Shares, the time or times specified in the Relevant Supplement by which such application must be received;
"UCITS"	means an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities established pursuant to the UCITS Regulations or, in the case of UCITS established in a Member State other than Ireland, the Directive;
"UCITS Regulations"	means the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011, as amended or any further amendment thereto for the time being in force;
"UCITS Requirements"	means the requirements outlined in the UCITS Regulations and/or the Central Bank Regulations;
" <b>U.S</b> ."	means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), its territories, possessions and all other areas subject to its jurisdiction;
"U.S. Person"	means a "U.S. Person" as defined in Regulation S of the 1933 Act;
"U.S.\$" or "U.S. Dollar" or "USD"	means the lawful currency of the U.S.; and
"Valuation Point"	means the time at which the assets and liabilities of a Fund will be valued for the purposes of calculating the Net Asset Value, as specified in the Relevant Supplement.

## INTRODUCTION

## The ICAV

The ICAV is an open-ended Irish collective asset-management vehicle established under the laws of Ireland pursuant to the ICAV Act and the UCITS Regulations. It was established on 23 January 2020 under registration number C422393. The sole object of the ICAV is the collective investment of its funds in property, to include transferable securities and other liquid financial assets referred to in Regulation 68 of the UCITS Regulations, of capital raised from the public and which operates on the basis of risk spreading and giving Shareholders the benefit of the results of the management of its funds.

The ICAV is organised in the form of an umbrella fund with segregated liability between its Funds. The Instrument of Incorporation provides for the creation of Funds, each constituting interests in a defined portfolio of assets and liabilities. Shares representing interests in different Funds of the ICAV may be issued from time to time by the Directors. Within each Fund, the Directors may issue Shares of more than one Class, each representing interests in the Fund. Additional Funds may be established by the ICAV with the prior approval of the Central Bank.

The Classes of Shares on offer in respect of each Fund shall be outlined in the Relevant Supplement. A separate pool of assets shall not be maintained for each Class within a Fund. The Shares of each Class allocated to a Fund will rank pari passu with each other save as provided for in the Relevant Supplement. The different Classes of Shares in a Fund may, inter alia, have the following distinguishing features: currency of denomination policy, may be a hedged or unhedged Share Class, levels of fees, charging structures and may have different Minimum Initial Investment Amounts, Minimum Subsequent Investment Amounts, Minimum Redemption Amounts or Minimum Holdings. Further Classes of Shares must be effected in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

The following Fund of the ICAV is open for subscription:

## CIFC Long/Short Credit Fund

The creation of any new Fund will require the prior approval of the Central Bank.

#### **This Prospectus**

This Prospectus describes the ICAV. The assets of each Fund will be invested in accordance with the investment objectives and policies applicable to such Fund, as specified in the Relevant Supplement. Each Supplement should be read in conjunction with, and construed as one document with, this Prospectus. For the purposes of this Prospectus, where the context so admits or requires, the term "Fund" shall also be deemed to mean the Directors or their delegate acting for the account of the relevant Fund.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

#### General

The investment objective and policies for each Fund and the investment restrictions in relation thereto will be formulated by the Directors, in consultation with the Manager, at the time of creation of such Fund and will be set out in the Relevant Supplement. Each Fund aims to achieve its investment objective, as set out in the Relevant Supplement.

The transferable securities and liquid financial assets in which each Fund may invest generally must be listed and/or traded on a Regulated Market except that up to 10% of the Net Asset Value of a Fund may be invested in transferable securities and liquid financial assets which are not so listed and/or traded.

The Regulated Markets in which a Fund's investments will be listed and/or traded are set out in Schedule 1.

As set out in the Relevant Supplement, the Funds may invest in collective investment schemes, subject to the limits set out in Schedule 2 and the limitations contained in the UCITS Regulations. Such investment in collective investment schemes may include investing in other Funds of the ICAV. However, a Fund may not invest in another Fund of the ICAV which itself holds Shares in other Funds of the ICAV or has the ability to invest more than 10% of its net assets in other collective investment schemes. Where a Fund (the "*Investing Fund*") invests in another Fund of the ICAV (the "*Receiving Fund*"), the annual management and/or investment management fee which investors in the Investing Fund are charged in respect of that portion of the Investing Fund level, indirectly at the level of the Receiving Fund, or a combination of both) must not exceed the rate of the maximum annual management and/or investment fee applicable to the relevant Class(es) in the Investing Fund may be charged in respect of the balance of the investing Fund's Assets, such that there must be no double charging of the annual management fee or investment management fee.

## Adherence to Investment Objectives and Policies

Any change in investment objectives and any material change in investment policies of a Fund will be subject to approval by the Shareholders who are entitled to vote and are holders of a majority of the outstanding Shares of such Fund cast at a general meeting or by all of the Shareholders of such Fund who are entitled to vote by way of a written resolution. In the event that a change in investment objectives and/or policies is approved by Shareholders who are entitled to vote, a reasonable notification period will be provided to all Shareholders to enable them to redeem their Shares prior to the implementation of such a change. Notification of non-material changes may be provided by means of appropriate disclosure in the next financial statements of the ICAV.

## **Investment Restrictions**

Each Fund's investments shall be limited to investments permitted by the UCITS Regulations, as set out in Schedule 2. If the UCITS Regulations are altered during the life of the ICAV, the investment restrictions may be changed to take account of any such alterations. This is without prejudice to the requirements outlined under "*Adherence to Investment Objectives and Policies*" above. Shareholders will be advised of such changes in the next succeeding annual or half-yearly report of the ICAV.

## **Borrowing Policy**

A Fund may not borrow money except as follows:

- (a) a Fund may acquire foreign currency by means of a "back to back" loan. Foreign currency obtained in this manner is not classified as borrowing for the purpose of Regulation 103(1) of the UCITS Regulations, except to the extent that such foreign currency exceeds the value of a "back to back" deposit. Where the offsetting deposit is not denominated in the Base Currency of the relevant Fund, changes in the exchange rate between the Base Currency and the currency of the offsetting deposit may lead to a depreciation of the value of the offsetting deposit as expressed in the Base Currency; and
- (b) a Fund may borrow up to 10% of its Net Asset Value provided such borrowing is on a temporary basis.

A Fund may create a charge or grant other security over its assets in connection with its borrowings. In the event of a default by the Fund under the borrowing arrangements, the lender may seek to satisfy the debt owed to it and enforce its security by taking possession and/or disposing of the assets.

## **Dividend Policy**

Under the Instrument of Incorporation, the Directors are entitled to pay such dividends on any Class of Shares at such times as they think appropriate and as appear to be justified out of the profits of the relevant Fund. The amount available for distribution in respect of any accounting period or part thereof shall be the net income of the relevant Fund (whether in the form of dividends, interest or otherwise) and/or net realised gains (i.e., realised gains net of realised and unrealised losses) or net realised and unrealised gains (i.e., realised and unrealised gains net of realised and unrealised losses) during the accounting period, subject to such adjustments as may be determined by the Directors to be appropriate in accordance with the Instrument of Incorporation.

The Directors are empowered to declare and pay dividends on any Share Classes in the ICAV. The dividend policy in respect of each Share Class shall be set out in the Relevant Supplement, where applicable.

Shareholders should note however that Accumulating Shares shall not distribute dividends to Shareholders. The ICAV intends to automatically re-invest all earnings, dividends and other distributions of whatever kind as well as realised capital gains pursuant to the investment objective and policies of the Fund for the benefit of the Shareholders.

If sufficient interest proceeds after fees and expenses are available in respect of the Distributing Shares, the Directors intend to make a distribution to Shareholders of those Classes of substantially the whole amount of the net income of the Funds of the ICAV, as attributable to those Classes.

Any dividends payable (and not applied to the purchase of further Shares of the relevant Class) will be paid by electronic transfer to the bank account designated by the Shareholder in the Application Form (or as otherwise agreed with the ICAV) at the Shareholder's risk, the cost of which will normally be passed on to the Shareholder, although the Directors have the discretion to determine that these charges should be borne by the relevant Class. The ICAV, or the Administrator on its behalf, shall be entitled to deduct from the distribution such amount as may be necessary to discharge any liability to tax in respect of such distribution and shall arrange to discharge the amount of tax due. Payment of dividends may be withheld, without payment of interest, where the identity of the recipient has not been sufficiently established for anti-money laundering purposes in accordance with the procedures set out in the section "*Anti-Money Laundering Procedures*".

The dividend policy for each Fund will be set out in the Relevant Supplement.

Any change to the dividend policy of a Fund will be notified in advance to Shareholders and will be noted in an addendum or a revised Prospectus or Supplement.

The Instrument of Incorporation provides that dividends declared but unclaimed by the relevant Shareholder for six years shall be forfeited by the relevant Shareholder unless otherwise determined by the Directors and shall become payable at the end of the six year period to the Fund in respect of which they were declared.

## INVESTMENT TECHNIQUES AND INSTRUMENTS

Where permitted by its investment policy as set out in the Relevant Supplement, a Fund may employ FDI for investment purposes and/or for efficient portfolio management purposes, being where the Investment Manager considers that the use of such techniques and instruments is economically appropriate in order to seek to reduce risk, reduce costs, generate additional capital or income for the Fund with an appropriate level of risk, taking into account the risk profile of the Fund. The Funds' use of such FDI shall be subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time laid down by the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

Where a Fund uses FDI, a risk management process will be submitted to the Central Bank in advance of using such FDI which enables the measurement, monitoring and management of the various risks associated with such FDI. Supplementary information relating to the risk management methods employed, including the quantitative limits that are applied and any recent developments in the risk and yield characteristics of the main categories of investments, shall be supplied to Shareholders upon request.

The policy that will be applied to collateral arising from OTC FDI transactions or efficient portfolio management techniques relating to the Funds is to adhere to the requirements set out in Schedule 3. This sets out the permitted types of collateral and haircut policy and, in the case of cash collateral, the re-investment policy prescribed by the Central Bank pursuant to the UCITS Requirements. It is intended that each Fund's OTC FDI transactions or efficient portfolio management techniques where permitted by the investment policy of the Fund will be fully collateralised. The categories of collateral which may be received by the Funds include cash and non-cash assets such as equities, debt securities and money market instruments. From time to time and subject to the requirements in Schedule 3, the policy on levels of collateral required and haircuts may be adjusted, at the discretion of the Investment Manager, where this is determined to be appropriate in the context of the specific counterparty, the characteristics of the asset received as collateral, market conditions or other circumstances. The haircuts applied (if any) by the Investment Manager are adapted for each class of assets received as collateral, taking into account the characteristics of the assets such as the credit standing and/or the price volatility, as well as the outcome of any stress tests performed in accordance with the requirements in Schedule 3. Each decision to apply a specific haircut, or to refrain from applying any haircut, to a certain class of assets should be justified on the basis of this policy.

If cash collateral received by a Fund is re-invested, the Fund is exposed to the risk of loss on that investment. Should such a loss occur, the value of the collateral will be reduced and the Fund will have less protection if the counterparty defaults. The risks associated with the re-investment of cash collateral are substantially the same as the risks which apply to the other investments of the Fund. For further details see the section of this Prospectus entitled "Special Considerations and Risk Factors".

Direct and indirect operational costs and fees arising from efficient portfolio management techniques may be deducted from the revenue delivered to a Fund. All the revenues arising from such efficient portfolio management techniques, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the relevant Fund. The entities to which direct and indirect costs and fees may be paid include banks, investment firms, broker-dealers, securities lending agents or other financial institutions or intermediaries and may be related parties to the ICAV or the Depositary. The revenues arising from such efficient portfolio management techniques for the relevant reporting period, together with the direct and indirect operational costs and fees incurred and the identity of the counterparty(ies) to these efficient portfolio management techniques, will be disclosed in the annual and half-yearly reports of the ICAV.

The use of these strategies involves certain special risks, including: (i) dependence on the ability to predict movements in the prices of securities being hedged and movements in interest rates; (ii) imperfect correlation between the hedging instruments and the securities or market sectors being hedged; (iii) the fact that skills needed to use these instruments are different from those needed to select a Fund's securities; (iv) the possible absence of a liquid market for any particular instrument at any particular time; and (v) possible impediments to effective portfolio management or the ability to meet redemption requests or other short-term obligations because of the percentage of a Fund's assets segregated to cover its obligations.

# Types and Descriptions of FDI and Efficient Portfolio Management Techniques

Below are examples of the types of FDI and efficient portfolio management techniques that the Funds may enter into from time to time, subject to the requirements laid down by the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and each Fund's investment objectives and policies as outlined in the Relevant Supplement.

The particular FDI and techniques and instruments that may be used by a Fund for investment or efficient portfolio management purposes will be set out in the Relevant Supplement for that Fund. Any FDI not included in a risk management process that has already been submitted to the Central Bank will not be utilised until such time as a revised submission of the risk management process has been provided to the Central Bank.

## Forward Currency Exchange Contracts

A forward currency exchange contract, which involves an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract, reduces a Fund's exposure to changes in the value of the currency it will deliver and increases its exposure to changes in the value of the currency it will receive for the duration of the contract. The effect on the value of a Fund is similar to selling securities denominated in one currency and purchasing securities denominated in another currency. A contract to sell currency would limit any potential gain, which might be realised if the value of the hedged currency increases. A Fund may enter into these contracts to hedge against exchange risk, to increase exposure to a currency or to shift exposure to currency fluctuations from one currency to another. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that a Fund will engage in such transactions at any given time or from time to time. Also, such transactions in relevant currencies. A Fund may use one currency (or a basket of currencies) to hedge against adverse changes in the value of another currency (or a basket of currencies) when exchange rates between the two currencies are positively correlated.

## Futures and Options on Futures

A Fund may enter into futures contracts and options on futures contracts, which involve the purchase or sale of a contract to buy or sell a specified security or other financial instrument at a specific date and price on an exchange or OTC. A Fund may enter into such contracts as a substitute for taking a position in any underlying asset or to increase returns.

# **Options**

A Fund may purchase and sell put and call options on debt and equity securities and indices. A put option on securities gives the purchaser of the option, upon payment of a premium, the right to deliver a specified amount of the securities to the writer of the option on or before a fixed date at a predetermined price. A put option on a securities index gives the purchaser of the option, upon payment of a premium, the right to a cash payment from the writer of the option if the index drops below a predetermined level on or before a fixed date. A call option on securities gives the purchaser of the option, upon payment of a premium, the right to call upon the writer to deliver a specified amount of the securities on or before a fixed date at a predetermined price. A call option on a securities index gives the purchaser of the option of the option, upon payment of a premium, the right to call upon the writer to deliver a specified amount of the securities on or before a fixed date at a predetermined price. A call option on a securities index gives the purchaser of the option, upon payment of a premium, the right to a cash payment from the writer of the option on a securities index gives the purchaser of the option, upon payment of a premium, the right to a cash payment from the writer of the option on a securities index gives the purchaser of the option, upon payment of a premium, the right to a cash payment from the writer of the option if the index rises above a predetermined level on or before a fixed date.

Call options may be purchased to provide exposure to increases in the market (e.g., with respect to temporary cash positions), to hedge against an increase in the price of securities or other investments that a Fund intends to purchase and otherwise as is permitted. Similarly, put options may be purchased to hedge against a decrease in the market generally or in the price of securities or other investments held by a Fund and otherwise as is permitted. Buying options may reduce the Fund's returns by the amount of the premiums paid for the options.

A Fund may write covered call options (i.e. where the Fund owns the security or other investment that is subject to the call), typically to seek enhanced returns when the Investment Manager perceives that the option premium offered is in excess of the premium that the Investment Manager would expect to be offered under existing market conditions, or if the exercise price of the option is in excess of the price that the Investment Manager expects the security or other underlying investment to reach during the life of the option. Writing covered call options may limit a Fund's gain on portfolio investments if the option is exercised because such Fund will have to sell the underlying investments below the current market price.

Unlike exchange-traded options, which are standardised with respect to the underlying instrument, expiration date, contract size, and strike price, the terms of OTC options (options not traded on exchanges) generally are established through negotiation with the other party to the option contract. While this type of arrangement allows the Fund greater flexibility to tailor an option to its needs, OTC options generally involve greater credit risk than exchange-traded options (i.e., risk of counterparty failure or default), which are guaranteed by the clearing organization of the exchanges where they are traded.

Purchasing and writing put and call options are highly specialized activities and entail greater than ordinary market risks.

## Swaps

A Fund may enter into swap agreements. Swap agreements are two-party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a few weeks to more than one year. In a standard swap transaction, two parties agree to exchange returns (or differentials in rates of return) calculated with respect to a notional amount, e.g., the return on or increase in value of a particular dollar amount invested at a particular interest rate, in a particular foreign currency, or in a basket of securities representing a particular index. Equity swap contracts, for example, involve the exchange of one party's obligation to pay the loss, if any, with respect to a notional amount of a particular equity index plus interest on such notional amount at a designated rate in exchange for the other party's obligation to pay the gain, if any, with respect to the notional amount of such index. Notional amounts of swap transactions are not subject to any limitations, and swap contracts may expose the Fund to unlimited risk of loss.

If a Fund enters into an equity swap contract, for example, its Net Asset Value will fluctuate as a result of changes in the value of the equity index on which the equity swap is based as if it had purchased (in the case of a long equity swap) or sold (in the case of a short equity swap) the notional amount of securities comprising the index.

A Fund may only close out a swap, cap, floor or collar or OTC option with the particular counterparty. Also, if the counterparty defaults, such Fund will have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreement relating to the transaction, but there is no assurance that contract counterparties will be able to meet their obligations pursuant to such contracts or that, in the event of default, such Fund will succeed in enforcing contractual remedies. There also may be documentation risk, including the risk that the parties may disagree as to the proper interpretation of the terms of a contract. If such a dispute occurs, the cost and unpredictability of the legal proceedings required for such Fund to enforce its contractual rights may lead such Fund to decide not to pursue its claims against the counterparty. The Fund thus assumes the risk that it may be unable to obtain payments may be delayed or made only after the Fund has incurred the costs of litigation.

Equity swap contracts typically involve the exchange of one party's obligation to pay the loss, if any, with respect to a notional amount of a particular equity index (e.g., the S&P 500 Index) plus amounts computed in the same manner as interest on such notional amount at a designated reference rate in exchange for the other party's obligation to pay the gain, if any, with respect to the notional amount of such index.

In a credit default swap, one party makes a stream of periodic payments to another party in exchange for the right to receive a specified return in the event of default by a third party on its obligations. Therefore, with credit default swaps, the Fund may pay the periodic payments referenced above and, in return, have the right to deliver certain bonds or loans to the counterparty to the transaction upon an event of default (or similar events) in exchange for the par (or other agreed-upon) value of those bonds or loans. Rather than exchange the bonds for the par value, the parties may agree to a single cash payment representing the difference between the par value of the bonds and the current market value of the bonds. If the event of default does not occur, the Fund loses its investment and receives nothing. A Fund may also use credit default swaps for investment, in which case the Fund will receive the periodic payments referenced above, but would be obligated to pay the par (or other agreed-upon) value of the defaulted bonds or loans upon the issuer's default.

Total return swap contracts typically involve commitments to pay amounts computed in the same manner as interest in exchange for a market-linked return, both based on notional amounts. To the extent the total return of the security, basket of securities or index underlying the transaction exceeds or falls short of the offsetting interest rate obligation, the Fund will receive a payment from or make a payment to the counterparty, respectively.

Total return swap agreements may be used to gain exposure to particular securities or securities markets in instances where (1) it is not possible due to local market restrictions or not economic to do so through the underlying security or (2) the Investment Manager desires a degree of leverage, either in the portfolio or for the specific situation. The Funds may utilise total return swap contracts in respect of securities and securities indices whereby the Fund typically exchanges a fixed cash flow based on the total return of an equity for floating rate cash flows. These contracts allow the Funds to manage their exposures to certain securities or securities indices. For these instruments the Funds' return will be based on the return of the underlying equity/index. Counterparties to swap agreements will not breach the exposure limits as set out in Schedule 2 and will comply with the requirements of the Central Bank.

If a Fund invests in total return swaps or other FDI with the same characteristics, the underlying asset or index may be comprised of equity or debt securities, money market instruments or other eligible investments which are consistent with the investment objective and policies of the Funds as set out in the Relevant Supplement. The counterparties to such transactions are typically banks, investment firms, broker-dealers, collective investment schemes or other financial institutions or intermediaries. The risk of the counterparty defaulting on its obligations under the total return swap and its effect on investor returns are described in the section entitled "Special Considerations and Risk Factors" under the heading "Derivative Risks". It is not intended that the counterparties to total return swaps entered into by a Fund assume any discretion over the composition or management of the Fund's investment portfolio or over the underlying of the FDIs, or that the approval of the counterparty is required in relation to any portfolio transactions by the Fund. Investors should also refer to the section entitled "Securities Financing Transactions Regulation Disclosure" below.

Currency swaps similarly involve the exchange of the two parties' respective commitments to pay or receive fluctuations with respect to a notional amount of two different currencies (e.g., an exchange of payments with respect to fluctuations in the value of the Euro relative to the Japanese yen).

Volatility swaps involve the exchange of forward contracts on the future realised volatility of a given underlying asset and allow a Fund to take positions on the volatility of that underlying asset.

Variance swaps offer exposure to the volatility of an underlying asset and may be used to hedge against, or gain an investment return from, an increase or a decrease in the volatility of the underlying asset.

Dividend swaps enable investors to purchase or sell the dividends paid by an index of issuers, a basket of issuers or an individual issuer.

A "swaption" is an option on a swap agreement that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to enter into a swap at a given rate on a specified future date in exchange for paying a market-based premium. Swaptions also include options that allow one of the counterparties to terminate or extend an existing swap. A Fund may enter into swaps for hedging, risk management and investment leverage. When using swaps for hedging, the Fund may enter into a swap on either an asset-based or liability-based basis, depending on whether it is hedging its assets or its liabilities.

The creditworthiness of a counterparty may be adversely affected by larger-than-average volatility in the markets, even if the counterparty's net market exposure is small relative to its capital.

## Warrants and Rights

A Fund may purchase or otherwise receive warrants or rights. A Fund may use warrants and rights to obtain exposure to, or acquire, the underlying equity or other securities of an issuer consistent with the Fund's investment policies. A Fund may receive rights passively (e.g., as a result of corporate actions) because of the Fund's existing holdings in equity or other securities issued by the rights issuer. However, a Fund may also acquire or dispose of rights on the secondary market. Warrants and rights generally give the holder the right to receive, upon exercise, a security of the issuer at a stated price. Such Funds typically use warrants and rights in a manner similar to their use of options on securities, as described above. Risks associated with the use of warrants and rights are generally similar to risks associated with the use of options, however, warrants and rights are issued in specific amounts, and warrants generally have longer terms than options. Warrants and rights are not likely to be as liquid as exchange-traded options backed by a recognised clearing agency. In addition, the terms of warrants or rights may limit a Fund's ability to exercise the warrants or rights at such time, or in such quantities, as the Fund would otherwise wish.

## **Convertibles Securities**

A Fund may purchase convertible bonds or convertible preferred securities traded on a Regulated Market that are preferred stocks of a company.

Convertible bonds are bonds that provide the holder of the bond with the option to exchange the bond for a specific number of shares of the company's stock. This embedded option affects the risk of the bond and it exhibits characteristics similar to both regular fixed income securities and equity as a result. When the underlying stock is performing poorly the convertible continues to earn interest and so tends to behave like a bond when the option is out of the money, when the underlying stock starts to perform well the value of the embedded option increases and as a result the convertible will start to behave like the underlying stock as the option goes into the money. A Fund may invest in convertible bonds for the purpose of taking exposure to companies and issuers that are consistent with the investment policy of the Fund.

Convertible preferred securities are securities that provide the holder of preference shares with the option to exchange the preference shares for a specific number of shares of the company's ordinary shares. This embedded option allows the Fund to maintain its equity investment strategy whilst providing certain elements of fixed income instruments as preference shares often have fixed dividends which are required to be paid before any dividends are paid to the holders of ordinary shares. As such, the Fund can utilise the preferred element of the security where an underlying company's performance is poorer and convert into the company's ordinary shares when the value of same increases appropriately. In addition, the preferred element of the security assists in providing income to the Fund and the pricing structure might also provide value for the portfolio.

## Repurchase Agreements, Reverse Repurchase Agreements and Securities Lending Agreements

Repurchase agreements are transactions in which a Fund purchases securities from a bank or recognised securities dealer and simultaneously commits to resell the securities to the bank or dealer at an agreedupon date and price reflecting a market rate of interest unrelated to the coupon rate of maturity of the purchased securities. A reverse repurchase agreement involves the sale of securities with an agreement to repurchase the securities at an agreed upon price, date, and interest payment. A Fund may also lend securities to a counterparty approved by the Investment Manager. Securities lending means transactions by which one party transfers securities to the other party subject to a commitment that the other party will return the same or equivalent securities on a future date or when requested to do so by the party transferring the securities, that transaction being considered as securities lending for the party transferring the securities.

Where stated in the investment policies of a Fund, each Fund may engage in repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending agreements for efficient portfolio management purposes only (i.e., hedging, reducing risks or costs, or increasing capital or income returns) subject to the conditions and within the limits from time to time set forth in Schedule 3 and in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

For repurchase agreements, a Fund shall ensure that it is able at any time to recall any securities subject to the agreement or to terminate the repurchase agreement into which it has entered. In relation to reverse repurchase agreements, a Fund should ensure that it is able at any time to recall the full amount of cash or to terminate the reverse repurchase agreement on either an accrued basis or a mark-to-market basis. Fixed-term repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements that do not exceed seven days shall be considered as arrangements on terms that allow the assets to be recalled at any time by the Fund.

Investors should also refer to the section "Securities Financing Transactions Regulation Disclosure" below.

# **Securities Financing Transactions Regulation Disclosure**

Where disclosed in the Relevant Supplement, a Fund may enter into the following transactions:

- (i) total return swaps;
- (ii) repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements; and
- (iii) securities lending arrangements;

transactions (ii) and (iii) listed above being types of transactions covered by the Securities Financing Transaction Regulation and for the purposes of this Prospectus and Relevant Supplement defined as "Securities Financing Transactions".

A Fund may enter into total return swaps for investment purposes and for efficient portfolio management purposes, and enter into Securities Financing Transactions for efficient portfolio management purposes only.

If the Fund invests in total return swaps or Securities Financing Transactions, the relevant asset or index may be comprised of equity or debt securities, money market instruments or other eligible investments which are consistent with the investment objective and policies of the Fund. Subject to the investment restrictions laid down by the Central Bank UCITS Regulations as set out in Schedule 2, and also any investment restrictions set out in the section entitled "Investment Objectives and Policies", the Fund can invest up to 100% of its Net Asset Value in total return swaps and Securities Financing Transactions.

The Fund may only enter into total return swaps and Securities Financing Transactions with counterparties that satisfy the criteria (including those relating to legal status, country of origin and minimum credit rating) as set out in paragraphs 6 and 39 of Schedule 3.

The categories of collateral which may be received by the Fund is set out in Schedule 3 and includes cash and non-cash assets such as equities, debt securities and money market instruments. Collateral received by the Fund will have various maturities and will be valued in accordance with the valuation

methodology set out under the section entitled "Determination of Net Asset Value". Collateral received by the Fund will be marked-to-market daily and daily variation margins will be used.

Where the Fund receives collateral as a result of entering into total return swaps or Securities Financing Transactions, there is a risk that the collateral held by the Fund may decline in value or become illiquid. In addition, there can also be no assurance that the liquidation of any collateral provided to the Fund to secure a counterparty's obligations under a total return swap or Securities Financing Transaction would satisfy the counterparty's obligations in the event of a default by the counterparty. Where the Fund provides collateral as a result of entering into total return swaps or Securities Financing Transactions, it is exposed to the risk that the counterparty will be unable or unwilling to honour its obligations to return the collateral provided.

The section of this Prospectus entitled "Special Considerations and Risk Factors" provides a description of the risks associated with the use of derivatives and Securities Financing Transactions.

The Fund may provide certain assets as collateral to counterparties in connection with total return swaps and Securities Financing Transactions. If the Fund has over-collateralised (i.e., provided excess collateral to the counterparty) in respect of such transactions, it may be an unsecured creditor in respect of such excess collateral in the event of the counterparty's insolvency. If the Depositary or its subcustodian or a third party holds collateral on behalf of the Fund, the Fund may be an unsecured creditor in the event of the insolvency of such entity.

There are legal risks involved in entering into total return swaps or Securities Financing Transactions which may result in loss due to the unexpected application of a law or regulation or because contracts are not legally enforceable or documented correctly.

Subject to the restrictions laid down by the Central Bank UCITS Regulations as set out in paragraphs 35 to 36 of Schedule 3, the Fund may re-invest cash collateral that it receives. If cash collateral received by the Fund is re-invested, the Fund is exposed to the risk of loss on that investment. Should such a loss occur, the value of the collateral will be reduced and the Fund will have less protection if the counterparty defaults. The risks associated with the re-investment of cash collateral are substantially the same as the risks which apply to the other investments of the Fund.

Direct and indirect operational costs and fees arising from total return swaps or Securities Financing Transactions may be deducted from the revenue delivered to the Fund (e.g., as a result of revenue sharing arrangements). All the revenues arising from such efficient portfolio management techniques, net of direct and indirect operational costs, will be returned to the Fund. The entities to which direct and indirect costs and fees may be paid include banks, investment firms, broker-dealers, securities lending agents or other financial institutions or intermediaries and may be related parties to the Investment Manager or the Depositary.

Securities Lending Arrangements. A Fund may seek to earn additional income through lending its securities to certain qualified broker-dealers and institutions. There is the risk that when portfolio securities are lent, the securities may not be returned on a timely basis, and a Fund may experience delays and costs in recovering the security or gaining access to the collateral provided to a Fund to collateralise the loan. If a Fund is unable to recover a security on loan, the Fund may use the collateral to purchase replacement securities in the market. There is a risk that the value of the collateral could decrease below the value of the replacement security, resulting in a loss to the Fund. In participating in any securities lending programme, assets of ICAV may be transferred to certain borrowers. Notwithstanding the requirement to receive collateral from any borrower, there are certain risks inherent in the lending of securities such as the default or failure of a borrower or securities lending agent. In addition, there are certain market risks associated with the investment of any collateral received from a borrower which could result in a decline in the value of the invested collateral, resulting in a loss to the ICAV.

Up to 100% of a Fund's assets may be the subject of Securities Financing Transactions or total return swaps, with an expectation that at any time less than 25% of a Fund's assets will be subject to each Securities Financing Transactions or total return swaps.

The assets of a Fund that are subject to Securities Financing Transactions, total return swaps and any collateral received by a Fund shall be held by the Depositary.

## **Class Currency Hedging**

The Investment Manager may (but is not obliged to) enter into certain currency related transactions in order to hedge the currency exposure of the assets of a Fund attributable to a particular Class designated as a Hedged Share Class into the relevant Class Currency for the purposes of efficient portfolio management. While not the intention, over-hedged or under-hedged positions may arise due to factors outside of the control of the Investment Manager. Each Fund may employ such techniques and instruments provided that the level of the currency exposure hedged does not exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value of a Class. Hedged positions will be kept under review to ensure that over-hedged positions do not exceed this level and that positions materially in excess of 100% of the Net Asset Value of a Hedged Share Class are not carried forward from month to month. Over-hedged positions will be kept under review to ensure that over-hedged positions will be included in the calculation of a Fund's global exposure. Hedged positions will be kept under review to ensure that under-hedged positions do not fall below 95% of the Net Asset Value of a Hedged Share Class and to ensure that under-hedged positions are not carried forward from month. Otherwise, a Fund will not be leveraged as a result of the transactions entered into for the purposes of Share Class level hedging.

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

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

## **Fund/Portfolio Currency Hedging**

Each Fund generally operates the investment portfolio in its Base Currency as specified in the Relevant Supplement. As long as a Fund holds securities or currencies denominated in a currency other than the denomination of the Base Currency of a Fund, the value of a Fund may be affected by the value of the local currency relative to the currency in which that Fund is denominated. The Investment Manager may use currency hedging techniques to remove the currency exposure against Base Currency as applicable in order to limit currency exposure between the currencies of a Fund's investment portfolio and the Base Currency; however, this may not be possible or practicable in all cases. As long as a Fund holds securities denominated in a currency other than the Base Currency of the Fund, the Fund's Net Asset Value will be affected by the value of the local currency relative to the Base Currency.

## SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURES REGULATION

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("**SFDR**"), the Manager is required to disclose the manner in which sustainability risks are integrated into the investment process and the results of the assessment of the likely impacts of sustainability risks on the returns of the Funds on an ongoing basis. A sustainability risk is defined in SFDR as an environmental, social or governance ("**ESG**") event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of an investment and consequently the Net Asset Value of a Fund.

## Impact of sustainability risks on returns

The below paragraphs constitutes the Manager's disclosures in accordance with Article 6(1) of the EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (2019/2088) concerning the Funds in existence at the time of this Prospectus.

The Manager, acting in respect of the Funds through the Investment Manager, has implemented a policy in respect of the integration of sustainability risks in its investment decision making-process. Further information on the manner in which sustainability risks are integrated into investment decisions is set out below. More detail on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability can be found in the Summary of the Firm's Sustainability Risks Policy described above, which is available publicly on the Investment Manager's website (www.cifc.com).

The Investment Manager, acting as delegate of the Manager, considers that sustainability risks are relevant to the returns of the Funds. Assessment of sustainability risks is complex and requires subjective judgements, which may be based on data which is difficult to obtain and incomplete, estimated, out of date or otherwise materially inaccurate. Even when identified, there can be no guarantee that the Investment Manager will correctly assess the impact of sustainability risks on the Funds' investments.

To the extent that a sustainability risk occurs, or occurs in a manner that is not anticipated by the Investment Manager there may be a sudden, material negative impact on the value of an investment, and hence the Net Asset Value of the Funds. Such negative impact may result in an entire loss of value of the relevant investment(s) and may have an equivalent negative impact on the Net Asset Value of the Funds. The impacts following the occurrence of a sustainability risk may be numerous and vary depending on the specific risk and asset class. In general, where a sustainability risk occurs in respect of an asset, there will be a negative impact on, and may be an entire loss of, its value. For a corporate, this may be because of damage to its reputation with a consequential fall in demand for its products or services, loss of key personnel, exclusion from potential business opportunities, increased costs of doing business and/or increased cost of capital. A corporate may also suffer the impact of fines and other regulatory sanctions. The time and resources of the corporate's management team may be diverted from furthering its business and be absorbed seeking to deal with the sustainability risk, including changes to business practices and dealing with investigations and litigation. Sustainability risks may also give rise to loss of assets and/or physical loss including damage to real estate and infrastructure. The utility and value of assets held by businesses to which the Funds are exposed may also be adversely impacted by a sustainability risk.

Sustainability risks are relevant as both standalone risks, and also as cross-cutting risks which manifest through many other risk types which are relevant to the assets of the Funds. For example, the occurrence of a sustainability risk can give rise to financial and business risk, including though a negative impact on the credit worthiness of other businesses. The increasing importance given to sustainability risk may result in significant reputational damage to affected businesses. The occurrence of a sustainability risk may also give rise to enforcement risk by governments and regulators, and also litigation risk.

A sustainability risk may arise and impact a specific investment or may have a broader impact on an economic sector, geographical regions and/or jurisdictions and political regions.

Many economic sectors, regions and/or jurisdictions, including those in which the Funds may invest, are currently and/or in the future may be, subject to a general transition to a greener, lower carbon and less polluting economic model. Drivers of this transition include governmental and/or regulatory intervention, evolving consumer preferences and/or the influence of non-governmental organisations and special interest groups.

Laws, regulations and industry norms play a significant role in controlling the impact on sustainability factors of many industries, particularly in respect of environmental and social factors. Any changes in such measures, such as increasingly stringent environmental or health and safety laws, can have a material impact on the operations, costs and profitability of businesses. Further, businesses which are in compliance with current measures may suffer claims, penalties and other liabilities in respect of alleged prior failings. Any of the foregoing may result in a material loss in value of an investment linked to such businesses.

Further, certain industries face considerable scrutiny from regulatory authorities, non-governmental organisations and special interest groups in respect of their impact on sustainability factors, such as compliance with minimum wage or living wage requirements and working conditions for personnel in the supply chain. The influence of such authorities, organizations and groups along with the public attention they may bring can cause affected industries to make material changes to their business practices which can increase costs and result in a material negative impact on the profitability of businesses. Such external influence can also materially impact the consumer demand for a business's products and services which may result in a material loss in value of an investment linked to such businesses.

Sectors, regions, businesses and technologies which are carbon-intensive, higher polluting or otherwise cause a material adverse impact on sustainability factors may suffer from a significant fall in demand and/or obsolescence, resulting in stranded assets the value of which is significantly reduced or entirely lost ahead of their anticipated useful life. Attempts by sectors, regions, businesses and technologies to adapt so as to reduce their impact on sustainability factors may not be successful, may result in significant costs being incurred, and future ongoing profitability may be materially reduced.

In the event that a sustainability risk arises, this may cause the Investment Manager in respect of a Fund to determine that a particular investment is no longer suitable and to divest of it (or not make an investment in it), further exacerbating the downward pressure on the value of the investment.

In addition to the above, a description of certain other sustainability risks identified by the Investment Manager as being potentially relevant to the investments made by a Fund and hence its Net Asset Value is set out below. This description is not exhaustive.

## 1. Environmental

Environmental risks are associated with environmental events or conditions and their effect on the value of assets to which a Fund may have exposure. Such risks may arise in respect of a company itself, its affiliates or in its supply chain and/or apply to a particular economic sector, geographical or political region. Environmental risks include:

**Climate change**: risks arising from climate change, including the occurrence of extreme weather events (for example major droughts, floods, or storms) may adversely impact the operations, revenue and expenses of certain industries and may result in physical loss or damage of, or otherwise loss in value of, assets, and in particular physical assets such as real estate and infrastructure. Global warming may result in extreme heat waves, increased localised or widespread flooding and rising sea levels, compromising infrastructure, agriculture and ecosystems, increasing operational risk and the cost of insurance, which may affect the utility

and value of investments. To the extent that companies in which a Fund invests have historically contributed to climate change, they could face enforcement action by regulators and/or be subject to fines or other sanctions. The likelihood and extent of any such action might be unknown at the time of investment.

**Natural resources**: the relationship between businesses and natural resources is becoming increasingly important due to the scarcity of fresh water, loss of biodiversity and risks arising from land use. Water is critical to agricultural, industrial, domestic, energy generation, recreational and environmental activities. Reduced supply or allocation of water and/or increased cost in supply and controls over its use may adversely impact the operations, revenue and expenses of certain industries in which a Fund may invest. Biodiversity underpins ecosystem services such as food, clean water, genetic resources, flood protection, nutrient cycling and climate regulation. A continued loss of biodiversity may adversely affect the operations, revenue and expenses of certain industries in which a Fund may invest, such as land users and marine industries, agriculture, the extractives industries (cement and aggregates, oil, gas and mining) forestry and tourism. Land use and land use management practices have a major impact on natural resources. In particular, industries dependant on commodities linked to deforestation such as soy, palm oil, cattle and timber may suffer an adverse impact on their operations, revenue and expenses as a result of measures taken to manage land use.

**Pollution and waste**: pollution adversely affects the environment and may for example, result in negative impact on human health, damage to ecosystems and biodiversity and reduced crop harvests. Measures introduced by governments or regulators to transition to a low-carbon economy and more broadly reduce pollution and control and reduce waste may adversely impact the operations, revenue and expenses of industries in which a Fund may invest. Technologies linked to environmentally harmful materials or practices may become obsolete, resulting in a decrease in value of investments.

## 2. Social

Social risks may be internal or external to a business and are associated with employees, local communities and customers of companies in which a Fund may invest or otherwise have exposure. Social risks also relate to the vulnerability of a business to, and its ability to take advantage of, broader social "megatrends". Such risks may arise in respect of the company itself, its affiliates or in its supply chain. Social risks include:

**Internal social factors**: human capital considerations such as human rights violations, lack of access to clean water, food and sanitary living environment, human trafficking, modern slavery / forced labour, inadequate health and safety, discrimination, breaches of employee rights and use of child labour which may, in particular, give rise to negative consumer sentiment, fines and other regulatory sanctions and/or investigations and litigation. The profitability of a business reliant on adverse treatment of human capital may appear materially higher than if appropriate practices were followed.

**External social factors**: for example, restrictions on or abuse of the rights of consumers including consumer personal data, management of product safety, quality and liability, relationships with and infringements of rights of local communities and indigenous populations may, in particular, give rise to negative consumer sentiment, fines and other regulatory sanctions and/or investigations and litigation.

**Social "megatrends"**: trends such as globalisation, automation and the use of artificial intelligence in manufacturing and service sectors, inequality and wealth creation, digital disruption and social media, changes to work, leisure time and education, changes to family structures and individual rights and responsibilities of family members, changing demographics including though health and longevity and urbanisation are all examples of social trends that can have a material impact on businesses, sectors, geographical regions and the vulnerability

and inability to adapt or take advantage of such trends may result in a material negative impact on a Fund's investments.

#### 3. Governance

Governance risks are associated with the quality, effectiveness and process for the oversight of day to day management of companies in which a Fund may invest or otherwise have exposure. Such risks may arise in respect of the company itself, its affiliates or in its supply chain. These risks include:

Lack of diversity at board or governing body level: the absence of a diverse and relevant skillset within a board or governing body may result in less well informed decisions being made without appropriate debate and an increased risk of "group think". Further, the absence of an independent chairperson of the board, particularly where such role is combined with the role of chief executive officer, may lead to a concentration of powers and hamper the board's ability to exercise its oversight responsibilities, challenge and discuss strategic planning and performance, input on issues such as succession planning and executive remuneration and otherwise set the board's agenda.

**Inadequate external or internal audit**: ineffective or otherwise inadequate internal and external audit functions may increase the likelihood that fraud and other issues within a company are not detected and/or that material information used as part of a company's valuation and/or the Investment Manager's investment decision making is inaccurate.

**Infringement or curtailment of rights of (minority) shareholders**: the extent to which rights of shareholders, and in particular minority shareholders (which may include a Fund) are appropriately respected within an company's formal decision making process may have an impact on the extent to which the company is managed in the best interest of its shareholders as a whole (rather than, for example, a small number of dominant shareholders) and therefore the value of an investment in it.

**Bribery and corruption**: the effectiveness of a company's controls to detect and prevent bribery and corruption both within the company and its governing body and also its suppliers, contractors and sub-contractors may have an impact on the extent to which a company is operated in furtherance of its business objectives.

**Lack of scrutiny of executive pay**: failure to align levels of executive pay with performance and long-term corporate strategy in order to protect and create value may result in executives failing to act in the long-term interest of the company.

**Poor safeguards on personal data / IT security (of employees and/or customers)**: the effectiveness of measures taken to protect personal data of employees and customers and, more broadly, IT and cyber security will affect a company's susceptibility to inadvertent data breaches and its resilience to "hacking".

The absence of appropriate and effective safeguards for employment related risks: discriminatory employment practices, workplace harassment, discrimination and bullying, respect for rights of collective bargaining or trade unions, the health and safety of the workforce, protection for whistleblowers and non-compliance with minimum wage or (where appropriate) living wage requirements may ultimately reduce the talent pool available to the company, the wellbeing, productivity and overall quality of its workforce and may lead to increased employment and other business costs.

## No Consideration of Principal Adverse Impacts

This section constitutes the Manager's and Investment Manager's disclosure in accordance with Article 7(2) of SFDR. The Manager and Investment Manager do not consider the adverse impacts of investment

decisions on sustainability factors in the manner prescribed by Article 4 of the SFDR in respect to investment decisions taken on behalf of the Funds.

The Manager and Investment Manager have carefully evaluated the requirements of the principal adverse impacts regime in Article 4 SFDR, and in the Final Report on draft Regulatory Technical Standards which were published in February 2021 (the "**PAI regime**").

The Manager and Investment Manager are supportive of the policy aims of the PAI regime, to improve transparency to clients, investors and the market, as to how financial market participants integrate consideration of the adverse impacts of their investment decisions on sustainability factors. However, taking account of the Funds' size, the nature and scale of their activities and the types of products they make available, the Manager and Investment Manager consider that it would be disproportionate to comply with the specific regime in the SFDR in respect to investment decisions taken on behalf of the Funds. In addition, the Manager and Investment Manager note their duties towards the Funds involve portfolio management strategies where it is not possible to conduct detailed diligence on the principal adverse impact of the Funds' investments on sustainability factors.

Finally, the Manager and Investment Manager are also concerned about the lack of reasonably priced / readily available data to comply with many of the technical reporting requirements of the PAI regime, as it believes that issuers and market data providers are not yet ready to make available all necessary data for the PAI regime.

The Manager and Investment Manager will keep their decision not to comply with the PAI regime under regular review, and will formally re-evaluate the decision at least annually.

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND RISK FACTORS

An investment in a Fund involves certain risks, including the risk that the entire amount invested may be lost. An investment in a Fund should only be made after consultation with independent qualified sources of investment and tax advice. The following risk factors outline certain of the risks which may be applicable to a Fund. No prospective investor should invest in a Fund without carefully considering such risks. The risk factors contained below do not purport to be an exhaustive list of the risk factors relating to an investment in a Fund. The ICAV believes that the risks described below are the material risks relating to the Shares at the date of this Prospectus. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to the ICAV, or that the ICAV deems to be immaterial at the date of this Prospectus, may also have an adverse effect on the performance of the Funds and the value of the Shares. The order in which the risks are presented below is not intended to provide an indication of the likelihood of their occurrence or of their magnitude or significance.

## **General Trading Risks and Restrictions**

All investments present a risk of loss of capital. A Fund's investment programme may utilise investment techniques which can, in certain circumstances, increase the adverse impact to which the Fund may be subject. No guarantee or representation is made that a Fund's investment strategy will be successful.

## **REGULATORY RISKS**

## **Business, Political and Regulatory Risks**

Legal, tax and regulatory changes, as well as international political developments, could occur during the term of a Fund which may adversely affect the Fund, the value of investments held by it and its ability to pursue its trading strategies.

The regulation of the international securities and derivatives markets has undergone substantial change in recent years, and such change is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

Regulators and self-regulatory organisations and exchanges are authorised to take extraordinary actions in the event of market emergencies. The regulation of derivatives transactions and Funds that engage in such transactions is an evolving area of law and is subject to modification by government and judicial action.

The effect of any future regulatory change on a Fund could be substantial and adverse.

## Market Disruptions; Governmental Intervention

Governmental and regulatory authorities, including in the U.S. and the EU, have taken unprecedented action to attempt to stabilise financial markets and improve and increase regulatory oversight in response to recent events of the past decade, both before and after the onset of the financial crisis which began in 2007, including: (i) market volatility and disruptions; (ii) severe illiquidity; (iii) credit contractions; and (iv) the bankruptcy or failure (or near bankruptcy or near failure), improper practices, and adverse financial results of certain companies, financial institutions, trading firms, and private investment funds. Attention has been focused on the necessity for such financial institutions, trading firms and private investment funds to maintain adequate risk controls, capital reserves, and compliance procedures. Events have also raised concerns as to the manner in which certain exchanges and regulators monitor trading activities and implement regulations to protect customer funds.

Periodic market disruptions have led to increased governmental, as well as self-regulatory, scrutiny of the "hedge fund", derivative, and securitisation industries and proposals to increase regulation of certain markets, instruments, and participants. The highly publicised uncovering of "market timing" and "late trading" strategies involving mutual fund shares has led to ongoing scrutiny of major financial

institutions, with potentially broad implications for the financial services industry. Additionally, recent disruptions and adverse events in the equity, securitisation, derivative, and money markets and freezing of the credit markets have increased the call for additional and consolidated regulatory oversight of the worldwide financial markets. Moreover, the U.S. government is revisiting the regulation of the commodities markets, and various national governments have expressed concern regarding the disruptive effects of speculative trading in the energy markets and the need to regulate the derivatives markets in general. As a result, the regulatory environment for investment funds, such as the ICAV and the Funds, is evolving and the effect of any regulatory or tax changes currently being implemented or which may be implemented in the future on the ICAV and the Funds, the markets, or the instruments in which the Funds invest or the counterparties with whom the ICAV transacts may impact on the profit potential of the Funds or could require increased transparency as to the identity of the Shareholders.

Each Fund may incur major losses in the event that disrupted markets and/or other extraordinary events affect markets in a way that is not consistent with historical pricing relationships. The risk of loss from the disconnection from historical prices during periods of market disruption is compounded by the fact that in disrupted markets many positions become illiquid, making it difficult or impossible to close out positions against which the markets are moving. In addition, market disruptions caused by unexpected political, military and terrorist events may from time to time cause dramatic losses for a Fund, and such events can result in otherwise historically low-risk strategies performing with unprecedented volatility and risk.

It is impossible to predict what additional interim or permanent governmental restrictions may be imposed on the markets and/or the effect of such restrictions on the Funds' strategies.

## The U.K's Withdrawal from the EU

On 31 January 2020 the U.K. left the EU ("**Brexit**"). The U.K. and the EU agreed a transition period from 31 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 (the "**Transition Period**"), during which the U.K. will generally continue to apply EU law. An extension to the Transition Period of up to two years may be agreed by the U.K. and the EU.

Notwithstanding the above, the U.K.'s future economic and political relationship with the EU (and with other non-EU countries by agreement) continues to remain uncertain. This uncertainty is likely to generate further global currency and asset price volatility. This may negatively impact the returns of the Funds and their investments resulting in greater costs if a Fund employs currency hedging policies. Ongoing uncertainty could adversely impact the general economic outlook and as such, this may impact negatively on the ability of a Fund and its investments to execute their strategies effectively, and may also result in increased costs to the ICAV.

The impact of such events on a Fund is difficult to predict but there may be detrimental implications for the value of certain of the Fund's investments, or its ability to enter into transactions or to value or realise such investments. This may be due to, among other things: (i) increased uncertainty and volatility in the U.K. and EU financial markets; (ii) fluctuations in the market value of sterling and of the U.K. and EU assets; (iii) fluctuations in exchange rates between sterling, the euro and other currencies; (iv) increased illiquidity of investments located or listed within the U.K. or the EU; and/or (v) the willingness of financial counterparties to enter into transactions, or the price at which they are prepared to transact in relation to the management of a Fund's investment, currency and other risks.

It is possible that there will be more divergence between U.K. and EU regulations post-Brexit, limiting what cross-border activities can take place. However it is unlikely to affect the Funds' ability to receive portfolio management services. The nature and extent of the impact of any Brexit-related changes are uncertain, but may be significant.

The information provided in this section is correct as at the date of this Prospectus.

# Taxation

Prospective investors are strongly urged to consult their own tax advisers and counsel with respect to the possible tax consequences to them of an investment in a Fund.

Any change in a Fund's tax status, in accounting standards or in taxation legislation or the tax regime, or the practice in relation to, the interpretation or application of tax legislation applicable to a Fund could affect the value of the investments held by the Fund and affect the Fund's ability to provide investor returns and/or alter the post-tax returns to Shareholders. Potential investors and Shareholders should note that the statements on taxation which are set out herein are based on advice which has been received by the Directors regarding the law and practice in force in Ireland as at the date of this Prospectus. The tax law and current, future or past practice in other jurisdictions may also affect a Fund, and, as is the case with any investment, there can be no guarantee that the tax position or proposed tax position prevailing at the time an investment is made in a Fund will endure indefinitely. It is possible that any legislative changes may have retrospective effect. The attention of potential investors is drawn to the tax risk associated with investing in the Funds. The information contained in this Prospectus is intended as a guide only and is not a substitute for professional advice. A Shareholder that is eligible for an exemption from Irish withholding tax is required to provide a declaration to the Fund confirming their status as a condition of obtaining the exemption. Investors are advised to consult their own tax advisors in relation to their personal circumstances and suitability of this investment. Please see the section entitled "Taxation" for additional information.

## **Anti-Money Laundering**

If the Directors, the Administrator, or any governmental agency believes that a Fund has accepted contributions, or is otherwise holding assets of, any person or entity that is acting directly or indirectly in violation of international or other anti-money laundering laws, rules, regulations, treaties or other restrictions, or on behalf of any suspected terrorist or terrorist organisation, suspected drug trafficker, or senior foreign political figure(s) suspected in engaging in foreign corruptions, the Directors, the Investment Manager or such governmental agency may freeze the assets of such person or entity invested in a Fund or suspend their redemption rights. The Directors may also be required to remit or transfer those assets to a governmental agency.

# Legal Risk

Many of the laws that govern foreign investment, equity securities transactions and other contractual relationships in certain countries, particularly in emerging markets, are new and largely untested. As a result and to the extent a Fund invests in such markets, the Funds may be subject to a number of unusual risks, including inadequate investor protection, contradictory legislation, incomplete, unclear and changing laws, ignorance or breaches of regulations on the part of other market participants, lack of established or effective avenues for legal redress, lack of standard practices and confidentiality customs characteristic of developed markets and lack of enforcement of existing regulations. Furthermore, it may be difficult to obtain and enforce a judgment in certain countries in which assets of a Fund are invested. There can be no assurance that this difficulty in protecting and enforcing rights will not have a material adverse effect on a Fund and its operations. In addition, the income and gains of each Fund may be subject to withholding taxes imposed by foreign governments for which Shareholders may not receive a full foreign tax credit. Furthermore, it may be difficult to obtain and enforce a judgment in a court outside of Ireland.

# **Cyber Security and Identity Theft**

Information and technology systems relied upon by the ICAV, a Fund, the Investment Manager, the ICAV's service providers (including, but not limited to, the auditors, the Depositary and the Administrator) and/or the issuers of securities in which a Fund invests may be vulnerable to damage or interruption from computer viruses, network failures, computer and telecommunication failures,

infiltration by unauthorised persons and security breaches, usage errors by their respective professionals, power outages and catastrophic events such as fires, tornadoes, floods, hurricanes and earthquakes. Although the parties noted above have implemented measures to manage risks relating to these types of events, if these systems are compromised, become inoperable for extended periods of time or cease to function properly, significant investment may be required to fix or replace them. The failure of these systems and/or of disaster recovery plans for any reason could cause significant interruptions in the operations of the ICAV, a Fund, the Investment Manager, a Service Provider and/or the issuer of a security in which a Fund invests and may result in a failure to maintain the security, confidentiality or privacy of sensitive data, including personal information relating to Shareholders (and the beneficial owners of Shareholders). Such a failure could also harm the ICAV's, a Fund's, the Investment Manager's, a service provider's and/or an issuer's reputation, subject such entity and its affiliates to legal claims and otherwise affect their business and financial performance.

## The OECD Common Reporting Standard

Ireland has implemented the "Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information", also known as the Common Reporting Standard ("**CRS**"), into Irish law.

The CRS is a single global standard on Automatic Exchange of Information ("**AEOI**"). It draws on work of the OECD and the EU, global anti-money laundering standards and, in particular, the Model FATCA Intergovernmental Agreement. The CRS sets out details of the financial information to be exchanged, the financial institutions required to report, together with common due diligence standards to be followed by financial institutions. Under the CRS, participating jurisdictions are required to exchange certain information held by financial institutions regarding their non-resident customers.

Shareholders should note that the ICAV is required to disclose the name, address, jurisdiction(s) of tax residence, date and place of birth, account reference number and tax identification number(s) of each reportable person in respect of a reportable account for CRS and information relating to each Shareholder's investment (including but not limited to the value of and any payments in respect of the Shares) to the Revenue Commissioners who may in turn exchange this information with the tax authorities in territories who are participating jurisdictions for the purposes of the CRS. In order to comply with its obligations, the ICAV may require additional information and documentation from Shareholders.

By signing the application form to subscribe for Shares in the ICAV, each Shareholder is agreeing to provide such information upon request from the ICAV or its delegate. The non-provision of such information may result in mandatory redemption of Shares or other appropriate action taken by the ICAV. Shareholders refusing to provide the requisite information to the ICAV may also be reported to the Revenue Commissioners.

The above description is based in part on regulations, guidance from the OECD and the CRS, all of which are subject to change. Each prospective investor should consult its own tax advisers on the requirements applicable to it under these arrangements.

# FATCA

The Fund will require Shareholders to certify information relating to their status for FATCA purposes and to provide other forms, documentation and information in relation to their FATCA status. The Fund may be unable to comply with its FATCA obligations if Shareholders do not provide the required certifications or information. In such circumstances, the Fund could become subject to U.S. FATCA withholding tax in respect of its US source income if the US Internal Revenue Service specifically identified the Fund as being a 'non-participating financial institution' for FATCA purposes. Any such US FATCA withholding tax would negatively impact the financial performance of the Fund and all Shareholders may be adversely affected in such circumstances.

## Euro and Euro Zone Risk

Despite measures introduced following the global financial crisis, concerns still persist regarding the growing risk that Euro zone countries could be subject to an increase in borrowing costs and could face an economic crisis, together with the risk that some countries could leave the Euro zone (either voluntarily or involuntarily), and that the impact of certain events on Europe and the global financial system could be severe which could have a negative impact on the market.

Furthermore, concerns that the Euro zone sovereign debt crisis may lead to the reintroduction of national currencies in one or more Euro zone countries or, in more extreme circumstances, the possible dissolution of the Euro entirely. The departure or risk of departure from the Euro by one or more Euro zone countries and / or the abandonment of the Euro as a currency could have major negative effects on the ICAV and the Funds. Should the Euro dissolve entirely, the legal and contractual consequences for holders of Euro-denominated Shares would be determined by laws in effect at such time. These potential developments, or market perceptions concerning these and related issues, could adversely affect the value of the Shares. Investors should carefully consider how changes to the Euro zone may affect their investment in the Funds.

## **European Market Infrastructure Regulation**

A Fund may enter into OTC derivative contracts. Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and Council on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories ("EMIR") and subsequent amendments establishes certain requirements for OTC derivatives contracts including mandatory clearing obligations, bilateral risk-management requirements and reporting requirements. Although not all the regulatory technical standards specifying the risk-management procedures, including the levels and type of collateral and segregation arrangements, required to give effect to EMIR have been finalised and it is therefore not possible to be definitive, investors should be aware that certain provisions of EMIR impose obligations on the Funds in relation to its transaction of OTC derivative contracts.

The potential implications of EMIR for the Funds include, without limitation, the following:

- 1. clearing obligation: certain standardised OTC derivative transactions will be subject to mandatory clearing through a central counterparty (a "**CCP**"). Clearing derivatives through a CCP may result in additional costs and may be on less favourable terms than would be the case if such derivative was not required to be centrally cleared;
- 2. risk mitigation techniques: for those of its OTC derivatives which are not subject to central clearing, the Funds will be required to put in place risk mitigation requirements, which include the collateralisation of all OTC derivatives. These risk mitigation requirements may increase the cost of the Funds pursuing its investment strategy (or hedging risks arising from its investment strategy); and
- 3. reporting obligations: a Fund's derivative transactions must be reported to a trade repository or the European Securities and Markets Authority. This reporting obligation may increase the costs to the Funds of utilising derivatives.

## **Position Limits**

"Position limits" imposed by various regulators may also limit a Fund's ability to effect desired trades. Position limits are the maximum amounts of net long or net short positions that any one person or entity may own or control in a particular financial instrument. All positions owned or controlled by the same person or entity, even if in different accounts, may be aggregated for purposes of determining whether the applicable position limits have been exceeded. Thus, even if the Fund does not intend to exceed applicable position limits, it is possible that different accounts managed by the Investment Manager and its affiliates may be aggregated. If at any time positions managed by the Investment Manager exceed applicable position limits, the Investment Manager would be required to liquidate positions, which might include positions of the Fund, to the extent necessary to come within those limits. Further, to avoid exceeding the position limits, the Fund might have to forego or modify certain of its contemplated trades.

## **Regulatory Restrictions**

The investment strategies pursued by a Fund may be affected by national and federal laws governing the beneficial ownership of securities in a public company which may inhibit that Fund's ability to freely acquire and dispose of certain securities. Should a Fund be affected by such rules and regulations, it may not be able to transact in ways that would realise value for that Fund. In addition, any changes to government regulations could make some or all forms of corporate governance strategies unlawful or impractical. Accordingly, such changes, if any, could have an adverse effect on the ability of a Fund to achieve its investment objective.

# **OPERATIONAL RISKS**

## **Limited Operating History**

The ICAV is newly formed and accordingly, the ICAV and the Funds each have no operating history. The past performance of a Fund or the Investment Manager is not indicative of how a Fund will perform in the future.

There can be no assurance that a Fund's investment objective will be achieved or that Shareholders will be able to recover their initial investment. A Fund's investment strategy should be evaluated on the basis that there can be no assurance that their assessments of the prospects of investments will prove accurate.

## Management and Operational Risk

Each Fund is subject to management risk because it relies on the ability of the Investment Manager to achieve its investment objective. Proprietary investment techniques are used in making investment decisions for the Funds, but that does not assure that the desired results will be achieved and a Fund may incur significant losses. For example, derivatives may not be used effectively, and positions may be hedged or not hedged at disadvantageous times. Quantitative analyses and/or models may be used. Any imperfections or limitations in such analyses and/or models could affect the ability to implement strategies. By necessity, these analyses and models make simplifying assumptions that limit their efficacy. Models that appear to explain prior market data can fail to predict future market events. Further, the data used in models may be inaccurate and/or it may not include the most recent information about a company or a security. There also can be no assurance that all of the personnel of the Investment Manager will continue to be associated with the Investment Manager for any length of time. The loss of the services of one or more employees of the Investment Manager could have an adverse impact on a Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective.

Each Fund is also subject to the risk of loss and impairment of operations from operational risk as a result of the Investment Manager's and other Service Providers' provision of investment management, administrative, depositary, accounting, tax, legal, shareholder and other services to the Fund. Operational risk can result from inadequate procedures and controls, human error and system failures by a service provider. For example, trading delays or errors (both human and systematic) could prevent a Fund from purchasing or selling a security that the Investment Manager expects will appreciate or

decline in value, as the case may be, thus preventing that Fund from benefiting from potential investment gains or avoiding losses on the security.

## Charges to the Funds

Each Fund will be obliged to pay certain fees and expenses, including an investment management and distribution fee, brokerage commissions, and other costs and expenses associated with the acquisition and disposition of investments, and operating costs and expenses, irrespective of profitability. In addition, a Fund's increase in Net Asset Value may be subject to a performance fee, where specified in the Relevant Supplement. There can be no assurance that a Fund will be able to earn sufficient income to offset these charges.

# Net Asset Value Considerations

The Net Asset Value per Share is expected to fluctuate over time with the performance of each Fund's investments. A Shareholder may not fully recover its initial investment when their Shares are redeemed if the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class at the time of such redemption is less than the subscription price paid by a Shareholder. In addition, where there is any conflict between applicable financial reporting standards and the valuation principles set out in the Instrument of Incorporation and this Prospectus in relation to the calculation of Net Asset Value, the latter principles shall take precedence.

# **Contingent Liabilities**

The Instrument of Incorporation authorises the Directors to establish such reserves for unknown or contingent liabilities in respect of a Fund, as the Directors in their sole discretion deem advisable. The Directors may underestimate the magnitude of contingent liabilities or may be unaware of unknown liabilities and therefore such reserves may be insufficient.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

Each Fund is subject to certain actual and potential conflicts of interest as referred to in the section entitled "*Conflicts of Interest*".

#### **Custody Risks**

The Depositary and its sub-custodians, if any, will have custody of a Fund's securities, cash, distributions and rights accruing to the Fund's securities accounts. If the Depositary or a sub-custodian holds cash on behalf of a Fund, the Fund may be an unsecured creditor in the event of the insolvency of the Depositary or sub-custodian. Although this is generally done to reduce or diversify risk, there can be no assurance that holding securities through the Depositary or its sub-custodian will eliminate custodial risk. The Funds will be subject to credit risk with respect to the Depositary and the sub-custodians, if any.

In addition, certain of a Fund's assets may be held by entities other than Depositary and its subcustodians, including, for example, margin passed to brokers in the course of FDI transactions.

The Fund may invest in markets where custodial and/or settlement systems are not fully developed, including in emerging markets. The assets of a Fund which are traded in such markets may be entrusted to sub-custodians in circumstances where the use of such sub-custodian is necessary.

#### **Counterparty Risk**

Each Fund is exposed to the risk that a counterparty will not settle a transaction due to a credit or liquidity problem, thus causing the Fund to suffer a loss. In addition, in the case of a default, the Fund

could become subject to adverse market movements while replacement transactions are executed. Such "counterparty risk" is accentuated for contracts with longer maturities where events may intervene to prevent settlement, or where the Investment Manager has concentrated their transactions with a single counterparty or small group of counterparties. Other than as disclosed in this Prospectus and in compliance with the UCITS Requirements, the Investment Manager is not restricted from dealing with any particular counterparty or from concentrating any or all of its transactions with one counterparty.

## **Risks Relating to Reliance on the Investment Manager**

The Investment Manager is responsible for setting and approving the investment objectives and investment policies of the Funds as stated in this Prospectus and investment decisions will be made for the Funds by the Investment Manager, subject to the terms and conditions of the Investment Management and Distribution Agreement. The success of a Fund will depend on the ability of the Investment Manager to identify suitable investments and the ability of the Investment Manager to dispose of such investments at a profit for the Fund. Adverse events could affect one or more of the Fund's investments at the same time. There can be no assurance that the Investment Manager will be successful in this regard.

# Cross-Liability Risk - Umbrella Structure of the ICAV

Under Irish law the ICAV generally will not be liable as a whole to third parties and there generally will not be the potential for cross-liability between the Funds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there can be no assurance that, should an action be brought against the ICAV in the courts of another jurisdiction, the segregated nature of the Funds would necessarily be upheld.

#### **Cross-Liability Risk - Share Classes**

Although each Fund may offer multiple Classes of Shares, all of the assets of a Fund are available to meet all of the liabilities of the Fund, regardless of the Class(es) of Shares to which such assets or liabilities are attributable. The assets attributable to any one Class of Shares will not generally be isolated from the liabilities attributable to other Classes of Shares.

# **Rights of Share Classes**

Each Fund has the power to create different Classes of Shares and may create additional Classes having different rights (including but not limited to Classes with different voting rights, subscription/redemption procedures, charging structures, hedging policies and/or rights to dividends, for example). Each Fund shall have no obligation to offer such additional rights granted to investors in the Fund to all Shareholders, subject always to compliance with the UCITS Regulations, the requirements of the Central Bank and any relevant legal considerations.

#### **Availability of Investment Opportunities**

The success of each Fund's investment activities will depend on the Investment Manager's ability to identify investment opportunities as well as to assess the importance of news and events that may affect the financial markets. Identification and exploitation of the investment strategies to be pursued by a Fund involves a high degree of uncertainty. No assurance can be given that the Investment Manager will be able to locate suitable investment opportunities in which to deploy all of a Fund's assets or to exploit opportunities in the securities and derivatives markets.

#### **Risks Relating to Allocation of Investment Opportunities**

Certain investments may be appropriate for a Fund and also for other clients advised or managed by the Investment Manager or its affiliates. Investment decisions for a Fund and such other clients are made by the Investment Manager or its affiliates in their best judgment, but in their sole discretion taking into

account such factors as they believe relevant. Such factors may include investment objectives, regulatory restrictions, current holdings, availability of cash for investment, the size of the investments generally, diversification requirements, benchmark deviation, and limitations and restrictions on a client's accounts that are imposed by such client. The Investment Manager generally is not under any obligation to share any investment, idea or strategy with a Fund.

Decisions to buy and sell investments for each client advised by the Investment Manager or its affiliates are made with a view to achieving such client's investment objectives taking into consideration other account-specific factors such as, without limitation, cash flows into or out of the account, the account's benchmark(s), applicable regulatory limitations and/or cash restrictions. Therefore, a particular investment may be bought or sold for only a Fund or only one client or in different amounts and at different times for more than one but less than all clients, including a Fund, even though it could have been bought or sold for other clients at the same time. Likewise, a particular investment may be bought or sold for one or more clients when one or more other clients or that Fund are buying or selling the investment, including clients managed by the same investment division. It is also possible that a Fund may take a short position in an investment owned or being purchased by other accounts managed or advised by the Investment Manager and its affiliates or vice versa. In addition, purchases or sales of the same investment may be made for two or more clients, including a Fund, on the same date. Distressed markets may magnify the disparate treatment of accounts with different liquidity requirements.

Certain clients of the Investment Manager and its affiliates may hold bank debt, loans, securities or other investments in companies in which a Fund may also hold securities, loans or other investments, including equity securities. In the event that such investments are made by the Fund or another client of the Investment Manager, the interests of that Fund may be in conflict with the interest of that client, particularly in circumstances where the underlying company is facing financial distress. The involvement of such persons at both the equity and debt levels, or in different levels of the debt structure of an issuer, could cause conflicts of interest. In certain circumstances, decisions made with respect to investments held by another client of the Investment Manager could adversely affect the investments of a Fund. The involvement of such persons at multiple levels of the capital structure could also inhibit strategic information exchanges among fellow creditors. In certain circumstances, a Fund may be prohibited from exercising voting or other rights, and may be subject to claims by other creditors with respect to the subordination of their interest. If additional capital is necessary as a result of financial or other difficulties, or to finance growth or other opportunities, a Fund may or may not provide such additional capital, and if provided each Fund or a client of the Investment Manager will supply such additional capital in such amounts, if any, as determined by the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager and its affiliates may seek to address these conflicts by adopting policies and procedures, which may include limiting investments by a Fund which produce such conflicts, limiting voting or roles on creditors' committees, procedures designed to ensure that the team managing the investments make independent decisions, or other procedures in the judgment of the Investment Manager.

There can be no assurance that a Fund will not receive less (or more) of a certain investment than it would otherwise receive if the Investment Manager did not have a conflict of interest among clients. In effecting transactions, it may not always be possible, or consistent with the investment objectives of the various persons described above and of a Fund, to take or liquidate the same investment positions at the same time or at the same prices. The Investment Manager has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to manage and/or mitigate conflicts between the Investment Manager and its clients, including the Funds.

Subject to applicable law and regulation, each of the Funds and the Investment Manager may make information about a Fund's portfolio positions (including short positions) available to unrelated third parties. These third parties may use that information to provide additional market analysis and research to the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager may use that market analysis and research to provide investment advice to clients other than the Funds.

# Liquidity Risk

The effect of liquidity risk is particularly pronounced when low trading volume, lack of a market maker, large size of position, or legal restrictions (including daily price fluctuation limits or "circuit breakers") limit or prevent a Fund from selling particular securities or unwinding derivative positions at desirable prices. Less liquid securities are more susceptible than other securities to market value declines when markets decline generally.

A Fund is also exposed to liquidity risk when it has an obligation to purchase particular securities (e.g., as a result of writing a put). Some of the markets, exchanges or securities in which a Fund invests may be less liquid and this would affect the price at which, and the time period in which, the Fund may liquidate positions to meet redemption requests or other funding requirements.

Investments in emerging market securities that are not widely traded are sometimes subject to purchase and sale restrictions. Securities of companies with smaller market capitalisations that are not widely held trade less frequently and in lesser quantities than securities of companies with larger market capitalisations.

# **Securitisation Regulation**

The Securitisation Regulation (Regulation EU 2017/2402) (the "Securitisation Regulation") applies across the EU from 1 January 2019. The Securitisation Regulation replaces the existing sector-specific approach to securitisation regulation with a new set of rules that apply to all European securitisations. UCITS such as the ICAV will be within scope of the Securitisation Regulation. Shareholders should be aware that there are material differences between the current EU risk retention requirements and the requirements which will apply under the Securitisation Regulation.

The definition of "securitisation" is intended to capture any transaction or scheme where the credit risk associated with an exposure or a pool of exposures is tranched. Essentially, the definition includes any investment with tranches or classes where payments in the transaction or scheme are dependent on the performance of the exposure or of the pool of exposures and the participation in losses differs between the tranches during the life of the transaction or scheme.

Institutional investors such as a Fund must ensure that the originator, sponsor or original lender of a securitisation retains at least a 5% net economic interest in the securitisation. These rules will mean that the Investment Manager or any Sub-Investment Manager of the relevant Fund will need to conduct due diligence before an investment is made in a securitisation position and continue to perform due diligence during the period the investment continues in a securitisation. This new direct approach is intended to complement the existing due diligence requirements on institutional investors to verify before investing whether or not the securitising entity has retained risk. As a consequence the new direct approach requires securitising entities established in the EU to retain risk even if the investors are located outside of the EU and are not institutional investors. The UCITS Directive has been amended to include a new provision stating that where UCITS are exposed to securitisation positions which do not meet the requirements of the Securitisation Regulation, the UCITS shall "in the best interests of the investors in the relevant UCITS, act and take corrective action".

The Securitisation Regulation applies to securitisations the securities of which are issued on or after 1 January 2019 or which create new securitization positions on or after that date. Pre-existing securitisations will be required to continue to apply the rules in place immediately prior to the effective date of the Securitisation Regulation unless new securities are issued or new positions created. Though the Securitisation Regulation will apply to securitisations the securities of which are issued on or after 1 January 2019, there can be no assurance as to whether the investments described herein made by a Fund will be affected by the Securitisation Regulation or any change thereto or review thereof.

# Limited Recourse

A Shareholder will solely be entitled to look to the assets of the relevant Fund in respect of all payments in respect of its Shares. If the realised net assets of the relevant Fund are insufficient to pay any amounts payable in respect of the Shares, the Shareholder will have no further right of payment in respect of such Shares nor any claim against or recourse to any of the assets of any other Fund or any other asset of the ICAV.

## **Possible Effects of Substantial Redemptions or Withdrawals**

Redemptions or withdrawals from a Fund could require that Fund to liquidate its positions more rapidly than otherwise desirable, which could adversely affect that Fund's net asset value. Illiquidity in certain securities could make it difficult for a Fund to liquidate positions on favourable terms, which may affect that Fund's net asset value. Although a Fund may suspend redemptions or withdrawals in the manner described under the section entitled "*Suspension of Calculation of Net Asset Value*" in order to minimize this risk, it might not always do so, nor would use of this provision eliminate such valuation or liquidity risks.

The purchase or redemption of a substantial number of shares in the Fund may require the Investment Manager to change the composition of the Fund's portfolio significantly or may force the Investment Manager to buy or sell investments at unfavourable prices, which may adversely affect the Fund's returns and its overall performance. Portfolio turnover for the Fund may also result in increased trading costs, and may adversely impact the Fund's trading expense ratio.

# Limitations on Redemption of Shares/Liquidity

The Directors may limit (and in, certain cases refuse) requests to redeem Shares. Please refer to the section headed "*Limitations on Redemptions*" below and to the terms of the Relevant Supplement. In addition, in certain circumstances the ICAV may decline to accept a redemption request which would have the effect of reducing the value of any holding of Shares relating to any Fund below the Minimum Holding for that Class of Shares of that Fund. Any redemption request having, such an effect may.be treated by the ICAV as a request to redeem the Shareholder's entire holding of that Class of Shares.

#### **Concentration Risk**

Where a Fund focuses its investments on a limited number of markets, countries, types of investment and/or issuers, it will not enjoy the same level of diversification of risks across different markets, countries, types of investment and/or issuers that would be possible if investments were not so concentrated. Such a concentration of investments could increase the potential for volatility and risk of loss, especially in periods of pronounced market volatility. While the Investment Manager may allocate a Fund's assets among differing investment strategies and techniques, there are no fixed allocation percentages. There is the risk that a disproportionate share of a Fund's assets may be committed to one or more strategies or techniques. Where a Fund has a concentrated portfolio this may increase the likelihood of volatile performance, especially in periods of pronounced market volatility.

#### Valuation

Details of the method of calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share of a Fund are set out in the section entitled "*Determination of Net Asset Value*" below.

The Investment Manager may have a role with respect to the valuation of unlisted investments or securities that are listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market but for which prices are not available or are unrepresentative. There is an inherent conflict of interest between the involvement of the Investment Manager in determining the valuation of the Fund's investments and the Investment

Manager's other responsibilities. In such circumstances, the Investment Manager's fees will increase as the value of the assets of the ICAV increases.

When the Fund uses fair value pricing, it may take into account any factors it deems appropriate. The Fund may determine fair value based upon developments related to a specific security, current valuations of stock indices and/or sector or broader stock market indices. The price of securities used by the Fund to calculate its Net Asset Value may differ from quoted or published prices for the same securities. Fair value pricing may involve subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security is materially different than the value that could be realised upon the sale of that security.

# High Portfolio Turnover

Each Fund will be actively managed and the investment strategy followed by the Fund may involve a high volume of trading, resulting in high portfolio turnover. As a result, the Fund could potentially be subject to higher transaction expenses in the form of greater brokerage commissions than funds with a lower portfolio turnover rate.

#### **Reliance on Trading Models**

The trading models that may be used by the Investment Manager for a Fund to support the investment decisions have been tested on historical price data. These models utilize the fact that price movements on most markets display very similar patterns. There is, of course, a risk that market behavior will change and that the patterns upon which the forecasts in the models are based weaken or disappear, which would reduce the ability of the models to generate an excess return. Further, as market dynamics shift over time, a previously highly successful model may become outdated, perhaps without the Investment Manager recognizing that fact before substantial losses are incurred. The successful operation of the models is also reliant upon the information technology systems of the Investment Manager and its ability to ensure those systems remain operational and that appropriate disaster recovery procedures are in place. There can be no assurance that the Investment Manager will be successful in maintaining effective trading models that may be used for a Fund.

#### **Currency Risk – Fund Level**

Currency risk includes the risk that currencies in which a Fund's investments are traded and/or in which a Fund receives income, or currencies in which a Fund has taken an active investment position, will decline in value relative to other currencies or otherwise perform in a manner that results in a loss to the Fund. In the case of hedging positions, currency risk includes the risk that the currency to which a Fund has obtained exposure declines in value relative to the foreign currency being hedged. In such event, a Fund may realise a loss on the hedging instrument at the same time a Fund is realising a loss on the currency being hedged. Currency exchange rates fluctuate significantly for many reasons, including changes in supply and demand in the currency exchange markets, actual or perceived changes in interest rates, intervention (or the failure to intervene) by governments, central banks or supranational agencies, and currency controls or other political and economic developments.

Derivative transactions in currencies (such as futures, forwards, options and swaps) may involve leveraging risk in addition to currency risk. The obligations of counterparties in currency derivative transactions may not be secured by collateral, which increases counterparty risk.

While the Base Currency of each Fund is a particular currency, the Fund's assets (including, without limitation, any active management of currency exposures) will often be denominated in other currencies and any income or capital received by the Fund will be denominated in the local currency of investment. Accordingly, changes in currency exchange rates (to the extent unhedged) will affect the value of a Fund's portfolio and the unrealised appreciation or depreciation of investments. To the extent they are unhedged, the value of a Fund's assets will fluctuate with the relevant currency exchange rates

applicable to the Fund as well as with price changes of the Fund's investments in the various local markets and the performance of the Fund may be strongly influenced by movements in foreign exchange rates.

Where a Fund invests in assets that are denominated in a currency other than its Base Currency it may, but is not obliged to, employ a hedging strategy in order to hedge against the fluctuations in the rates of the different currencies of the assets and its Base Currency.

It may not always be possible to execute hedging transactions, or to do so at prices, rates or levels advantageous to the Funds. The success of any hedging transactions will be subject to the movements in the direction of securities prices and currency and interest rates and the stability of pricing relationships. Therefore, while a Fund might enter into such transactions to reduce currency exchange rate and interest rate risks, unanticipated changes in exchange rates or interest rates may result in poorer overall performance for the Fund than if it had not engaged in such hedging. In addition, the degree of correlation between price movements of the instruments used in a hedging strategy and price movements in the position being hedged may vary. An imperfect correlation may prevent a Fund from achieving the intended hedge or expose a Fund to a risk of loss.

Currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. They generally are determined by the forces of supply and demand in the currency exchange markets, trade balances, the relative merits of investments in different countries, actual or perceived changes in interest rates, differences in relative values of similar assets in different currencies, long-term opportunities for investment and capital appreciation, and other complex factors. Currency exchange rates also can be affected unpredictably as a result of intervention (or the failure to intervene) by governments, central banks or supranational agencies, or by currency or exchange controls or political and economic developments. Currencies in which a Fund's assets are denominated, or in which a Fund has taken a long position, may be devalued against other currencies, resulting in a loss to such Fund. Similarly, currencies in which a Fund has taken a short position may increase in value relative to other currencies, resulting in a loss to such Fund.

In addition, some currencies are illiquid (e.g., emerging country currencies) and each Fund may not be able to convert these currencies into its Base Currency, in which case the Investment Manager may decide to purchase its Base Currency in a parallel market where the exchange rate is materially and adversely different. Exchange rates for many currencies (e.g., emerging country currencies) are particularly affected by exchange control regulations.

#### **Currency Risk – Class Level**

A Fund may issue Classes denominated in a currency other than its Base Currency. Accordingly, changes in currency exchange rates (to the extent unhedged) between the Base Currency of a Fund and the designated currency of a Class may lead to a depreciation of the value of such Shares as expressed in the designated currency.

The Supplement for each Fund shall indicate whether a particular Class is hedged or unhedged. In the case of unhedged currency Classes, the value of the relevant Class of Shares expressed in the Class Currency will be subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the Base Currency of the relevant Fund. The Investment Manager may try to mitigate exchange rate risk by using efficient portfolio management techniques and instruments, including currency options and forward currency exchange contracts. Investors should be aware that this strategy may substantially limit Shareholders of the relevant Hedged Share Class from benefiting if the Class Currency falls against the Base Currency. In such cases, the Class Currency may be hedged so that the resulting currency exposure will not exceed 105% of the Net Asset Value of the Hedged Share Class. Whilst it is not the intention, over-hedged or under-hedged positions may arise due to factors outside the control of the Investment Manager. The positions will be reviewed on a monthly basis and any positions materially in excess of 100% of the Net Asset Value will not be carried forward from month to month.

Transactions will be clearly attributable to a specific Hedged Share Class and therefore currency exposures of different currency Classes may not be combined or offset and currency exposures of assets of the Funds may not be allocated to separate Classes of Shares. The costs and gains or losses associated with any hedging transactions for Hedged Share Classes will accrue solely to the Hedged Share Class to which they relate. In the event that an unhedged currency Class of Shares is issued which is priced in a currency other than the currency of that Fund, currency conversion costs on subscription, redemption, switching and distributions will be borne by that Class and will take place at prevailing exchange rates. To the extent that the hedging is successful, the performance of the Hedged Share Class is likely to move in line with the performance of the underlying assets because some of the currency exposures have been reduced. Whilst these hedging strategies are designed to reduce the losses to a Shareholder's investment if the currency of that Hedged Share Class falls against that of its Base Currency, the use of class hedging strategies may substantially limit holders of Shares in the relevant Hedged Share Class from benefiting if the currency of that Hedged Share Class rises against that of its Base Currency. Investors in the Hedged Share Class will not benefit if the Hedged Share Class currency falls against the Base Currency and/or the currency in which the underlying assets are denominated.

While the various Funds constitute segregated portfolios of assets and liabilities, no separate pools of assets exist for the individual Classes of the same Fund. Although a Fund as a whole is, generally speaking, liable for the obligations incurred in relation to a specific Class, such as currency hedging transactions, such cross-liability among Classes should be effectively avoided in relation to the Funds if currency hedging agreements with counterparties provide for a limitation of liability to the net assets of the relevant Hedged Share Class. Accordingly, the costs associated with any Hedged Share Class level hedging, and the gains and losses arising from such hedging, will be borne by that Hedged Share Class and this is the basis on which currency class hedging transactions will be entered into with a counterparty. The creation of Hedged Share Classes is intended to create a benefit to Shareholders by allowing them to select their currency exposure in another currency than the Base Currency of the Fund.

# **Currency Hedging Risk**

A Fund may enter into hedging transactions with respect to a particular Class to attempt to offset the risk of exchange rate fluctuations between the currency in which such Class is denominated and the currency or currencies in which the Fund's assets are denominated. Class Currency hedging will likely be limited to the estimated Net Asset Value of the relevant Class, which will be adjusted in line with the dealing frequency for estimated changes in Net Asset Value. Because adjustments are not made more frequently, and because estimates are used in hedging, a Hedged Share Class will always be over-or under-hedged to some degree against its actual currency exchange risk.

Any currency hedging transactions are intended to protect the relevant Class from currency losses but will also prevent any profit from currency gains. Further, there can be no assurance that any currency hedging transactions will be successful, and there are transaction costs associated with hedging, which are borne by those Classes. Moreover, liquidating Fund investments in order to settle currency hedging losses may result in a less liquid and less diversified portfolio for a Fund as a whole, including Classes other than the Class for which the currency hedging transactions are being made.

Currency hedging is a trading strategy implemented through the use of derivatives, and a Fund will be required to settle trading losses on those derivatives, regardless of the liquidity of the Fund's investment portfolio. A Fund may seek to obtain a credit facility on which it can draw to post margin, pay fees or settle hedging losses pending receipt of redemption proceeds from investments. However, there can be no assurance that a credit facility provider will maintain the facility indefinitely, will not refuse a draw request, or will not itself fail, resulting in the loss of the credit line. Additionally, credit facilities will be limited in size and may not be sufficient to cover all margin calls or hedging losses, and credit facilities increase the cost of hedging because a Fund may be required to pay, among other things, (i) a commitment fee to obtain the facility, (ii) the initial costs of negotiating and putting in place the facility, and (iii) a spread over a bank lending rate on any borrowing.

A Fund or a hedging counterparty could determine at any time to discontinue a hedging transaction. Therefore, no prospective investor should invest in a Class in reliance on the Fund hedging its currency risk at all times.

# **Borrowing Risks**

A Fund may borrow for the account of the Fund in order to facilitate redemptions or to settle the purchase of an investment which may settle late otherwise, in accordance with the limits imposed under the UCITS Regulations. Borrowing involves an increased degree of financial risk and may increase the exposure of the Fund to factors such as rising interest rates, downturns in the economy or deterioration in the conditions of the assets underlying its investments. There can be no assurance that a Fund will be able to borrow on favourable terms, or that the Fund's indebtedness will be accessible or be able to be refinanced by the Fund at any time.

# **Rating of Investment Risk**

There is no assurance that the ratings of each rating agency will continue to be calculated and published on the basis described in this Prospectus or that they will not be amended significantly. The past performance of a rating agency in rating an investment is not necessarily a guide to future performance.

# **Credit Ratings and Unrated Securities Risk**

Rating agencies are private services that provide ratings of the credit quality of loans or fixed income securities, including convertible securities. Ratings assigned by a rating agency are not absolute standards of credit quality and do not evaluate market risks. Rating agencies may fail to make timely changes in credit ratings and an issuer's current financial condition may be better or worse than a rating indicates. In the event of a downgrading of a security purchased by a Fund, such security or note may become less liquid and as a result a Fund may be unable to sell such security or note at an advantageous time or price. A Fund will not necessarily sell a security or note when its rating is reduced below its rating at the time of purchase. The Investment Manager does not rely solely on credit ratings, and develops its own analysis of issuer credit quality. In the event that the rating services assign different ratings to the same security or note, the Investment Manager will determine which rating it believes best reflects the security's quality and risk at that time, which may be the higher of the several assigned ratings. A Fund may purchase unrated securities (which are not rated by a rating agency) if the Investment Manager determines that the security is of comparable quality to a rated security that such Fund may purchase. Unrated securities may be less liquid than comparable rated securities or notes and involve the risk that the Investment Manager may not accurately evaluate the security's comparative credit rating. Analysis of the creditworthiness of issuers of high yield securities may be more complex than for issuers of higher-quality fixed income securities. To the extent that a Fund invests in high yield and/or unrated securities or notes, the Fund's success in achieving its investment objective may depend more heavily on the Investment Manager's creditworthiness analysis than if the Fund invested exclusively in higher-quality and rated securities.

#### No Control Over Event of Default Remedies.

If an event of default occurs under the indenture, loan agreement or other document governing an investment, the holders of a majority of the most senior class of outstanding notes or loans issued by such investment generally will be entitled to determine the remedies to be exercised under the indenture, loan agreement or other governing document. These remedies may include the sale and liquidation of the assets underlying the investment and could be adverse to the interests of a Fund. Depending on the seniority of the notes or loans held by a Fund, such Fund may have no rights under the indenture, loan agreement or other document governing an investment and may not be able to exercise any remedies following an event of default as long as any more senior notes or loans are outstanding, nor will such Fund receive any payments after an event of default until the more senior notes or loans and certain other amounts have been paid in full.

## **Reliance on the Integrity of Financial and Economic Reporting**

In following its investment objective and strategy each Fund may rely on the financial, economic and government policy data made available by companies, governmental agencies, rating agencies, exchanges, professional services firms and central banks. Such data can have a material effect on the investment positions the Investment Manager takes on behalf of the Funds. However, the Investment Manager generally has no ability independently to verify such financial, economic and/or economic policy information. The Investment Manager is dependent upon the integrity of both the individuals and the processes by which such data is generated. The Funds could incur material losses as a result of the misconduct or incompetence of such individuals and/or a failure of, or substantial inaccuracy in, the generation of such information.

# **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer will be unable to make principal and interest payments on its outstanding debt obligations when due. A Fund's return to investors would be adversely impacted if an issuer of debt in which a Fund invests becomes unable to make such payments when due.

Although a Fund may make investments that the Investment Manager believes are secured by specific collateral, the value of which may initially exceed the principal amount of such investments or a Fund's fair value of such investments, there can be no assurance that the liquidation of any such collateral would satisfy the borrower's obligation in the event of non-payment of scheduled interest or principal payments with respect to such investment, or that such collateral could be readily liquidated.

With respect to a Fund's investments in debt, if the borrower or issuer breaches any of the covenants or restrictions under the agreement that governs indebtedness of such issuer or borrower, it could result in a default under the applicable indebtedness as well as the indebtedness held by a Fund. Such default may allow the creditors to accelerate the related debt and may result in the acceleration of any other debt to which a cross-acceleration or cross-default provision applies. This could result in an impairment or loss of a Fund's investment or a pre-payment (in whole or in part) of a Fund's investment.

#### **Credit Risk of Counterparties**

A Fund will assume the credit risk associated with placing its cash, margin and securities with brokers and other counterparties, and the failure or bankruptcy of any of such counterparties could have a material adverse impact on a Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund might be able to recover, even in respect of property specifically traceable to the Fund, only a *pro rata* share of all property available for distribution to a bankrupt broker's customers. A Fund may carry substantially all of its positions at a single counterparty, thereby increasing this credit risk.

#### **Sovereign Debt**

Each Fund may purchase sovereign debt issued by governments, or their agencies and instrumentalities either in the currency of their domicile or in a foreign currency. Investors in sovereign debt may be asked to participate in debt restructuring, including the deferral of interest and principal payments, and may also be requested by the issuer to extend additional loans. There is no current means of collecting on defaulted sovereign debt as part of bankruptcy proceedings.

### Settlement Risks

The equity and debt markets in different countries will have different clearance and settlement procedures and in certain markets there have been times when settlements have been unable to keep pace with the volume of transactions, thereby making it difficult to conduct such transactions. Delays in settlement could result in temporary periods when assets of a Fund are uninvested and no return is

earned thereon. The inability of the Fund to make intended purchases due to settlement problems could cause it to miss attractive investment opportunities. Inability to dispose of portfolio investments due to settlement problems could result in either losses to a Fund due to subsequent declines in value of the portfolio security or, if it has entered into a contract to sell the investment, it could result in a possible liability of it to the purchaser.

# **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rates are determined by factors of supply and demand in the international money markets which are influenced by macro-economic factors, speculation and central bank and government intervention. Fluctuations in short term and/or long term interest rates may affect the value of the Units. Fluctuations in interest rates of the currency in which the Units are denominated and/or fluctuations in interest rates of the value of the value of the Value of the Units.

# Risks Associated with Delays in providing Complete Customer Due Diligence

Investors should note that there is a risk that any delay in providing a signed copy of the Application Form and all documents required in connection with the obligations to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing to the Administrator may result in Shares not being issued on a particular Dealing Day.

# MARKET RISKS

# **General Economic and Market Conditions**

The performance of a Fund may be affected by general economic conditions. Such conditions might include changes to interest rates and credit spreads, inflation, equity risk premium, changes in laws or regulations and national and international political circumstances. Unexpected volatility and illiquidity in markets may impact a Fund's performance or result in losses.

# Highly Volatile Markets

Price movements of a Fund's investments may be highly volatile and influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal and monetary programs and policies of governments, and national and international political and economic events and policies. In addition, governments from time to time intervene, directly and by regulation, in markets that impact the price of certain assets. The value of a Fund's investments may be affected by changes in government regulations and tax policies.

# **Exchange Rules**

Each securities exchange typically has the right to suspend or limit trading in all securities that it lists. Such a suspension would render it impossible for a Fund to liquidate positions on such exchange and, accordingly, could expose the Fund to losses.

#### **Equity Market Risk**

Equity market risk is the risk that a particular share, a fund, an industry, or shares in general may fall in value. The value of investments in a Fund will go up and down with the prices of securities in which a Fund invests. The prices of stocks change in response to many factors, including the historical and prospective earnings of the issuer, the value of its assets, management decisions, demand for an issuer's products or services, production costs, general economic conditions, interest rates, currency exchange rates, investor perceptions and market liquidity.

In the case of securities purchased by a Fund in initial public offerings, such securities shall be valued at the offering price until such time as the securities are listed or traded on a Regulated Market. There may be significant volatility in the price of the securities relative to the offering price in the period following the initial public offering.

# **Specialisation Risk**

Some Funds may specialise in a particular industry, or in a single country or region of the world. This allows them to focus on the potential of that industry or geographic area, but it also means they may be more volatile than more broadly diversified funds because prices of securities in the same industry or region may tend to move up and down together. These Funds must continue to invest in a particular industry or geographic area, even if it is performing poorly.

# **Global Market Exposure**

Each Fund may invest on a global basis in both developed and emerging markets. In doing so, the Funds are subject to: (i) currency risk; (ii) the possible imposition of withholding, income or excise taxes; (iii) the absence of uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and disclosure requirements and little or potentially biased government supervision and regulation; (iv) financial, economic and political risks, including expropriation, currency exchange control and potential restrictions on foreign investment and repatriation of capital; and (v) global market turmoil.

# **Emerging Markets Risks**

The Funds may invest in securities of issuers in emerging markets. Such securities may involve a high degree of risk and may be considered speculative. Risks include (i) greater risk of expropriation, confiscation, taxation, nationalisation, and social, political and economic instability; (ii) the smaller markets for securities of emerging markets issuers and lower volumes of trading, resulting in lack of liquidity and in greater price volatility; (iii) certain national policies which may restrict the investment opportunities available in respect of a Fund, including restrictions on investing in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests and on the realisation or repatriation of foreign investment; (iv) currency instability and hyper-inflation; (v) the absence of developed legal structures governing private or foreign investment and private property and (vi) a risk that custodial and/or registration systems of issuers are not fully developed. The accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards of countries in which a Fund may invest are likely to be less extensive, particularly in emerging markets.

# **Certain Securities Markets**

Stock markets in certain countries may have a relatively low volume of trading. Securities of companies in such markets may also be less liquid and more volatile than securities of comparable companies elsewhere. There may be low levels of government regulation of stock exchanges, brokers and listed companies in certain countries. In addition, settlement of trades in some markets is slow and subject to failure.

#### **INVESTMENT RISKS**

#### Non-Investment Grade Investments

Certain Funds may hold or be exposed to the performance of fixed income securities rated below investment grade. Such securities or notes may have greater price volatility, greater risk of loss of principal and interest, and greater default and liquidity risks, than more highly rated securities. If a Fund invests more than 30% in these securities or notes then an investment in the Fund should

# not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.

#### **Risks of Investing in Non-Investment Grade Fixed Income Securities**

Non-investment grade fixed income securities are considered predominantly speculative by traditional investment standards. In some cases, these obligations may be highly speculative and have poor prospects for reaching investment grade standing. Non-investment grade fixed income securities and unrated securities of comparable credit quality (commonly known as "high yield bonds") are subject to the increased risk of an issuer's inability to meet principal and interest obligations. These securities, also referred to as high yield securities, may be subject to greater price volatility due to such factors as specific corporate developments, interest rate sensitivity, negative perceptions of the high yield bond markets generally and less secondary market liquidity.

Non-investment grade fixed income securities are often issued in connection with a corporate reorganisation or restructuring or as part of a merger, acquisition, takeover or similar event. They are also issued by less established companies seeking to expand. Such issuers are often highly leveraged and generally less able than more established or less leveraged entities to make scheduled payments of principal and interest in the event of adverse developments or business conditions.

The market value of non-investment grade fixed income securities tends to reflect individual corporate developments to a greater extent than that of higher rated securities which react primarily to fluctuations in the general level of interest rates. As a result, where a Fund invests in such securities its ability to achieve its investment objective may depend to a greater extent on the Investment Manager's judgement concerning the creditworthiness of issuers than funds which invest in higher-rated securities. Issuers of non-investment grade fixed income securities may not be able to make use of more traditional methods of financing and their ability to service debt obligations may be more adversely affected than issuers of higher-rated securities by economic downturns, specific corporate developments or the issuer's inability to meet specific projected business forecasts. Negative publicity about the high yield bond market and investor perceptions regarding lower rated securities, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may depress the prices for such securities.

A holder's risk of loss from default is significantly greater for non-investment grade fixed income securities than is the case for holders of other debt securities because such non-investment grade securities are generally unsecured and are often subordinated to the rights of other creditors of the issuers of such securities. Investment by a Fund in defaulted securities poses additional risk of loss should non-payment of principal and interest continue in respect of such securities. Even if such securities are held to maturity, recovery by a Fund of its initial investment and any anticipated income or appreciation is uncertain.

The secondary market for non-investment grade fixed income securities is concentrated in relatively few market makers and is dominated by institutional investors, including mutual funds, insurance companies and other financial institutions. Accordingly, the secondary market for such securities is not as liquid as, and is more volatile than, the secondary market for higher-rated securities. In addition, market trading volume for high yield bonds is generally lower and the secondary market for such securities could contract under adverse market or economic conditions, independent of any specific adverse changes in the condition of a particular issuer. These factors may have an adverse effect on the market price and a Fund's ability to dispose of particular portfolio investments. A less liquid secondary market also may make it more difficult for a Fund to obtain precise valuations of the high yield bonds in its portfolio.In addition, a Fund may invest in debt obligations which may be unrated by a recognized credit rating agency, which may be subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest than higher-rated debt obligations or debt obligations which rank behind other outstanding securities and obligations of the obligor, all or a significant portion of which may be secured on substantially all of that obligor's assets. A Fund may also invest in debt obligations which are not protected by financial covenants or limitations on additional indebtedness. In addition, evaluating credit risk for debt securities involves

uncertainty because credit rating agencies throughout the world have different standards, making comparison across countries difficult. Any of these factors could have a material adverse effect on the performance of a Fund, and, by extension, such Fund's business, financial condition, results of operations and the value of the interests.

Credit ratings issued by credit rating agencies are designed to evaluate the safety of principle and interest payments of rated securities. They do not, however, evaluate the market value risk of non-investment grade securities and, therefore, may not fully reflect the true risks of an investment. In addition, credit rating agencies may or may not make timely changes in a rating to reflect changes in the economy or in the conditions of the issuer that affect the market value of the security. Consequently, credit ratings are used only as a preliminary indicator of investment quality.

# Sub-Investment Grade Risk

A Fund may invest in sub-investment grade debt obligations. Investments in the sub-investment grade categories are subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest than higher-rated securities and may be considered to be predominantly speculative with respect to the obligor's capacity to pay interest and repay principal. They may be considered to be subject to greater risk than securities with higher ratings in the case of deterioration of general economic conditions. Because investors generally perceive that there are greater risks associated with sub-investment grade securities, the yields and prices of such securities may fluctuate more than those for higher-rated securities. The market for sub-investment grade securities may be smaller and less active than that for higher-rated securities, which may adversely affect the prices at which these securities can be sold and result in losses to a Fund, which, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on the performance of such Fund, and, by extension, the Fund's business, financial condition, results of operations and the value of the Interests. Sub-investment grade securities are also subject to the risk of default and are have a higher liquidity risk. Sub-investment grade investments that are also stressed or distressed heighten the risks discussed above.

#### **Loan Participations**

A Fund may invest in floating rate commercial loans arranged through private negotiations between a corporation or other type of entity and one or more financial institutions ("Lender"). Such investment is expected to be in the form of participations in, or assignment of, the loans ("Participations"). The Participations shall be liquid and will provide for interest rate adjustments at least every 397 days. They are subject to the risk of default by the underlying borrower and in certain circumstances to the credit risk of the Lender if the Participation only provides for the Fund having a contractual relationship with the Lender, not the borrower. In connection with purchasing Participations, a Fund may have no right to enforce compliance by the borrower. Thus, a Fund may not directly benefit from any collateral supporting the loan in which it has purchased Participations. A Fund will purchase such Participations only through recognised, regulated dealers.

# **Distressed Debt Securities Risk**

A Fund may invest in distressed debt securities. Investment in such distressed debt securities (which qualify as transferable securities) involves purchases of obligations of companies that are experiencing significant financial or business distress, including companies involved in bankruptcy or other reorganisation and liquidation proceedings. Although such purchases may result in significant investor returns, they involve a substantial degree of risk and may not show any return for a considerable period of time. Investments in distressed debt securities may also in certain cases result in the incurrence by a Fund of significant professional related fees and expenses, including those of a legal nature. In fact, many of these investments ordinarily remain unpaid unless and until the company reorganises and/or emerges from bankruptcy proceedings, and as a result may have to be held for an extended period of time. The level of analytical sophistication, both financial and legal, necessary for successful investment in companies experiencing significant business and financial distress is unusually high. There is no

assurance that the Investment Manager will correctly evaluate the nature and magnitude of the various factors that could affect the prospects for a successful reorganisation or similar action. In any reorganisation or liquidation proceeding relating to a company in which the Fund invests, an investor may lose its entire investment or may be required to accept cash or securities with a value less than the original investment. Under such circumstances, the returns generated from the investment may not compensate the Fund adequately for the risks assumed.

Investing in distressed debt can also impose duties on the Investment Manager which may conflict with duties which it owes to each Fund. A specific example of where the Investment Manager may have a conflict of interest is where it invests the assets of a Fund in a company in serious financial distress and where that investment leads to the Investment Manager investing further amounts of the Fund's assets in the company or taking an active role in advising the company, or one of the Investment Manager's employees becomes a director or other officer of the company. In such cases, the Investment Manager or its employee may have duties to the company and/or its members and creditors which may conflict with, or not correlate with, the interests of the Shareholders of a Fund. In such cases, and subject to the Investment Restrictions set out in Schedule 2 of the Prospectus, the Investment Manager may also have discretion to exercise any rights attaching to the Fund's investments in such a company. For the avoidance of doubt, the Investment Manager shall not intentionally hold or acquire any shares carrying voting rights in such companies, which would enable the Investment Manager to exercise significant influence over the management of such companies. The Investment Manager will take such steps as it considers necessary to resolve such potential conflicts of interest fairly.

#### **Subordinated Debt Risk**

A Fund may invest in subordinated debt. Subordinated debt is debt which, in the case of insolvency of the issuer, ranks after other debts in relation to repayment. Because subordinated debt is repayable after senior debts have been re-paid, the chance of receiving any repayment on insolvency is reduced and therefore subordinated debt represents a greater risk to the investor. Depending on the jurisdiction of the issuer, a financial regulator with supervisory authority may use statutory powers and deem the issuer of subordinated debt to have reached a point of non-viability, meaning that public intervention would be necessary. Under such conditions, subordinated debt securities may absorb losses prior to bankruptcy.

# **Unlisted Instruments**

For unlisted instruments, or over-the-counter derivative instruments, where two parties contract directly rather than through an exchange, a Fund will usually have a contractual relationship only with the counterparty of such unlisted instrument and not the reference obligor on the reference obligor with the terms of the reference obligation nor any rights of set-off against the reference obligor, may be subject to set-off rights exercised by the reference obligor against the counterparty or another person or entity, and generally will not have any voting or other contractual rights of ownership with respect to the reference obligation.

A Fund will not directly benefit from any collateral supporting the reference obligation and will not have the benefit of the remedies that would normally be available to a holder of such reference obligation. In addition, in the event of the insolvency of the counterparty, a Fund will be treated as a general creditor of such counterparty, and will not have any claim with respect to the reference obligation. Consequently, the Fund will be subject to the credit risk of the counterparty as well as that of the reference obligor. As a result, concentrations of over-the-counter derivative instruments entered into with any one counterparty will subject such Fund to an additional degree of risk with respect to defaults by such counterparty as well as by the reference obligor. Additionally, while the Investment Manager expects that the returns on an over-the-counter derivative instrument will generally reflect those of the related reference obligation, as a result of the terms of the over-the-counter derivative instrument and the assumption of the credit risk of the over-the-counter derivative instrument

counterparty, an over-the-counter derivative instrument may have a different expected return, a different (and potentially greater) probability of default and expected loss characteristics following a default, and a different expected recovery following default.

When compared to the reference obligation, the terms of an over-the-counter derivative instrument may provide for different maturities, distribution dates, interest rates, interest rate references, credit exposures, or other credit or non-credit related characteristics. Upon maturity, default, acceleration or any other termination (including a put or call) other than pursuant to a credit event (as defined therein) of the over-the-counter derivative instrument, the terms of the over-the-counter derivative instrument may permit or require the issuer of such over-the-counter derivative instrument to satisfy its obligations under the over-the-counter derivative instrument by delivering to a Fund securities other than the reference obligation or an amount different than the then current market value of the reference obligation.

#### Mortgage-Backed and Asset-Backed Securities

A Fund may invest in securities that represent an interest in a pool of mortgages ("**mortgage-backed securities**") and, subject to applicable law, credit card receivables, auto loans or other types of loans ("**asset-backed securities**"). Payments of principal and interest on the underlying loans are passed through to the holders of such securities over the life of the securities. Most mortgage-backed and assetbacked securities are subject to early prepayment of principal, which can be expected to accelerate during periods of declining interest rates. Such prepayments can usually be reinvested only at the lower yields then prevailing in the market. Therefore, during periods of declining interest rates, these securities are less likely than other fixed income obligations to appreciate in value and less effective at locking in a particular yield. On the other hand, mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities are subject to substantially the same risk of depreciation during periods of rising interest rates as other fixed income securities.

Asset-backed securities present certain credit risks that are not presented by mortgage-backed securities because asset-backed securities generally do not have the benefit of a security interest over the collateral that is comparable to mortgage assets. There is the possibility that, in some cases, recoveries on repossessed collateral may not be available to support payments on these securities.

# **Structured Notes**

A Fund may invest in structured notes. The values of the structured notes in which a Fund will invest may be linked to equities or debt instruments ("**reference instruments**"). These notes differ from other types of debt securities in several respects. The interest rate or principal amount payable at maturity may vary based on changes in the value of the reference instruments. A structured note may be positively or negatively indexed; that is, its value or interest rate may increase or decrease if the value of the reference instrument increases. Similarly, its value may increase or decrease if the value of the reference instrument decreases. Further, the change in the principal amount payable with respect to, or the interest rate of, a structured note may be a multiple of the percentage change (positive or negative) in the value of the instrument(s). Investments in structured notes involve certain risks, including the credit risk of the issuer and the normal risks of price changes in response to changes in interest rates. Further, in the case of certain structured notes, a decline or increase in the value of the reference instrument may cause the interest rate to be reduced to zero, and any further declines or increases in the reference instrument may then reduce the principal amount payable on maturity. Finally, these securities may be less liquid than other types of securities, and may be more volatile than their underlying reference instruments.

# Debt and Other Fixed Income Securities Generally

Debt and other fixed income securities include fixed and floating rate securities of any maturity. Fixed rate securities pay a specified rate of interest or dividends. Floating rate securities pay a rate that is

adjusted periodically by reference to a specified index or market rate. Fixed and floating rate securities include securities issued by governments and related agencies, and by a wide range of private issuers, and generally are referred to as "fixed income securities." Indexed bonds are a type of fixed income security whose principal value and/or interest rate is adjusted periodically according to a specified instrument, index, or other statistic (e.g., another security, inflation index, currency, or commodity). In addition, a Fund may create "synthetic" bonds (i.e. securities designed to mimic the cash flow and risk profile of a bond) which approximate desired risk and return profiles. A "synthetic bond" can contain items such as put and call options on bonds, bond futures, treasury bonds and credit default swaps. Investors should refer to the sections of the Prospectus entitled "Investment Techniques and Instruments" and "Derivative Risks" above for further details in respect of such derivatives. This may be done where a "non-synthetic" security having the desired risk/return profile either is unavailable (e.g., short-term securities of certain foreign governments) or possesses undesirable characteristics (e.g., interest payments on the security would be subject to withholding taxes).

Holders of fixed income securities are exposed to both market and credit risk. Market risk (or "interest rate risk") relates to changes in a security's value as a result of changes in interest rates. In general, the values of fixed income securities increase when interest rates fall and decrease when interest rates rise. Credit risk relates to the ability of an issuer to make payments of principal and interest. Obligations of issuers are subject to bankruptcy, insolvency and other laws that affect the rights and remedies of creditors. Fixed income securities denominated in foreign currencies also are subject to the risk of a decline in the value of the denominating currency.

Because interest rates vary, the future income of the Fund that invests in floating rate fixed income securities cannot be predicted with certainty. To the extent the Fund invests in indexed securities, the future income of the Fund also will be affected by changes in those securities' indices over time (e.g., changes in inflation rates, currency rates, or commodity prices).

A Fund may invest in a wide range of debt and fixed income instruments, including, but not limited to, asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities including commercial mortgage-backed securities and residential mortgage-backed securities, government securities and high yield securities, as described below.

# **Cash and Other High Quality Investments**

A Fund may invest a portion of its assets in cash or cash equivalents pending other investments or to maintain liquid assets required in connection with its investments. These cash equivalents and other high quality debt securities may include money market instruments, such as government-issued securities, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper, and bank certificates of deposit. If a custodian holds cash on behalf of the Fund, the Fund may be an unsecured creditor in the event of the insolvency of the custodian. In addition, the Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to such a custodian, which may be heightened to the extent the Fund takes a temporary defensive position.

#### **Investments in Money Market Funds**

A Fund may invest in daily dealing money market funds especially in periods when the Fund holds substantial cash balances. Daily dealing money market funds are not bank deposits or guaranteed by any governmental agency or by the promoter or investment manager of the fund.

#### **Government Securities**

A Fund may invest in or have exposure to all types of debt instruments. Government securities include securities issued or guaranteed by governments or their authorities, agencies, or instrumentalities or by supra-national agencies. Different kinds of government securities have different kinds of government support. For example, some foreign government securities are supported by the full faith and credit of a foreign national government or political subdivision and some are not. Foreign government securities of some countries may involve varying degrees of credit risk as a result of financial or political

instability in those countries or the possible inability of the Fund to enforce its rights against the foreign government. As with issuers of other fixed income securities, sovereign issuers may be unable or unwilling to satisfy their obligations to pay principal or interest payments.

Supra-national agencies are agencies whose member nations make capital contributions to support the agencies' activities. Examples include the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank), the Asian Development Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank.

As with other fixed income securities, government securities expose their holders to market risk because their values typically change as interest rates fluctuate. For example, the value of government securities may fall during times of rising interest rates. Yields on government securities tend to be lower than those of corporate securities of comparable maturities.

# **High Yield Securities**

A Fund may invest in or have exposure to high yield securities. Such securities are generally not exchange traded and as a result these instruments trade in the over-the-counter marketplace, which is less transparent than the exchange-traded marketplace (although it is a permitted market for UCITS such as the Fund). In addition, a Fund may invest in bonds of issuers that do not have publicly traded equity securities, making it more difficult to hedge the risks associated with such investments. High yield securities face ongoing uncertainties and exposure to adverse business, financial or economic conditions which could lead to the issuer's inability to meet timely interest and principal payment obligations. Companies that issue such securities are often highly leveraged and may not have available to them more traditional methods of financing. It is possible that a major economic recession could disrupt severely the market for such securities and may have an adverse impact on the value of such securities. In addition it is possible that any such economic downturn could adversely affect the ability of the issuers of such securities to repay principal and pay interest thereon and increase the incidence of default of such securities.

#### **Collateral Risk**

Cash received as collateral may be invested in other eligible securities, including shares of a short term money market fund in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. Investing this cash subjects that investment, as well as the securities loaned, to market appreciation or depreciation and the risks associated with such investments, such as failure or default of the issuer of the relevant security.

#### **Convertible Security Risk**

Convertible securities are bonds, debentures, notes, preferred stocks or other securities that may be converted into or exchanged for a specified amount of common stock of the same or a different issuer within a particular period of time at a specified price or formula. A convertible security entitles its holder to receive interest that is generally paid or accrued on debt or a dividend that is paid or accrued on preferred stock until the convertible security matures or is redeemed, converted or exchanged. Convertible securities have unique investment characteristics in that they generally: (i) have higher yields than common stocks, but lower yields than comparable non-convertible securities; (ii) are less subject to fluctuation in value than the underlying common stock due to their fixed-income characteristics; and (iii) provide the potential for capital appreciation if the market price of the underlying common stock increases.

The value of a convertible security is a function of its "investment value" (determined by its yield in comparison with the yields of other securities of comparable maturity and quality that do not have a conversion privilege) and its "conversion value" (the security's worth, at market value, if converted into the underlying common stock). The investment value of a convertible security is influenced by changes in interest rates, with investment value declining as interest rates increase and increasing as interest rates decline. The credit standing of the issuer and other factors may also have an effect on the

convertible security's investment value. The conversion value of a convertible security is determined by the market price of the underlying common stock. If the conversion value is low relative to the investment value, the price of the convertible security is governed principally by its investment value. To the extent the market price of the underlying common stock approaches or exceeds the conversion price, the price of the convertible security will be increasingly influenced by its conversion value. A convertible security generally will sell at a premium over its conversion value by the extent to which investors place value on the right to acquire the underlying common stock while holding a fixed income security. Generally, the amount of the premium decreases as the convertible security approaches maturity.

A convertible security may be subject to redemption at the option of the issuer at a price established in the convertible security's governing instrument. If a convertible security held by a Fund is called for redemption, the Fund will be required to permit the issuer to redeem the security, convert it into the underlying common stock or sell it to a third-party. Any of these actions could have an adverse effect on a Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective.

# Securities Lending / Securities Lending Risk

Securities lending, as applicable for a Fund, involves lending for a fee portfolio securities held by a Fund for a set period of time to willing, qualified borrowers who have posted collateral. In lending its securities, a Fund is subject to the risk that the borrower may not fulfil its obligations or go bankrupt leaving the Fund holding collateral worth less than the securities it has lent, resulting in a loss to the Fund.

As with any extensions of credit, there are risks of delay and recovery. Should the borrower of securities fail financially or default in any of its obligations under any securities lending transaction, the collateral provided in connection with such transaction will be called upon. However, a Fund could experience delays and costs in recovering the securities loaned or in gaining access to the collateral. The collateral will typically be maintained at a value of at least equal to the market value of any securities loaned. However in the event of a sudden market movement there is a risk that the value of the collateral may fall below the value of the securities transferred.

Any securities lending made with Connected Parties of the Depositary will be subject to the Conflicts of Interest section below. Please see the "Conflicts of Interest" section below.

## **Risks Associated with Investment in Other Collective Investment Schemes**

A Fund may invest in one or more collective investment schemes including schemes managed by the Investment Manager or its affiliates.

A Fund may invest in shares of both open-ended collective investment schemes (including money market funds and exchange traded funds) and closed-ended collective investment schemes. Investing in another collective investment scheme exposes a Fund to all the risks of that collective investment scheme.

As a shareholder of another collective investment scheme, a Fund would bear, along with other shareholders, its *pro rata* portion of the expenses of the other collective investment scheme, including management and/or other fees. These fees would be in addition to the management fees and other expenses which a Fund bears directly in connection with its own operations.

# FDI RELATED RISKS

#### **Derivative Risks**

While the prudent use of FDI, including securities embedding FDI, can be beneficial, FDI also involve risks different from, and in certain cases greater than, the risks presented by more traditional investments.

Each Fund may enter transactions in OTC markets that expose it to the credit of its counterparties and their ability to satisfy the terms of such contracts. Where the Funds enter into credit default swaps and other swap arrangements and derivative techniques, they will be exposed to the risk that the counterparty may default on its obligations to perform under the relevant contract. In the event of a bankruptcy or insolvency of a counterparty, the Funds could experience delays in liquidating the position and may incur a significant losses. There is also a possibility that ongoing FDI will be terminated unexpectedly as a result of events outside the control of the Investment Manager, for instance, bankruptcy, supervening illegality or a change in the tax or accounting laws relative to those transactions at the time the agreement was originated.

Other risks arise from the potential inability to terminate or sell FDI positions. A liquid secondary market may not always exist for a Fund's FDI positions at any time. In fact, many OTC FDIs will not be liquid and may not be able to be "closed out" when desired. OTC FDIs such as swap transactions also involve the risk that the other party will not meet its obligations to the Fund. The participants in "OTC" markets are typically not subject to credit evaluation and regulatory oversight as are members of "exchange based" markets, and there is no clearing corporation which guarantees the payment of required amounts. This exposes the Fund to risk that a counterparty will not settle a transaction in accordance with its terms and conditions because of a dispute over the terms of the contract (whether or not bona fide) or because of a credit or liquidity problem, thus causing the Fund to suffer a loss.

Since many FDIs have a leverage component, adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying asset, rate or index can result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. Certain FDIs have the potential for unlimited loss regardless of the size of the initial investment. If there is a default by the other party to any such transaction, there will be contractual remedies; however, exercising such contractual rights may involve delays or costs which could result in the value of the total assets of the related portfolio being less than if the transaction had not been entered. The swap market has grown substantially in recent years with a large number of banks and investment banking firms acting both as principals and as agents utilising standardised swap documentation. As a result, the swap market has become liquid but there can be no assurance that a liquid secondary market will exist at any specified time for any particular swap. Derivatives do not always perfectly or even highly correlate or track the value of the securities, rates or indices they are designed to track. Consequently, a Fund's use of derivative techniques may not always be an effective means of, and sometimes could be counter-productive to, the Fund's investment objective. An adverse price movement in a derivative position may require cash payments of variation margin by the Fund that might in turn require, if there is insufficient cash available in the portfolio, the sale of the Fund's investments under disadvantageous conditions. Also, there are legal risks involved in using FDIs which may result in loss due to the unexpected application of a law or regulation or because contracts are not legally enforceable or documented correctly.

#### **Interest Rate Swaps**

The Funds of the ICAV may invest in interest rate swaps. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange of the two parties' respective commitments to pay or receive interest on a notional principal amount (e.g., an exchange of floating rate payments for fixed rate payments). Interest rate swaps include, for example, inflation swaps.

A Fund will enter into swap transactions only with counterparties approved by the Investment Manager. If there is a default by the other party to such a transaction, a Fund will have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. Swaps generally do not involve the delivery of securities, other underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to these types of swaps is limited to the net amount of payments that the Fund is contractually obligated to make. In addition, because some swap agreements do not require the investment of principal, adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying asset, reference rate, or index can result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the swap itself. If the other party to a swap defaults, a Fund's risk of loss consists of the net amount of payments that a Fund is contractually entitled to receive. If there is a default by the counterparty, a Fund may have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. The swap market has grown substantially in recent years with a large number of banks and investment banking firms acting both as principals and as agents typically utilizing standardized swap documentation.

The use of swaps is a highly specialized activity which involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. If the Investment Manager is incorrect in its forecasts of market values, interest rates and other applicable factors, the investment performance of a Fund would diminish compared with what it would have been if these investment techniques were not used.

It is possible that government regulation of various types of derivative instruments, including swap agreements, may limit or prevent a Fund from using such instruments as part of its investment strategy, which could negatively impact that Fund. For example, the regulatory regime for derivatives, EMIR and the Dodd-Frank Act has and may further impose mandatory clearing, exchange-trading and margin requirements on many derivatives transactions (including formerly unregulated over the counter (OTC) derivatives) in which the Fund may engage. Nonetheless, the possible effect of EMIR and the Dodd-Frank Act may be to increase the overall costs of entering into derivatives transactions, such as swaps. In particular new margin requirements, position limits and capital charges, even if not directly applicable to a Fund, may cause an increase in the pricing of derivatives transactions sold by market participants to whom such requirements apply. Administrative costs, due to new requirements such as registration, recordkeeping, reporting, and compliance, even if not directly applicable to a Fund, may also be reflected in higher pricing of derivatives. New exchange-trading and trade-reporting requirements may lead to reductions in the liquidity of derivatives transactions, causing higher pricing or reduced availability of derivatives, or the reduction of arbitrage opportunities for a Fund, adversely affecting the performance of certain of that Fund's trading strategies.

Additional risk factors (if any) in respect of a Fund are set out in the Relevant Supplement for the relevant Fund.

# Options

There are various risks associated with transactions in exchange-traded and OTC options. The value of options written by a Fund will be affected by many factors, including changes in the value of underlying assets, changes in interest rates, changes in the actual or perceived volatility of the underlying assets, and the remaining time to an option's expiration. The value of an option also may be adversely affected if the market for the option is reduced or becomes less liquid. In addition, since an American style option allows the holder to exercise its rights any time prior to expiration of the option, the writer of an American style option has no control over the time when it may be required to fulfil its obligations as a writer of the option. This risk is not present when writing a European style option since the holder may only exercise the option on its expiration date.

The Funds' ability to use options as part of their investment programmes depends on the liquidity of the markets in those instruments. In addition, there can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist when a Fund seeks to close out an option position. If a Fund were unable to close out an option that it had purchased on an asset, it would have to exercise the option in order to realise any profit or the option

may expire worthless. As the writer of a call option on a portfolio asset, during the option's life, a Fund foregoes the opportunity to profit from increases in the market value of the security underlying the call option above the sum of the premium and the strike price of the call, but retains the risk of loss (net of premiums received) should the price of the underlying asset decline.

An exchange-traded option may be closed out by means of an offsetting transaction only on a securities exchange, which provides a secondary market for an option of the same class. If a liquid secondary market for an exchange-traded option does not exist, a Fund might not be able to effect an offsetting closing transaction for a particular option. Reasons for the absence of a liquid secondary market on an exchange include the following: (i) insufficient trading interest in some options; (ii) restrictions by an exchange on opening or closing transactions, or both; (iii) trading halts, suspensions, or other restrictions on particular classes of options or underlying securities; (iv) unusual or unforeseen interruptions in normal operations on an exchange; (v) inability to handle current trading volume; or (vi) discontinuance of options trading (or trading in a particular class of options) (although outstanding options on an exchange that were issued by the options clearing corporation should continue to be exercisable in accordance with their terms). In addition, the hours of trading for options on an exchange may not conform to the hours during which the securities held by a Fund are traded. To the extent that the options markets close before the markets for the underlying securities, significant price and rate movements can take place in the underlying markets that may not be reflected in the options markets.

An OTC option may be closed only with the counterparty, although either party may engage in an offsetting transaction that puts that party in the same economic position as if it had closed out the option with the counterparty; however, the exposure to counterparty risk may differ.

# **Forward Contracts**

Investment in forward contracts involves risk. The purchase and sale of forward contracts may be used for speculative purposes.

A purchase or sale of forward contracts may result in losses in excess of the amount invested in the forward contract. If a forward contract is used for hedging, an imperfect correlation between movements in the price of the forward contract and the price of the security, currency, or other investment being hedged creates risk. Correlation is higher when the investment being hedged underlies the forward contract. Correlation is lower when the investment being hedged is different than the security, currency, or other investment underlying the forward contract, such as when a forward contract on an index of securities is used to hedge a single security, a forward contract on one security is used to hedge a different security, or when a forward contract in one currency is used to hedge a security denominated in another currency.

A Fund may purchase forward contracts (or options on them) as an anticipatory hedge against a possible increase in the price of a currency in which securities the Fund anticipates purchasing is denominated. In such instances, the currency may instead decline. If a Fund does not then invest in those securities, the Fund may realise a loss on the forward contract that is not offset by a reduction in the price of the securities purchased.

Forward contracts are not market traded and they settle only on the pre-determined settlement date. This can result in deviations between forward prices and futures prices, especially in circumstances where interest rates and futures prices are positively correlated. In the absence of exchange trading and involvement of clearing houses, there are no standardised terms for forward contracts. Accordingly, the parties are free to establish such settlement times and underlying amounts of a security or currency as deemed desirable in a contractual agreement, which may vary from the standardised provisions available through any futures contract. Forward contracts, as two party obligations that are not generally collateralised and for which there is no secondary market, involve counterparty credit risk generally not present with futures.

# **Position (Market) Risk**

There is also a possibility that ongoing FDI will be terminated unexpectedly as a result of events outside the control of the Investment Manager, for instance, bankruptcy, supervening illegality or a change in the tax or accounting laws relative to those transactions at the time the agreement was originated.

# Liquidity Risk

A liquid secondary market may not always exist for a Fund's FDI positions at any time. In fact, many OTC instruments will not be liquid and may not be able to be "closed out" when desired. There is also a possibility that ongoing FDI transactions will be terminated unexpectedly as a result of events outside the control of the Investment Manager, for instance, bankruptcy, supervening illegality or a change in the tax or accounting laws relative to those transactions at the time the transactions were originated.

# Settlement Risk

A Fund is also subject to the risk of the failure of any of the exchanges on which the FDI are traded or of their clearing houses.

# **Correlation Risk**

FDI do not always perfectly or even highly correlate or track the value of the securities, rates or indices they are designed to track. Consequently, the use of FDI techniques may not always be an effective means of, and sometimes could be counter-productive to, a Fund's investment objective.

# Legal Risk

FDI also involve legal risk, the risk of loss due to the unexpected application of a law or regulation, or because contracts are not legally enforceable or documented correctly.

# Leverage

Subject to applicable regulatory constraints and any investment restrictions contained in this Prospectus, a Fund may use leverage in making investments. A Fund may obtain leverage by, among other methods, purchasing or entering into FDI that are inherently leveraged, such as options, forward contracts and swaps. The use of leverage increases risk and results in material interest expense. A Fund's use of leverage and FDI instruments results in certain additional risks. Leveraged investments, by their nature, increase the potential loss to investors resulting from any depreciation in the value of such investments. Consequently, a relatively small price movement in the security underlying a leveraged instrument may result in substantial losses. Furthermore, the use of leverage exposes a Fund to the risk of counterparties foreclosing on the collateral used to margin leveraged positions, resulting in materially increased losses on such positions. Access to leverage and financing could be impaired by many factors, including market forces or regulatory changes, and there can be no assurance that a Fund will be able to secure or maintain adequate leverage or financing.

#### **Risks of Trading Non-Deliverable FX Forwards**

A special type of FX forward contract is a non-deliverable forward contract ("**NDF**"). An NDF is a forward transaction in a non-convertible or restricted currency, which is settled against a freely convertible currency. All NDFs have a fixing date, whereby the trade is fixed at a settlement price one or two days prior to the value date of the trade, depending upon the currencies traded. This is done regardless of whether or not the trade has been offset.

When trading NDFs there are certain unique risks inherent in such transactions including, but not limited to, a "Disruption Event." The risk associated with such an event is that the amount due by a

client on the settlement date may vary due to the occurrence of such event, which would force the parties to the transaction to find an alternative basis for determining the settlement amount. Disruption Events that may occur with NDF transactions include, but are not limited to, general or specific default, inconvertibility, non-transferability and nationalization. If on any date upon which an NDF transaction is to be valued there has been or is continuing a Disruption Event, the settlement amount to be delivered may be adjusted by the counterparty, acting in good faith and in a reasonable manner. Such adjustments will result in changes to the prices at which such transactions were effected and such changes could be material.

The fixation of a trade at a settlement price, the determination of whether a Disruption Event has occurred and the settlement amount associated therewith are beyond the control of the Investment Manager.

Furthermore, in view of the specific characteristics of trading NDFs, usually a higher margin than for other forward contracts is required.

#### **Repurchase Agreements**

The value of the security purchased may be more or less than the price at which the counterparty has agreed to purchase the security. If the other party to a repurchase agreement should default, the Fund might suffer a delay or loss to the extent that the proceeds from the sale of the underlying securities and other collateral held by the Fund in connection with the repurchase agreement are less than the repurchase price. In addition, in the event, of bankruptcy or similar proceedings of the other party to the repurchase agreement or its failure to repurchase the securities as agreed, the Fund could suffer losses, including loss of interest on or principal of the security and costs associated with delay and enforcement of the repurchase agreement.

#### **Reverse Repurchase Agreements**

Reverse repurchase transactions involve risks in that (a) in the event of the failure of the counterparty with which cash of a Fund has been placed there is the risk that collateral received may realise less than the cash placed out, whether because of inaccurate pricing of the collateral, adverse market movements, a deterioration in the credit rating of issuers of the collateral, or the illiquidity of the market in which the collateral is traded; and that (b) (i) locking cash in transactions of excessive size or duration, (ii) delays in recovering cash placed out, or (iii) difficulty in realising collateral may restrict the ability of the Fund to meet redemption requests, security purchases or, more generally, reinvestment.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND VALUATION

#### Subscriptions

#### Share Classes

A list of the Share Classes available in respect of each Fund and the characteristics of each such Class are set out in the Relevant Supplement.

#### **Application Procedure**

Application Forms for Shares may be obtained from the Administrator. Eligible investors who have forwarded the completed Application Form in writing, via fax or via email, (or in such format or method as shall be agreed in writing in advance with the Administrator) and provided satisfactory proof of identification and source of wealth and/or funds to the Administrator before the Trade Cut-Off Time specified in the Relevant Supplement will be entitled to purchase Shares with the original Application Form to follow by post.

The ICAV or the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV will only accept applications for Shares that it considers clear and complete. An application will be considered complete only if the ICAV or the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV has received all information and supporting documentation it deems necessary to process the application. Applications for Shares will not be deemed to be complete until all anti-money laundering procedures have been completed.

The ICAV or the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV may delay the acceptance of unclear or incomplete applications until the receipt of all necessary information and supporting documentation in a form satisfactory to the ICAV or the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV. Unclear or incomplete applications may lead to delays in their execution. The ICAV or Administrator will not accept liability for any loss suffered by applicants as a result of unclear or incomplete applications. No interest will be paid to applicant investors on subscription proceeds received by the ICAV prior to receiving clear and complete applications.

Where a subscription is being made through a regulated intermediary, and the intermediary operates within an EEA jurisdiction or a third country that has anti-money laundering/ terrorist financing no less robust than those equivalent to Ireland, is effectively supervised for compliance with those anti money laundering/ terrorist financing requirements and the Administrator and the ICAV has taken risk sensitive steps to be satisfied that the money laundering/terrorist financing risk associated with the intermediary is low and that the intermediary applies robust and risk-sensitive customer due diligence on its own customers and that the intermediary will provide all customer due diligence information immediately upon request.

The Administrator may be entitled to apply simplified customer due diligence to such an investor; where applicable the Administrator may rely on written representations from the regulated intermediary with respect to the underlying prospective investor, but will also have to conduct ongoing monitoring of the investor for anti-money laundering purposes. Applicants may contact the Administrator in order to determine whether they meet the above exceptions.

The ICAV and the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV reserve the right to reject any application for Shares, in whole or in part, in its absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefor.

Once an application for Shares has been received by the Administrator, it is irrevocable and binding on the investor. An application for Shares may be cancelled or modified only at the discretion of the Directors in consultation with the Manager, as appropriate, having received a written request for cancellation or modification from the relevant investor prior to the Trade Cut-Off Time. Any application received by the Administrator after the Trade Cut-Off Time shall be held in abeyance and shall be effective on the next succeeding Dealing Day. However, the ICAV may, in certain circumstances (as determined by the Directors in consultation with the Manager, as appropriate), decide to accept an application received by the Administrator after the Trade Cut-Off Time but before the Valuation Point. Cleared funds must be received from an account in the name of the registered investor of the shares.

The ICAV may issue fractional shares rounded to two decimal places. Fractional shares shall not carry any voting rights.

#### Initial Subscriptions

Initial subscriptions may be made by way of submitting a signed Application Form in writing, via fax or via email, (or in such format or method as shall be agreed in writing in advance with the Administrator) by the Trade Cut-Off Time with the original Application Form to follow by post. All supporting anti-money laundering documentation must be promptly received. Applications for Shares will not be deemed to be complete until all anti-money laundering procedures have been completed. No redemption payments may be made until all required anti-money laundering documentation has been

received, together with the original Application Form, from the investor and all anti-money laundering procedures have been carried out to the satisfaction of the ICAV and its delegates.

# Subsequent Subscriptions

Subsequent subscriptions (i.e., subsequent to an initial subscription for Shares within a Fund) may be made by submitting a written instruction to the Administrator by the Trade Cut-Off Time in writing, via fax or via email or electronically (or in such format or method as shall be agreed in writing in advance with the Administrator) and subject to and in accordance with the requirements of the Administrator and the Central Bank. Subscription requests received subsequent to the Trade Cut-Off Time shall be effective on the next succeeding Dealing Day. However, the ICAV may, in exceptional circumstances (as determined by the Directors in consultation with the Manager, as appropriate), decide to accept a subscription request received by the Administrator after the Trade Cut-Off Time but before the Valuation Point.

# Anti-Money Laundering Procedures

Measures aimed at the prevention of money laundering may require an applicant to provide verification of identity to the Administrator. Individual and corporate entities will be required to provide anti-money laundering documentation as requested by the ICAV and the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV. In addition, if the applicant is an entity, it may be required to provide evidence that its constitutional documents permit it to make investments in securities such as the ICAV, that all appropriate action has been taken to authorize its investment, and that the person(s) executing the Application Form on its behalf has (have) the authority to do so.

Politically exposed persons ("**PEPs**"), an individual who is or has, at any time in the preceding year, been entrusted with prominent public functions, and immediate family member, or persons known to be close associates of such persons, must also be identified.

The ICAV and the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV reserves the right to request such information as is necessary to verify the identity of an applicant and the source of its subscription funds and, generally, to comply with applicable laws and regulations on anti-money laundering and counter terrorism financing and their internal policies and procedures. In the event of delay or failure by the applicant to produce any information required for verification purposes, the ICAV and the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV may refuse to accept the application and return all subscription monies or compulsory redeem such Shareholder's Shares and/or payment of Redemption Proceeds may be delayed and none of the Funds, the Directors, the Investment Manager, the Depositary or the Administrator shall be liable to the subscriber or Shareholder where an application for Shares is not processed or Shares are compulsorily redeemed in such circumstances. If an application is rejected, the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV will return application monies or the balance thereof by wire transfer in accordance with any applicable laws to the account from which it was paid at the cost and risk of the applicant. The ICAV and the Administrator acting on behalf of the requisite information for verification purposes has not been produced by a Shareholder.

The Administrator and the Funds shall be indemnified and held harmless against any loss arising as result of a failure to process an application for Shares or redemption request, if such information and documentation has been requested by the ICAV and the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV and has not been provided by the applicant. Furthermore the Directors or the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV also reserve the right to refuse to make any redemption payment or distribution to a Shareholder if any of the Directors or the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV suspects or is advised that the payment of any redemption or distribution moneys to such Shareholder might result in a breach or violation of any applicable anti-money laundering or other laws or regulations by any person in any relevant jurisdiction, or such refusal is considered necessary or appropriate to ensure the

compliance by the Funds, the Directors or the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV with any such laws or regulations in any relevant jurisdiction

#### **Subscription Price**

During the Initial Offer Period, the initial subscription price per Share of a Fund shall be the Initial Offer Price. Following the Initial Offer Period, Shares will be issued at the Subscription Price per Share of the relevant Class referable to the relevant Dealing Day.

The ICAV or its delegate may make an adjustment by way of an addition to the subscription amount which may be reflected in the Subscription Price when there are net subscriptions to include an Anti-Dilution Levy which the Investment Manager considers represents an appropriate figure to cover dealing costs (including Duties and Charges) and/or to preserve the value of the underlying assets of the relevant Fund. Any such Anti-Dilution Levy shall be retained for the benefit of the relevant Fund.

A Subscription Charge of up to 5% of the Subscription Price may be charged if provided for in the Supplement for the relevant Fund.

Subscriptions for Shares must be made in the relevant Class Currency. Investors should transmit cleared funds representing the subscription monies for initial or subsequent applications for Shares by wire transfer to the relevant accounts set out in the Application Form so that the monies are received in the ICAV's account by the relevant Settlement Time. Cleared funds must be received from an account in the name of the registered investor of the shares. If payment for a subscription is not received by the relevant Settlement Time, a subscription may be cancelled or the investor may be charged interest on the outstanding subscription monies at normal commercial rates. In such an event, the individual investor may be held liable for any loss to a Fund.

Applications for Shares by *in specie* transfer may be made by agreement with the Directors in consultation with the Manager and Investment Manager, as appropriate, on a case-by-case basis and subject to the approval of the Depositary. The Depositary must be satisfied that there is unlikely to be any material prejudice to the existing Shareholders of the ICAV. In such cases, the ICAV shall issue Shares in exchange for investments which the ICAV may acquire in accordance with its investment objectives, policies and restrictions and may hold or sell, dispose of or otherwise convert such securities into cash. No Shares shall be issued until the investments are vested in the Depositary or its nominee. Any such exchange of Shares for investments shall be effected upon the terms (including provision for paying any expenses of exchange and any preliminary charge) as would have been payable for Shares issued for cash. The number of Shares to be issued shall not exceed the number of Shares which would have been issued against payment of a sum equal to the value of the investments concerned calculated on the same basis as the valuation of Shares that would have been issued for cash provided however that such sum may be adjusted by such amount as the Directors consider represents an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges in respect of costs which would have been incurred by the ICAV in the acquisition of the investments.

#### Written Confirmations of Ownership

The Administrator shall be responsible for maintaining the ICAV's register of Shareholders in which all issues, redemptions, conversions and transfers of Shares will be recorded. Contract notes for all investor trades will be issued, along with regular account statements confirming ownership. Shares shall be in registered form. The Administrator shall not issue a Share certificate in respect of Shares. A Share may be registered in a single name or in up to four joint names. The register of Shareholders shall be available for inspection upon reasonable notice at the registered office of the ICAV during normal business hours where a Shareholder may inspect only his entry on the register.

# **Limitation on Purchases**

Shares may not be issued or sold by the ICAV during any period when the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund is suspended in the manner described under Suspension of Calculation of Net Asset Value below. Applicants for Shares will be notified of such postponement and, unless withdrawn, their applications will be considered as at the next Dealing Day following the end of such suspension.

Shares may not be directly or indirectly offered or sold in the U.S. or purchased or held by or for the benefit of U.S. Persons (unless the ICAV determines (i) the transaction is permitted under an exemption from registration available under the securities laws of the U.S. and (ii) that the relevant Fund and ICAV continue to be entitled to an exemption from registration as an investment company under the securities laws of the U.S. if such person holds Shares).

Other limits on subscriptions may be set out in the Relevant Supplement for a Fund.

# **Beneficial Ownership Regulations**

The ICAV may also request such information (including by means of statutory notices) as may be required for the establishment and maintenance of the ICAV's beneficial ownership register in accordance with the Beneficial Ownership Regulations.

It should be noted that a Beneficial Owner has, in certain circumstances, obligations to notify the ICAV in writing of relevant information as to his/her status as a Beneficial Owner and any changes thereto (including where a Beneficial Owner has ceased to be a Beneficial Owner). Under the Beneficial Ownership Regulations, the ICAV shall be obliged to file certain information on its Beneficial Owners (including name, nationality, country of residence, social security number (which shall be displayed in hashed form only) and details of the interest held in the ICAV) with a central register which will be accessible to the public.

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

#### **Data Protection Information**

Prospective investors should note that by completing the Application Form they are providing information to the ICAV, which may constitute "personal data" within the meaning of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) ("GDPR") became effective on 25 May 2018 and is directly applicable in all EU member states.

This data will be used for the specific purposes set out in the Data Privacy Notice which include but are not limited to client identification, the management and administration of investors holding in the ICAV, in order to comply with any applicable legal, taxation or regulatory requirements. Personal data provided to the ICAV (which may include where relevant personal data of persons connected with a corporate Shareholder such as directors, beneficial owners, representatives, etc.) may be disclosed to such third parties as identified in the Data Privacy Notice including regulatory bodies, tax authorities, service providers of the ICAV such as the Administrator, the Investment Manager, the Depositary etc., delegates and advisors of the ICAV and their or the ICAV's duly authorised agents and any of their respective related, associated or affiliated companies wherever located (including to countries outside the EEA which may not have the same data protection laws as in Ireland) for the purposes specified.

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

may apply. Where a Shareholder is required to give his/her consent to the processing of personal data for certain specific purposes, that Shareholder may withdraw this consent at any time.

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

It should also be noted that service providers of the ICAV may act as data controllers of the personal data provided to the ICAV in certain circumstances. In such instances, all rights afforded to Shareholders as data subjects under the GDPR shall be exercisable by a Shareholder against that service provider as the data controller of his/her personal data.

A copy of the data privacy statement of the ICAV is available from the registered office of the ICAV. A full list of data protection requirements and consents are detailed in the data protection section of the Data Privacy Notice.

#### Redemptions

# **Redemption Requests**

Shares may be redeemed on a Dealing Day by submitting a signed redemption form to the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV by the Trade Cut-Off Time for that Dealing Day. The redemption request may be in writing, by fax or electronically (in such format or method as shall be agreed in writing in advance with the Administrator) and subject to and in accordance with the requirements of the Administrator and the Central Bank.

In the case of redemption requests, payment will only be made to the account of record and only where the account has been deemed to be in good order by the Administrator. Any failure by a Shareholder to supply the ICAV or the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV with any documentation requested by them for anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing purposes will result in a delay in the settlement of redemption proceeds or dividend monies.

Redemption requests received subsequent to the Trade Cut-Off Time for that Dealing Day shall be effective on the next succeeding Dealing Day. However, the ICAV may, in exceptional circumstances (as determined by the Directors in consultation with the Manager, as appropriate), decide to accept a redemption request received by the Administrator after the Trade Cut-Off Time but before the Valuation Point.

Amendments to an investor's registration details and payment instructions will only be effected on receipt of original documentation or electronic instruction.

#### **Redemption Price**

The Redemption Price at which Shares will be redeemed on a Dealing Day will be the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class referable to the relevant Dealing Day.

A Redemption Charge of up to 3% of the Redemption Price may be charged by the ICAV for payment to the Fund if provided for in the Relevant Supplement.

The ICAV, or its delegate, may make an adjustment by way of a deduction from the Redemption Price or the Redemption Proceeds when there are net redemptions to include an Anti-Dilution Levy that the Investment Manager considers represents an appropriate figure to cover dealing costs (including Duties and Charges) and to preserve the value of the underlying assets of the relevant Fund. Any such Anti-Dilution Levy shall be retained for the benefit of the relevant Fund. All payments of Redemption Proceeds shall be made by the relevant Settlement Time. The Redemption Proceeds shall be sent by wire transfer at the Shareholder's expense to the Shareholder's bank account, details of which shall be set out by the Shareholder in the application form and to the account originally designated by the Shareholder at the time of the subscription, unless the Shareholder has previously notified the Administrator in writing of a different account in the name of the Shareholder. Redemption Proceeds cannot be released until the signed Application Form and all documents required in connection with the obligation to prevent money laundering have been received by the Administrator and all antimoney laundering procedures have been completed satisfactorily. Redemption Proceeds shall typically be paid in the named currency of the relevant Class of Shares. However, upon the request of the Shareholder, the ICAV, in consultation with the Administrator, may at its discretion pay the equivalent amount of Redemption Proceeds in a different currency. The Administrator will not carry out any payments to a third party.

Any failure to supply the ICAV or the Administrator with any documentation requested by them for anti-money laundering or anti-fraud purposes may result in a delay in the settlement of Redemption Proceeds or dividend monies. In such circumstances, the Administrator will process any redemption request received by a Shareholder, however the proceeds of that redemption or the sums payable by way of dividends to the Shareholder shall remain an asset of the Fund and the Shareholder will rank as a general creditor of the ICAV until such time as the Administrator is satisfied that its anti-moneylaundering and anti-fraud procedures have been fully complied with, following which Redemption Proceeds or dividend monies will be released.

At the discretion of the ICAV in consultation with the Manager and Investment Manager, as appropriate, and with the consent of the Shareholder making such redemption request, assets may be transferred to a Shareholder in satisfaction of the Redemption Proceeds payable on the redemption of Shares. The value thereof shall not exceed the amount which otherwise would have been payable on a cash redemption provided however that such value may be adjusted by such amount as the ICAV may consider represents an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges in respect of costs which would have been incurred by the ICAV as a result of the direct transfer by the ICAV of the investments and/or by such amount as the Directors may consider represents an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges in respect of costs which would have been incurred by the ICAV in the disposition of the investments to be transferred. The shortfall (if any) between the value of the investments transferred on a redemption in specie and the Redemption Proceeds which would have been payable on a cash redemption shall be satisfied in cash. Any decline in the value of the investments to be transferred in settlement of a redemption between the relevant Dealing Day and the day on which investments are delivered to the redeeming Shareholder shall be borne by the redeeming Shareholder. The Depositary must be satisfied that there is unlikely to be any material prejudice to the existing Shareholders. Where a redemption request represents 5% or more of the Net Asset Value of a Fund, the ICAV and/or the Manager may satisfy the redemption request by the transfer of assets in specie to the Shareholder without the Shareholder's consent. The allocation of any such assets shall be subject to the approval of the Depositary. At the request of the relevant Shareholder making such redemption request such assets may be sold by the ICAV and the net proceeds of sale shall be transmitted to the Shareholder. The transaction costs incurred in the sale of the assets will be payable by the Shareholder.

#### **Limitations on Redemptions**

The ICAV may not redeem Shares of any Fund during any period when the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund is suspended in the manner described under the section entitled "Suspension of Calculation of Net Asset Value" below. Applicants for redemptions of Shares will be notified of such postponement and, unless withdrawn, their applications will be considered as at the next Dealing Day following the ending of such suspension.

The Directors may at their discretion in consultation with the Manager, as appropriate, limit the number of Shares of a Fund redeemed on any Dealing Day to Shares representing 10% or more of the total number of Shares in the Fund or Shares representing 10% or more of the Net Asset Value of that Fund

on that Dealing Day. In this event, the limitation will apply pro rata so that all Shareholders wishing to have Shares of that Fund redeemed on that Dealing Day realise the same proportion of such Shares. Shares not redeemed, but which would otherwise have been redeemed, will be carried forward for redemption on the next Dealing Day subject always to the foregoing limit. If requests for redemptions are so carried forward, the Administrator will inform the Shareholders affected.

## **Mandatory Redemption of Shares**

If a redemption causes a Shareholder's holding in the ICAV to fall below the Minimum Holding, the ICAV may redeem the whole of that Shareholder's holding. Before doing so, the ICAV shall notify the Shareholder in writing and allow the Shareholder 30 days to purchase additional Shares to meet the Minimum Holding.

Shareholders are required to notify the Administrator and the ICAV immediately in the event that they become U.S. Persons. Shareholders who become U.S. Persons may be required to dispose of their Shares to non-U.S. Persons on the next Dealing Day thereafter unless the Shares are held pursuant to an exemption which would allow them to hold the Shares. The ICAV reserves the right to redeem or require the transfer of any Shares which are or become owned, directly or indirectly, by a U.S. Person or other person if the holding of the Shares by such other person is unlawful or, in the opinion of the Directors, the holding might result in the ICAV or the Shareholders as a whole incurring any liability to taxation or suffering pecuniary or material administrative disadvantage which the ICAV or the Shareholders as a whole might not otherwise suffer or incur.

Additional circumstances when Shares may be compulsorily redeemed by the ICAV are set out in the ICAV's Instrument of Incorporation.

Any outstanding proceeds of such compulsory redemption will not be paid unless the original Application Form signed by or on behalf of the Shareholder has been received by the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV and all documentation required by the Administrator, including any document in connection with the AML Acts or other requirements and/or any anti-money laundering procedures have been completed.

# TRANSFER OF SHARES

All transfers of Shares shall be effected by transfer in writing in any usual or common form and every form of transfer shall state the full name and address of the transferor and the transferee, together with the account number of the transferor. The instrument of transfer of a Share shall be signed by or on behalf of the transferor and the original form must be submitted to the Administrator. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the Share until the name of the transferee is entered in the Share register in respect thereof. Where the transferee is not an existing Shareholder in the Fund, the transferee must complete an Application Form and comply with the relevant anti-money laundering procedures.

The ICAV or the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV will only accept a transfer of Shares that it considers clear and complete. Transfer of shares will be considered complete only if the ICAV or the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV has received all information and supporting documentation it deems necessary to process the share transfer. Transfer of shares will not be deemed to be complete until all anti-money laundering procedures have been completed on the transferor and the transferee.

The Directors may decline to register any transfer of Shares including if in consequence of such transfer the transferor or transferee would hold less than the Minimum Initial Subscription for the relevant Fund or would otherwise infringe the restrictions on holding Shares outlined above. The registration of transfers may be suspended at such times and for such periods as the Directors may from time to time determine, provided always that such registration shall not be suspended for more than 30 days in any year. The Directors may decline to register any transfer of Shares unless the instrument of transfer is deposited at the registered office of the ICAV or at such other place as the Directors may reasonably require together with such other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer. Such evidence may include a declaration that the proposed transferee is not a U.S. Person and that upon transfer the Shares will not be held by or for the account of any U.S. Person.

# **CONVERSION OF SHARES**

With the consent of the Directors, a Shareholder may convert Shares of one Fund into Shares of another Fund upon giving notice to the Administrator in such form as the Administrator may require provided that the shareholding satisfies the minimum investment criteria and provided that the original application is received within the time limits specified above in the case of subscriptions. Conversion is not intended to facilitate short-term or excessive trading. The conversion is effected by arranging for the redemption of Shares of one Fund and subscribing for the Shares of the other Fund with the proceeds.

Conversion will take place in accordance with the following formula:

$$NS = \frac{(A \times B - [TC] \times C)}{D}$$

where:

NS	=	the number of Shares which will be issued in the new Fund;
А	=	the number of the Shares to be converted;
В	=	the redemption price of the Shares to be converted;
C	=	the currency conversion factor (if any) as determined by the Directors;
D	=	the issue price of Shares in the new Fund on the relevant Dealing Day; and
TC	=	the transaction charge incurred in connection with the proposed transaction which shall not in any event exceed 5% of the Net Asset Value per Share.

If NS is not an integral number of Shares the Directors reserve the right to issue fractional Shares in the new Fund or to return the surplus arising to the Shareholder seeking to convert the Shares.

A Conversion Charge of up to 3% of the Redemption Price of the Shares being converted may be charged if provided for in the Relevant Supplement.

The length of time for completion of a conversion will vary depending on the Funds involved and the time when the conversion is initiated. In general, the length of time for completion of a conversion will depend upon the time required to obtain payment of Redemption Proceeds from the Fund whose Shares are being acquired. As the conversion of Shares requires the consent of the Directors, once a request is made the need for such consent may result in Shares being converted on a Dealing Day subsequent to the Dealing Day on which the Shareholder initially wished to have the Shares converted.

# **Limitations on Conversions**

Shares may not be converted for Shares of a different Class during any period when the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund or Funds is suspended in the manner described under the section entitled "Suspension of Calculation of Net Asset Value" below. Applications for the conversion

of Shares will be notified of such postponement and, unless withdrawn, their applications will be considered as at the next Dealing Day following the ending of such suspension.

If on any Dealing Day a Fund receives aggregate requests for the redemption of Shares, including the redemption part of a conversion of Shares, the value of which amounts to 10% or more of the outstanding Shares in issue of that Fund or Shares representing 10% or more of the Net Asset Value of that Fund on that Dealing Day, the ICAV or the Manager may elect to restrict the total number of Shares redeemed to 10% of the outstanding Shares in issue of such Fund or Shares representing 10% or more of the Net Asset Value of that Fund on that Dealing Day, as applicable, in which case requests will be scaled down pro rata. The balance will be redeemed or converted, as applicable, on the next appropriate Dealing Day whereby redemptions will be processed at the Redemption Price prevailing on that subsequent Dealing Day and conversions will be processed in accordance with the general rules for conversions, in each case subject to the repeated application of the 10% restriction if necessary.

# GENERAL TRADING PRACTICES AND INFORMATION

#### **Operation of the Subscription and Redemption Collection Accounts**

The ICAV has established individual collection accounts at a sub-fund level (the "**Cash Collection Accounts**"). All subscriptions into and redemptions and distributions due from the Funds will be paid into the relevant Cash Collection Accounts.

Pending the issue of Shares, and pending payment of redemption proceeds or distributions, such monies in the Cash Collection Account are assets of the relevant Fund, and the relevant investor will be an unsecured creditor of the Fund in respect of amounts paid by or due to it.

All subscriptions (including subscriptions received in advance of the issue of Shares) attributable to, and all redemptions, dividends or cash distributions payable from a Fund will be channelled and managed through the Cash Collection Account in respect of the relevant Fund. Redemptions and distributions, including blocked redemptions or distributions, will be held in the relevant Cash Collection Account until payment due date (or such later date as blocked payments are permitted to be paid), and will then be paid to the relevant or redeeming Shareholder.

The Cash Collection Accounts have been opened in the name of each Fund with the relevant bank set out in the subscription application form for that Fund. The Depositary will be responsible for safe-keeping and oversight of the monies in the Cash Collection Accounts.

Failure to provide the necessary complete and accurate documentation, and/or to make payment into the correct Cash Collection Account, is at the investor's risk.

It is important for those subscribing in a Fund to understand that, in respect of any subscription monies that have been provided after the Settlement Time, the application for Shares in a Fund may be rejected by the ICAV in which case the subscription monies or balance thereof will normally be returned to the applicant within five working days of the date of the rejection of the application without interest. In the event that an investor fails to provide the subscription monies within the timeframe stipulated in this Prospectus, the investor may be required to indemnify the Fund against the liabilities that may be incurred by it. The ICAV may cancel any Shares that have been issued to the investor and charge the investor interest and other expenses incurred by the relevant Fund. In the event that the ICAV is unable to recoup such amounts from the defaulting investor, the relevant Fund may incur losses or expenses in anticipation of receiving such amounts, for which the relevant Fund, and consequently its Shareholders, may be liable.

Redeeming investors will cease to be Shareholders of the redeemed Shares from the relevant Dealing Day. Redemption and dividend payments will, pending payment to the relevant Shareholders, be held in the relevant Cash Collection Account. Redeeming investors and investors entitled to dividend

payments held in the relevant Cash Collection Account will be unsecured creditors of the relevant Fund with respect to those monies. Where the redemption and dividend payments cannot be transferred to the relevant investors, for example where the investors have failed to supply such information as is required to allow the ICAV to comply with its obligations under applicable anti-money laundering and counter terrorist legislation, the redemption and dividend payments will be retained in the relevant Fund Account and investors should address the outstanding issues promptly. Redeeming investors will not benefit from any appreciation in the Net Asset Value of the Fund or any other Shareholder rights (including, without limitation, the entitlement to future dividends) in respect of such amounts.

## Withholdings and Deductions

The ICAV may be required to account for tax on any distribution or the value of the Shares deemed or actually disposed of, repurchased or transferred at the applicable rate unless it has received from the recipient or the transferor a declaration in the prescribed form confirming that the Shareholder is not a Shareholder in respect of whom it is necessary to deduct tax. In the event that the ICAV is required to deduct, withhold or account for tax on a disposal of Shares by a Shareholder, upon the payment of a distribution to a Shareholder (whether in cash or otherwise) or in any other circumstances in which a taxation liability arises, the Directors or their delegate, shall be entitled to arrange for the redemption and cancellation of such number of the Shares of such Shareholder as is sufficient, after the deduction of any redemption fees to discharge any such tax liability and the Directors may decline to register a transferee as a Shareholder until such time as they receive from the transferee such declarations as to residency or status as they may require. Where the ICAV redeems any Shares held by a Shareholder in respect of which the ICAV is required to account for, deduct or withhold taxation, the ICAV shall be entitled to deduct from the Redemption Proceeds such amount of taxation as the ICAV is required to account for, deduct or withhold.

#### **Portfolio Holdings Information**

In addition, information regarding the Funds' investments, such as asset class exposure, sector and geographic allocation, may be made available to any Shareholder on a periodic basis by request to the Investment Manager.

Any publication of a list of Fund investments or portfolio information shall be for information purposes only and does not form part of this Prospectus. There will be an appropriate time-lag between the purchase/sale of the relevant Fund's investments and the time at which such publication occurs. Such information is provided on the understanding that the recipient shall keep it secret and confidential, shall not disclose or disseminate it directly or indirectly to any third party and shall not use or exploit it except in connection with its own analysis of a Fund's portfolio. The ICAV, the Manager and the Investment Manager do not make any warranty or representation concerning the accuracy or completeness of such information. Such information is intended for information purposes only and should not be used by the recipient for the purposes of market timing or seeking to gain an unfair advantage.

#### **Share Price Information**

Except where the determination of the Net Asset Value has been temporarily suspended in the circumstances described below, the information regarding the Net Asset Value per Share shall be available upon request from the Administrator and shall be published on the website <u>www.cifc.com</u> and will be up-to-date as of the previous Dealing Day and is published for information purposes only. It is not an invitation to subscribe for, redeem or convert Shares at that Net Asset Value per Share.

#### **Data Protection Notice**

Shareholders should note that they may provide personal information, which may constitute "personal data" within the meaning of the Data Protection Legislation.

Shareholders' personal data will be used by the ICAV for the following purposes:

- to manage and administer a Shareholder's holding in the ICAV and any related accounts on an ongoing basis in accordance with the contract between the Shareholder and the ICAV;
- to carry out statistical analysis and market research as the ICAV's legitimate business interest; and
- to comply with legal and regulatory obligations applicable to the investor and the ICAV from time to time including applicable anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing legislation. In particular, in order to comply with the information reporting regimes set out in Section 891C and Section 891E to Section 891G (inclusive) of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (as amended) and regulations made pursuant to those sections, Shareholders' personal data (including financial information) may be shared with the Irish Revenue Commissioners. The Revenue Commissioners in turn may exchange information (including personal data and financial information) with foreign tax authorities (including the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and foreign tax authorities located outside the European Economic Area). Please consult the AEOI (Automatic Exchange of Information) webpage on www.revenue.ie for further information in this regard.

Where processing is carried out on behalf of the ICAV, the ICAV shall engage a data processor, within the meaning of Data Protection Legislation, which provides sufficient guarantees to implement appropriate technical and organizational security measures in a manner that such processing meets the requirements of Data Protection Legislation, and ensures the protection of the rights of investors. For example, the Administrator may process personal data relating to the shareholder of the ICAV for the purposes of providing services to the ICAV, performing its legal and regulatory obligations and conducting financial crime risk management and other activities, including disclosing those data to the Fund and to third parties and transferring them internationally. The ICAV will enter into a written contract with the data processor which will set out the data processor's specific mandatory obligations laid down in Data Protection Legislation, including to process personal data only in accordance with the documented instructions from the ICAV. Shareholders' personal data may be transferred to countries which may not have the same or equivalent data protection laws as Ireland. If such transfer occurs, the ICAV is required to ensure that such processing of shareholders' personal data is in compliance with Data Protection Legislation and, in particular, that appropriate measures are in place such as entering into model contractual clauses (as published by the European Commission) or ensuring that the recipient is "Privacy Shield" certified, if appropriate.

Pursuant to the Data Protection Legislation, shareholders have a number of rights which may be exercised in respect of their personal data, *i.e.*:

- the right of access to personal data held by the ICAV;
- the right to amend and rectify any inaccuracies in personal data held by the ICAV;
- the right to erase personal data held by the ICAV;
- the right to data portability of personal data held by the ICAV;
- the right to request restriction of the processing of personal data held by the ICAV; and
- the right to object to processing of personal data by the ICAV.

These rights will be exercisable subject to limitations as provided for in the Data Protection Legislation. In certain circumstances it may not be feasible for the ICAV to discharge these rights, for example because of the structure of the ICAV or the manner in which the Shareholder holds Shares in a Fund. Shareholders may make a request to the ICAV to exercise these rights.

Please note that personal data may be retained by the ICAV for the duration of a shareholder's investment and afterwards in accordance with the ICAV's legal and regulatory obligations, including but not limited to the ICAV's record retention policy.

The ICAV is a data controller within the meaning of the Data Protection Legislation and undertakes to hold any personal information provided by Shareholders in confidence and in accordance with the Data Protection Legislation. For queries, requests or comments in respect of this notice or the way in which the ICAV uses Shareholders' personal data, Shareholders may contact the Directors at the registered office of the ICAV.\_Shareholders have the right to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner if they are dissatisfied with the manner in which their personal data is used by the ICAV.

# **Other Data Controllers**

The Administrator may use the information provided by the Shareholder in order to obtain information it requires in relation to a prospective investment in another fund. The Administrator may consider itself a data controller with respect to this activity.

The Administrator and MLRO may make a report to An Garda Síochana (the Irish Police) and the Irish Revenue where it has a suspicion of money laundering or terrorist financing offence a suspicious activity. Where the Administrator makes such a report for itself, not with respect to a Shareholder, it may consider itself a data controller with respect to this activity. The legal basis for making such disclosure is to comply with a legal requirement.

The Depositary may consider itself a data controller with respect to personal data it receives in the performance of its oversight services with respect to a Fund. The legal basis for obtaining such data is to comply with a legal requirement.

# DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

The Administrator shall determine the Net Asset Value per Share of each Class, referable to each Dealing Day as at the Valuation Point on the basis set forth below and in accordance with the Instrument of Incorporation.

The Net Asset Value per Share of a Fund shall be the value of the gross assets attributable to such Fund less all of the liabilities attributable to such Fund (including such provisions as the Administrator considers appropriate in respect of the costs and expenses payable in relation to such Fund) divided by the number of Shares of such Fund outstanding as of the Dealing Day. Any liabilities of the ICAV which are not attributable to any Fund shall be allocated among all of the Funds *pro rata* to the relative Net Asset Value of the Funds.

The Net Asset Value of each Class shall be determined by calculating the amount of the Net Asset Value attributable to each Class. The amount of the Net Asset Value of a Fund attributable to a Class shall be determined by establishing the proportion of the assets of the Class as at the most recent Net Asset Value calculation, adjusted to take account of any subscription orders (after deduction of any redemption orders) and apportioning the Net Asset Value accordingly. The Net Asset Value per Share of a Class shall be calculated by dividing the Net Asset Value of the Class by the number of Shares in issue in that Class. Class Expenses and fees relating specifically to a Class will be charged to that Class. Class Expenses or other fees or charges will normally be allocated amongst the Classes based on their respective Net Asset Value or any other reasonable basis having taken into account the nature of the fees and charges. In the event that Classes are priced in a currency other than the Base Currency, currency conversion costs will be borne by that Class.

"Class Expenses" means the expenses of registering a Class in any jurisdiction or with any stock exchange, regulated market or settlement system, and all other expenses arising from such registration and such further expenses howsoever arising as may be disclosed in the Prospectus. The cost of

converting currency and the costs and gains/losses of the hedging transactions are borne solely by the relevant Class.

The Net Asset Value per Share shall be rounded upwards or downwards as appropriate to such number of decimal places as the Directors may determine and disclosed in the relevant supplement.

In determining the value of the assets of a Fund:

- 1. Each investment listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market for which market quotations are readily available shall be valued using the closing mid-market price as at the Valuation Point (unless otherwise specified in the Relevant Supplement) provided that the value of the investment listed, traded or dealt in on a Regulated Market but acquired or traded at a premium or at a discount outside or off the relevant stock exchange may be valued, taking into account the level of premium or discount as at the date of valuation of the investment and will be in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. If the investment is normally listed, traded or dealt in on or under the rules of more than one Regulated Market, the relevant Regulated Market shall be that which constitutes the main market for the investment. If prices for an investment listed, traded or dealt in on the relevant Regulated Market are not available at the relevant time or are unrepresentative, or in the event that any investments are not listed or traded on any Regulated Market, such investment shall be valued at such value as shall be certified with care and good faith as the probable realisation value of the investment by a competent person appointed by the Directors and approved for such purpose by the Depositary (which may be the Investment Manager). Neither the Investment Manager nor the Administrator shall be under any liability if a price reasonably believed by them to be the latest available price for the time being may be found not to be such.
- 2. Units or shares in investment funds which are not valued in accordance with the provisions above shall be valued on the basis of the latest available net asset value per unit/share as published by the investment fund.
- 3. In the case of unlisted securities or any assets traded on a Regulated Market, but in respect of which a price or quotation is not available at the time of valuation which would provide a fair valuation, the value of such asset shall be estimated with care and in good faith by a competent person, appointed by the Directors and approved for the purpose by the Depositary (which may be the Investment Manager) and such value shall be determined on the basis of the probable realisation value of the investment.
- 4. Cash deposits and similar investments shall be valued at their face value together with accrued interest unless in the opinion of the Directors any adjustment should be made to reflect the fair value thereof.
- 5. Exchange-traded futures and options contracts shall be valued at the relevant settlement price on the applicable exchange, provided that if the settlement price of an exchange-traded future or option contract is not available, the instrument may be valued in accordance with paragraph (3) above. FDI not traded on an exchange shall be valued on a mark-to-market basis or, where market conditions prevent marking-to-market, on a mark-to-model basis where required by, and in accordance with, EMIR and related regulatory technical standards, and such valuation may be carried out by the Administrator or a competent person appointed by the Directors and approved for such purpose by the Depositary.
- 6. Forward foreign exchange contracts may be valued in accordance with the preceding paragraph or by reference to freely available market quotations.
- 7. The Funds may apply an amortised cost method of valuation in respect of a money market instrument in a non-money market fund, provided that such instrument has a residual maturity

of less than 3 months and does not have any specific sensitivity to market parameters, including credit risk. Using the amortised basis, the relevant instrument is valued at its cost of acquisition adjusted for amortisation of premium or accretions of discount on the instrument. The Directors, or the Administrator as their delegate, will review the valuation of such instruments to determine whether the value of the instruments calculated pursuant to the amortised cost method of valuation deviates from the value of such instruments if valued on a mark-to-market basis and, if so, whether such deviation may result in a material dilution or other unfair results to the Shareholders in the relevant Fund. Any such review of the amortised cost valuation vis-à-vis market evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

8. If the Directors determine that it is impossible or incorrect to carry out a valuation of a specific investment in accordance with the valuation rules set out above or if such valuation is not representative of an asset's fair market value, a competent person appointed by the Directors and approved for the purpose by the Depositary (which may be the Investment Manager) is entitled to use such other generally recognised valuation method in order to reach a proper valuation of that specific instrument, provided that such method of valuation has been approved by the Depositary and the rationale for the use of such method and the method itself shall be clearly documented.

The value of an asset may be adjusted by the Directors or a competent person appointed by the Directors and approved for the purpose by the Depositary (which may be the Investment Manager), where such an adjustment is considered necessary to reflect the fair value of an asset in the context of currency, marketability, dealing costs and/or such other considerations which are deemed relevant.

### Suspension of Calculation of Net Asset Value

The ICAV may temporarily suspend the determination of the Net Asset Value and the sale, conversion or redemption of Shares in the ICAV or any Fund during:

- 1. any period (other than ordinary holiday or customary weekend closings) when any market is closed which is the main market for a significant part of the Fund's investments, or when trading thereon is restricted or suspended;
- 2. any period during which the disposal or valuation of investments which constitute a substantial portion of the assets of the Fund is not practically feasible or if feasible would be possible only on terms materially disadvantageous to Shareholders;
- 3. any period when for any reason the prices of any investments of the Fund cannot be reasonably, promptly or accurately ascertained by the Administrator;
- 4. any period when remittance of monies which will, or may, be involved in the realisation of, or in the payment for, investments of the Fund cannot, in the opinion of the Directors, be carried out at normal rates of exchange;
- 5. any period when the proceeds of the sale or redemption of the shares cannot be transmitted to or from the Fund's account;
- 6. any period when a notice to merge or terminate the Fund has been served or when a meeting of Shareholders has been convened to consider a motion to terminate a Fund;
- 7. upon the occurrence of an event causing a Fund to terminate; or
- 8. in exceptional cases, where the circumstances so require, and where the Directors consider it justifiable to do so having regard to the best interests of the Shareholders as a whole.

A suspension of redemptions may be made at any time prior to the payment of the redemption monies and the removal of the Shareholder's name from the register of members or an amendment of the Shareholder's holding. A suspension of subscriptions may be made at any time prior to the entry of a Shareholder's name on the register of members.

Any such suspension shall be notified immediately (without delay) to the Central Bank and notified to the Shareholders of the Fund by the ICAV if, in the opinion of the ICAV, such suspension is likely to continue for a period exceeding 14 days. Where possible, all reasonable steps will be taken to bring a period of suspension to an end as soon as possible.

## **Pricing/Net Asset Value Errors**

It is possible that errors may be made in the calculation of the Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Share. In determining whether compensation will be payable to a Fund and/or to individual Shareholders as a result of such errors, the ICAV will have regard to the guidelines issued by Irish Funds to apply a materiality threshold, below which, subject to approval of the Depositary, compensation will not usually be payable. In this context the materiality threshold currently applied by the ICAV is 0.5% of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund, which reflects, in the opinion of the Directors, general market practice at the date of this Prospectus. As such, and subject on each occasion to the approval of the Depositary, compensation will generally not be payable for errors where the effect on the Fund's Net Asset Value is below the materiality threshold. There may however be circumstances when the Directors or Depositary consider it appropriate for compensation to be paid notwithstanding that the impact of the error was below the materiality threshold. Conversely, compensation will usually be paid in relation to errors where the impact on the Fund's Net Asset Value is in excess of the materiality threshold, with any decision not to pay compensation in such circumstances requiring the approval of the Directors and also the Depositary. On providing notice to Shareholders and in consultation with the Depositary, the Directors reserve the right to change the materiality threshold should, for example, they deem general market practice to have changed or if the correction of pricing errors/Net Asset Valuation errors is the subject of a legislative or regulatory requirement.

## FEES AND EXPENSES

## General

Each Fund shall pay all of its expenses and its allocable share of any expenses incurred by the ICAV. These expenses may include the costs of: (i) maintaining the ICAV, any subsidiary company and the Funds and registering the ICAV, the Funds and the Shares with any governmental or regulatory authority or with any stock exchange; (ii) expenses related to compliance-related matters and regulatory filings related to a Fund's activities; (iii) management, administration, depositary, compliance and related services; (iv) preparation, printing and posting of prospectuses, sales literature and reports to Shareholders, the Central Bank and other governmental agencies; (v) marketing expenses; (vi) taxes; (vii) commissions, bank, legal and brokerage fees; (viii) expenses incurred in connection with the acquisition and disposal of the assets of the ICAV; (ix) auditing, tax, compliance, director and legal fees (including fees and expenses; (xi) fees and expenses of paying agents (which shall be at normal commercial rates), sub-distributors, local representatives and similar agents, (which shall be at normal commercial rates); (xii) listing fees, if applicable; (xiii) costs arising from the offering of a Fund on distribution platforms and the provision of information required in connection with the distribution of a Fund and (xiv) other operating expenses.

The fees and charges may differ from one Class to another and, as a consequence, the Net Asset Value per Share may differ from one Class to another Class.

The Investment Manager may, at its discretion, discharge some or all of the fees and expenses of a Fund to support the Fund until it reaches an acceptable critical size.

### Funds that charge fees and expenses to capital

In support of a Fund's investment objective, certain Funds may, where disclosed in the Relevant Supplement, charge management fees and other fees and expenses to the capital, rather than the income of the Fund in order to maximise distributions of the Fund.

It is important for Shareholders to note that charging fees and expenses to capital will have the effect of lowering/ eroding the capital value of your investment. The effect of maximising income will be achieved by foregoing/constraining the potential for future capital growth and will result in a reduction of the Net Asset Value per Share. This means that on redemption of holdings, Shareholders may not receive back the full amount they initially invested.

### Funds that charge fees and expenses to income

For those Funds which charge fees and expenses to income, some deductions to capital may be made where there is insufficient income to cover fees and expenses.

The ICAV does not pay distributions out of capital.

### **Establishment Costs**

The cost of establishing the ICAV, including the expenses associated with obtaining authorisation from any authority (including, but not limited to, the Central Bank) to include the establishment fees of the initial Fund, filing fees, the preparation and printing of this Prospectus, marketing costs and the fees and expenses of legal counsel and other professionals involved in the establishment and initial offering of the ICAV not exceeding €250,000, may be borne by the ICAV and amortised over the first five years of the ICAV's operation, on such terms and in such manner as the Directors may in their discretion and in consultation with the Manager determine (and, at the discretion of the Directors in consultation with

the Manager, may also be charged to any other Funds established by the ICAV within such five year period. Any establishment costs charged to a Fund will be disclosed in the Relevant Supplement.

## **Directors' Fees**

The Instrument of Incorporation provides that the Directors may be entitled to a fee by way of remuneration for their services at a rate to be determined from time to time by the Directors. The Directors' remuneration will not exceed €40,000 per annum for each Director or such higher amount as may be determined by the Directors and notified to Shareholders from time to time. Any such change in the Directors' remuneration shall also be disclosed in an update to the Prospectus or in the ICAV's financial statements, whichever is published sooner. Any Directors employed by the Investment Manager or affiliate will/may waive their entitlement to fees. The Directors shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the ICAV for all reasonable disbursements and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them, if any.

## **Service Provider Fees**

Each of the Service Providers shall be entitled to receive, out of the assets of each Fund, an annual fee at the rate set out in the Relevant Supplement. Such fees shall accrue and shall be payable within such period as set out in the Relevant Supplement. The Investment Manager may also be entitled to receive a performance fee, where provided for in the Relevant Supplement.

Each of the Service Providers shall also be entitled to be reimbursed by the ICAV, on demand, for all reasonable disbursements and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them, if any.

In addition to the fees payable to the Depositary as set out in the Relevant Supplement, the Depositary shall be entitled to charge custody and sub-custody fees at normal commercial rates.

### Subscription Charge, Redemption Charge, Conversion Charge

Where a Subscription Charge, Redemption Charge or Conversion Charge is payable in respect of a Class of Shares, that will be set out in the Relevant Supplement.

### **Anti-Dilution Levy**

On any Dealing Day where there are net subscriptions or net redemptions, the Manager may determine (based on such reasonable factors as it sees fit, including without limitation, the prevailing market conditions and the level of subscriptions or redemptions requested by Shareholders or potential Shareholders in relation to the size of a Fund) to add an anti-dilution levy to the Subscription Price on that Dealing Day or deduct an anti-dilution levy from the Redemption Proceeds, in each case not to exceed 5% of Net Asset Value of the Shares being issued or redeemed, in order to cover dealing costs and to preserve the value of the underlying assets of such Fund.

# TAXATION

The following is a general summary of the main Irish tax considerations applicable to the ICAV and certain investors in the ICAV who are the beneficial owners of Shares in the ICAV. It does not purport to deal with all of the tax consequences applicable to the ICAV or to all categories of investors, some of whom may be subject to special rules. For instance, it does not address the tax position of Shareholders whose acquisition of Shares in the ICAV would be regarded as a shareholding in a Personal Portfolio Investment Undertaking (PPIU). Accordingly, its applicability will depend on the particular circumstances of each Shareholder. It does not constitute tax advice and Shareholders and potential investors are advised to consult their professional advisors concerning possible taxation or other consequences of purchasing, holding, selling, converting or otherwise disposing of the Shares under the laws of their country of incorporation, establishment, citizenship, residence or domicile, and in the light of their particular circumstances.

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

## Taxation of the ICAV

The Directors have been advised that, under current Irish law and practice, the ICAV qualifies as an investment undertaking for the purposes of Section 739B of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended ("TCA") so long as the ICAV is resident in Ireland. Accordingly, it is generally not chargeable to Irish tax on its income and gains.

As a result of changes introduced in Finance Act 2016, a new regime applies to IREFs (i.e. Irish Real Estate Funds) which imposes a 20% withholding tax on 'IREF taxable events'. The changes primarily target non-Irish resident investors. Further measures that impose a tax charge on IREFs in certain circumstances were introduced by Finance Act 2019. On the basis that the ICAV does not, and will not, hold Irish property assets, these provisions should not be relevant and are not discussed further.

### Chargeable Event

However, Irish tax can arise on the happening of a "**chargeable event**" in the ICAV. A chargeable event includes any payments of distributions to Shareholders, any encashment, repurchase, redemption, cancellation or transfer of Shares and any deemed disposal of Shares as described below for Irish tax purposes arising as a result of holding Shares in the ICAV for a period of eight years or more. Where a chargeable event occurs, the ICAV is required to account for the Irish tax thereon.

No Irish tax will arise in respect of a chargeable event where:

- (a) the Shareholder is neither resident nor ordinarily resident in Ireland ("**Non-Irish Resident**") and it (or an intermediary acting on its behalf) has made the necessary declaration to that effect and the ICAV is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained in the declaration is not, or is no longer, materially correct; or
- (b) the Shareholder is a Non-Irish Resident and has confirmed that to the ICAV and the ICAV is in possession of written notice of approval from the Revenue Commissioners to the effect that the requirement to provide the necessary declaration of non-residence has been complied with in respect of the Shareholder and the approval has not been withdrawn; or
- (c) the Shareholder is an Exempt Irish Resident as defined below.

A reference to "**intermediary**" means an intermediary within the meaning of Section 739B(1) of the TCA, being a person who (a) carries on a business which consists of, or includes, the receipt of payments from an investment undertaking on behalf of other persons; or (b) holds units in an investment undertaking on behalf of other persons.

In the absence of a signed and completed declaration or written notice of approval from the Revenue Commissioners, as applicable, being in the possession of the ICAV at the relevant time there is a presumption that the Shareholder is resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland ("**Irish Resident**") or is not an Exempt Irish Resident and a charge to tax arises.

A chargeable event does not include:

- any transactions (which might otherwise be a chargeable event) in relation to Shares held in a recognised clearing system as designated by order of the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland;
- a transfer of Shares between spouses/civil partners and any transfer of Shares between spouses/civil partners or former spouses/civil partners on the occasion of judicial separation, decree of dissolution and/or divorce, as appropriate;
- an exchange by a Shareholder, effected by way of arm's length bargain where no payment is made to the Shareholder, of Shares in the ICAV for other Shares in the ICAV, including an exchange of shares in one sub-fund of the ICAV for shares in another sub-fund of the ICAV; or
- an exchange of Shares arising on a qualifying amalgamation or reconstruction (within the meaning of Section 739H of the TCA) of the ICAV with another investment undertaking.

If the ICAV becomes liable to account for tax on a chargeable event, the ICAV shall be entitled to deduct from the payment arising on that chargeable event an amount equal to the appropriate tax and/or, where applicable, to repurchase and cancel such number of Shares held by the Shareholder as is required to meet the amount of tax. The relevant Shareholder shall indemnify and keep the ICAV indemnified against loss arising to the ICAV by reason of the ICAV becoming liable to account for tax on the happening of a chargeable event.

# Irish Courts Service

Where Shares are held by the Irish Courts Service the ICAV is not required to account for Irish tax on a chargeable event in respect of those Shares. Rather, where money under the control or subject to the order of any Court is applied to acquire Shares in the ICAV, the Courts Service assumes, in respect of the Shares acquired, the responsibilities of the ICAV to, *inter alia*, account for tax in respect of chargeable events and file returns.

### **Exempt Irish Resident Shareholders**

The ICAV will not be required to deduct tax in respect of the following categories of Irish Resident Shareholders, provided the ICAV has in its possession the necessary declarations from those persons (or an intermediary acting on their behalf) and the ICAV is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained in the declarations is not, or is no longer, materially correct. A Shareholder who comes within any of the categories listed below and who (directly or through an intermediary) has provided the necessary declaration to the ICAV is referred to herein as an **"Exempt Irish Resident"**:

(a) a pension scheme which is an exempt approved scheme within the meaning of Section 774 of the TCA, or a retirement annuity contract or a trust scheme to which Section 784 or Section 785 of the TCA, applies;

- (b) a company carrying on life business within the meaning of Section 706 of the TCA;
- (c) an investment undertaking within the meaning of Section 739B(1) of the TCA, or an investment limited partnership within the meaning of Section 739J of the TCA;
- (d) a special investment scheme within the meaning of Section 737 of the TCA;
- (e) a charity being a person referred to in Section 739D(6)(f)(i) of the TCA;
- (f) a qualifying management company within the meaning of Section 739B(1) of the TCA;
- (g) a unit trust to which Section 731(5)(a) of the TCA applies;
- (h) a person who is entitled to exemption from income tax and capital gains tax under Section 784A(2) of the TCA where the Shares held are assets of an approved retirement fund or an approved minimum retirement fund;
- (i) a person who is entitled to exemption from income tax and capital gains tax by virtue of Section 787I of the TCA, and the Shares are assets of a PRSA;
- (j) a credit union within the meaning of Section 2 of the Credit Union Act, 1997;
- (k) the National Asset Management Agency
- (1) the National Treasury Management Agency or a fund investment vehicle (within the meaning of section 37 of the National Treasury Management Agency (Amendment) Act 2014) of which the Minister for Finance of Ireland is the sole beneficial owner or Ireland acting through the National Treasury Management Agency;
- (m) a company within the charge to corporation tax in accordance with Section 110(2) of the TCA (securitisation companies);
- (n) in certain circumstances, a company within the charge to corporation tax in respect of payments made to it by the ICAV; or
- (o) any other person who is resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland who may be permitted to own Shares under taxation legislation or by written practice or concession of the Revenue Commissioners without giving rise to a charge to tax in the ICAV or jeopardising the tax exemptions associated with the ICAV.

There is no provision for any refund of tax to Shareholders who are Exempt Irish Residents where tax has been deducted in the absence of the necessary declaration. A refund of tax may only be made to corporate Shareholders who are within the charge to Irish corporation tax.

### **Taxation of Non-Irish Resident Shareholders**

Non-Irish Resident Shareholders who (directly or through an intermediary) have made the necessary declaration of non-residence in Ireland, where required, are not liable to Irish tax on the income or gains arising to them from their investment in the ICAV and no tax will be deducted on distributions from the ICAV or payments by the ICAV in respect of an encashment, repurchase, redemption, cancellation or other disposal of their investment. Such Shareholders are generally not liable to Irish tax in respect of income or gains made from holding or disposing of Shares except where the Shares are attributable to an Irish branch or agency of such Shareholder.

Unless the ICAV is in possession of written notice of approval from the Revenue Commissioners to the effect that the requirement to provide the necessary declaration of non-residence has been complied

with in respect of the Shareholder and the approval has not been withdrawn, in the event that a nonresident Shareholder (or an intermediary acting on its behalf) fails to make the necessary declaration of non-residence, tax will be deducted as described above on the happening of a chargeable event and notwithstanding that the Shareholder is not resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland any such tax deducted will generally not be refundable.

Where a Non-Irish Resident company holds Shares in the ICAV which are attributable to an Irish branch or agency, it will be liable to Irish corporation tax in respect of income and capital distributions it receives from the ICAV under the self-assessment system.

## **Taxation of Irish Resident Shareholders**

## Deduction of Tax

Tax will be deducted and remitted to the Revenue Commissioners by the ICAV from any distributions made by the ICAV (other than on a disposal) to an Irish Resident Shareholder or any gain arising on an encashment, repurchase, redemption, cancellation or other disposal of Shares by such a Shareholder who is not an Exempt Irish Resident at the rate of 41%.

Any gain will be computed as the difference between the value of the Shareholder's investment in the ICAV at the date of the chargeable event and the original cost of the investment as calculated under special rules.

Where the Shareholder is an Irish resident company and the ICAV is in possession of a relevant declaration from the Shareholder that it is a company and which includes the company's tax reference number, tax will be deducted by the ICAV from any distributions made by the ICAV to the Shareholder and from any gains arising on an encashment, repurchase, redemption, cancellation or other disposal of shares by the Shareholder at the rate of 25%.

# Deemed Disposals

A deemed disposal of Shares will occur on each and every eight anniversary of the acquisition of Shares in the ICAV held by Irish Resident Shareholders who are not Exempt Irish Residents. The ICAV may elect not to account for Irish tax in respect of deemed disposals in certain circumstances. Where the total value of Shares held by Shareholders who are Irish Resident and, who are not Exempt Irish Residents, is 10% or more of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, the ICAV will be liable to account for the tax arising on a deemed disposal in respect of Shares in that Fund. However, where the total value of Shares held by such Shareholders is less than 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, the ICAV may, and it is expected that the ICAV will, elect not to account for tax on the deemed disposal. In this instance, the ICAV will notify relevant Shareholders that it has made such an election and those Shareholders will be obliged to account for the tax arising under the self-assessment system themselves.

The deemed gain will be calculated as the difference between the value of the Shares held by the Shareholder on the relevant eighth year anniversary or, as described below where the ICAV so elects, the value of the Shares on the later of the 30 June or 31 December prior to the date of the deemed disposal and the relevant cost of those Shares. The excess arising will be taxable at the rate of 41% (or in the case of Irish resident corporate Shareholders where a relevant declaration has been made, at the rate of 25%). Tax paid on a deemed disposal should be creditable against the tax liability on an actual disposal of those Shares.

Irish Resident Shareholders who have suffered a withholding tax should consult their tax advisers to determine their residual Irish tax liability, if any.

# FATCA withholding

If a Shareholder causes (directly or indirectly) the ICAV to suffer a FATCA Deduction, or other financial penalty, cost, expense or liability, the ICAV may compulsorily repurchase any Shares or such Shareholder and/or take any action required to ensure that such FATCA Deduction or other financial penalty, cost, expense or liability is economically borne by such Shareholder. Each prospective investor is urged to consult its tax adviser regarding the applicability of FATCA.

# MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

### **The Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors is responsible for managing the business affairs of the ICAV in accordance with the Instrument of Incorporation. The Directors may delegate certain functions to the Service Providers and other parties, subject to supervision and direction by the Directors and provided that the delegation does not prevent the ICAV from being managed in the best interests of its Shareholders.

The Directors and their principal occupations are set forth below. The address of the Directors is the registered office of the ICAV. All Directors are non-executive directors.

#### Joshua Hughes (U.K. resident)

Mr. Hughes has over 20 years of sales, marketing and business development experience. Prior to joining the Investment Manager, Mr. Hughes served as Head of Global Distribution at Muzinich & Co. Prior to joining Muzinich & Co. in 2008, Mr. Hughes served as Relationship Manager, Global Markets at Raiffeisen Zentral Osterreich AG and Head of Pension Fund and Investment Consultant Relations at FTSE Russell. He began his career in sales at Thomson Reuters. Mr. Hughes graduated with Honors from Loughborough University with a BSc in Economics.

#### **Robert McGann (United States resident)**

Mr. McGann has 19 years of experience in accounting, operations, and financial reporting. Prior to joining the Investment Manager, Mr. McGann held the position of Chief Financial Officer at Capstone Investment Advisors LLC. Previously, he was the Chief Financial Officer at Guggenheim Investment Management LLC and Guggenheim Corporate Funding LLC, where he was responsible for the accounting and finance functions of Guggenheim Partners' structured credit division. Prior to his role at Guggenheim Investment Management, Mr. McGann performed various accounting and finance roles within Guggenheim Partners, as well as having worked as an audit senior at Deloitte. Mr. McGann holds a B.S. in Accountancy from Northern Illinois University. Mr. McGann is a licensed CPA in the State of New York, and is a member of AICPA and NYSSCPA.

#### Lisa Martensson (Irish resident)

Ms. Martensson is a full time professional Independent Non-Executive Director with over 30 years' experience in banking, asset management and the financial services industry. Ms. Martensson is a Swedish national with residency in Ireland since 2002. Ms. Martensson left HSBC Securities Services (Ireland) DAC earlier in 2019, where she was Chairperson of the board and Global Head of Client Experience. She studied Economics at Stockholm University in Sweden and holds a Certificate and Diploma (with distinction) in Company Direction from the Institute of Directors (IOD). For the last seventeen years Ms. Martensson has held various senior executive positions within HSBC including Head of Business Development for Asset Managers in Europe and the US, and Head of Relationship Management in Ireland. From 1998 to 2001 Ms. Martensson worked for Bank of New York in Brussels, Belgium. Prior to that she worked ten years for SEB Asset Management in Sweden and Luxemburg.

### **Donard McClean (Irish resident)**

Mr. McClean has worked in the Financial Services Industry since 1989 and is an Independent Director for Funds and Fund Management Companies. From 2006 to 2018 he was CEO and Ireland Location Head for MUFG Investor Services (formerly UBS). During this time, Mr. McClean organized and managed all aspects of the UBS and MUFG business in Ireland and was a member of global Compliance, Operations and Client Services committees. He was a Board Director of Fund Services entities in Ireland (IIA and MiFID licensed), Isle of Man, Cayman and Jersey. He was also a nonexecutive Director on several UCITS and Non-UCITS Umbrella Funds as well as a Fund Management Company. He has expert knowledge of the Funds Industry in Ireland and internationally especially in relation to risk, compliance and governance across Fund Administration, Custody, Management Company, Asset Management and associated Banking Services. Prior to his role with UBS, Mr. McClean spent nine years with Fortis Prime Fund Solutions where he was Director of Operations with responsibility for Administration, Custody and back-office Banking operations. Prior to Fortis he started his career as an auditor with Coopers and Lybrand Channel Islands. Mr. McClean is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, holds a BA in Economics and Politics from UCD as well as a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Studies from the Michael Smurfit School of Business UCD.

## **Claire Cawley (Irish resident)**

Ms. Cawley, FCA, is an independent non-executive director with over 15 years' experience in the asset management and investment funds industry, having held senior executive and board positions in UBS, Mercer and KB Associates. Ms. Cawley serves an independent non-executive director, chairman, and committee member of investment funds, management companies and financial services providers. Her most recent executive role included divisional responsibility for the development and management of the global UBS Asset Management Alternative product shelf including representation of UBS on investment fund boards. Prior to her position at UBS, Ms. Cawley held positions at Mercer Global Investments and at KB Associates, a consulting firm which specialised in providing services to the investment management sector with a particular focus on fund support. Ms. Cawley trained as a Chartered Accountant in the financial services assurance division of KPMG in Dublin. Ms. Cawley has a Bachelor of Arts (Economics & Finance) from University of Dublin, Trinity College and she is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

The Secretary of the ICAV is Bradwell Limited.

The Instrument of Incorporation does not stipulate a retirement age for Directors and does not provide for retirement of Directors by rotation. The Instrument of Incorporation provides that a Director may be a party to any transaction or arrangement with the ICAV or in which the ICAV is interested provided that he has disclosed to the Directors the nature and extent of any material interest which he may have. A Director may vote in respect of any proposal concerning any other Irish collective asset-management vehicle, body corporate, company, trust, partnership or other body of persons in which he is interested, directly or indirectly, whether as an officer, shareholder, employee or otherwise, provided that he is not the holder of 5% or more of the issued shares of any class of such company or of the voting rights available to members of such company. A Director may also vote in respect of any proposal concerning an offer of Shares in which he is interested as a participant in an underwriting or sub-underwriting arrangement and may also vote in respect of the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity in respect of money lent by the Director to the ICAV or in respect of the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt obligation of the ICAV for which the Director has assumed responsibility in whole or in part. Questions arising at any meeting of the Directors shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Directors. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

The ICAV delegates UCITS management company functions to the Manager. The Central Bank Regulations refer to the "responsible person", being the party responsible for compliance with the relevant requirements of the Central Bank Regulations on behalf of an Irish authorised UCITS. The Manager assumes the role of the responsible person for the ICAV.

### Management of the ICAV - General

The Directors control the affairs of the ICAV and have delegated certain of their duties to the Manager, which, in turn, has delegated certain of its duties to the Administrator, the Investment Manager and the Distributor. The Depositary has also been appointed to hold the assets of each Fund. Consequently, all Directors of the ICAV in relation to the ICAV are non-executive.

### The Manager

The ICAV has appointed the Manager to act as manager to the ICAV and each Fund with power to delegate one or more of its functions subject to the overall supervision and control of the ICAV. The

Manager is a private limited company and was incorporated in Ireland on 10 November 2003 under the registration number 377914 and has been authorised by the Central Bank to act as a UCITS management company and to carry on the business of providing management and related administration services to UCITS collective investment schemes. The Manager's parent company is Carne Global Financial Services Limited, a company incorporated in Ireland with limited liability.

The Manager is responsible for the general management and administration of the ICAV's affairs and for ensuring compliance with the Central Bank Regulations, including investment and reinvestment of each Fund's assets, having regard to the investment objective and policies of each Fund. However, pursuant to the Administration Agreement, the Manager has delegated certain of its administration and transfer agency functions in respect of each Fund to the Administrator.

Pursuant to the Investment Management and Distribution Agreement, the Manager has delegated certain investment management and distribution functions in respect of each Fund to the Investment Manager.

The directors of the Manager are:

# Neil Clifford (Irish resident)

Mr. Clifford is a Director with the Carne Group. He is an experienced Irish-based investment professional and fund director with wide experience of the governance and operations of alternative investments at the institutional level, including infrastructure and private equity funds. He has also had experience as an equity fund manager and is a qualified risk management professional. Neil joined the Manager in October 2014 from Irish Life Investment Managers ("**ILIM**") (April 2006 – September 2014), where he was head of alternative investments. He also supervised ILIM's illiquid investments in private equity and infrastructure, including acting as an independent director on a number of investment companies. He began his career with Irish Life as a sector-focused equity fund manager. Prior to this, Neil was a senior equity analyst for Goodbody Stockbrokers (September 2000 - April 2006) in Dublin. He has also worked as an engineer with a number of leading engineering and telecoms firms in Ireland. Neil has a bachelor of electrical engineering from University College Cork and a master of business administration from the Smurfit School of Business, University College Dublin. He is a chartered alternative investment analyst and a financial risk manager (FRM – Global Association of Risk Professionals).

### **Teddy Otto (Irish resident)**

Mr. Otto is a Principal with the Carne Group. He specialises mainly in product development, fund establishment and risk management. Before joining the Manager, Mr. Otto was employed by the Allianz/Dresdner Bank group in Ireland for six years. During this time, he acted as head of fund operations, head of product management and was appointed as a director of the Irish management company for Allianz Global Investors and a range of Irish and Cayman domiciled investment companies. He had previously held senior positions in the areas of market data and custody at Deutsche International (Ireland) Limited and worked in the investment banking division of Deutsche Bank, Frankfurt. He spent over six years at Deutsche Bank group. Prior to that, he was employed with Bankgesellschaft Berlin for two years. Mr. Otto holds a degree in business administration from Technische Universität Berlin.

# Michael Bishop (U.K. resident)

Mr. Bishop acts as Chairman and independent director on the board of the Manager. Mr. Bishop was with UBS Global Asset Management (U.K.) Ltd. (1990 – 2011) holding executive director and then managing director positions and was responsible for the development and management of the U.K. business's range of investment funds. His areas of expertise include U.K. open-ended investment companies, unit trusts, unit linked funds and Irish, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands and other

investment structures. He was a director of and responsible for the launch of UBS Global Asset Management Life Ltd. and UBS (Ireland) plc. Mr. Bishop has designed and launched products catering for all capabilities including equities, fixed income and alternative strategies. He has also been responsible for service provider appointment and management, as well as holding senior accounting and managerial roles with other financial services companies including Flemings and Tyndall. He has served on a number of the Investment Management Association's committees, industry forums and consultation groups specialising in U.K. and international regulation, product development and taxation. Mr. Bishop is a fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants. Since retiring in 2011, he has been involved with various charities.

## **Dennis Murray (Irish resident)**

Dennis Murray is Head of Risk for Carne Group, Ireland and Designated Director of Risk Management for the Manager. With over 24 years of working in the International Financial Services sector in Senior Risk & Investment Management functions, Dennis has gained extensive professional experience in both the US and Ireland as a Senior Risk Manager with the Charles Schwab Corporation and Dexia Group, respectively.

Dennis then spent over ten years with Dexia Group in Ireland as a Senior Credit Portfolio Manager before becoming a Director, Investments for Belfius Investments Ireland, a former entity of Dexia Group. Dennis holds a M.A. in Economics from U.C.D., has been a Certified Financial Risk Manager (FRM) by the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) since 2000 and recently attained a dual-award of a Professional Certificate in Investment Fund Services Risk Management (Operational Risk, Conduct Risk and Risk Culture) and an Operational Risk Manager Certificate from PRMIA (the Professional Risk Managers' International Association).

Dennis is an active member of the Certified Investment Fund Director Institute, the Institute of Directors in Ireland and the Institute of Banking. Dennis was awarded the professional designation of Certified Investment Fund Director (CIFD) by the Certified Investment Fund Director Institute (a specialist body of the Institute of Banking) in 2017 and completed a Diploma in Company Direction through the Institute of Directors in Ireland (IoD) in 2016.

### Sarah Murphy (Irish resident)

Sarah is a Director of Oversight at Carne, with a particular focus on the governance and operations of management companies and fund platforms. She currently acts as a Director and Chief Operations Officer of Carne's management companies in addition to serving on the boards of Carne's UCITS and QIAIF platforms. Sarah is primarily responsible for leading the execution of the firm's management companies' operations, which collectively oversee more than \$48bn in assets. She began her career at Carne as a business manager where she was tasked with leading the launch and development of a number of the firm's corporate services businesses.

Prior to joining Carne, Sarah held a number of senior management roles in BDO Ireland's corporate services business. During this period, Sarah was responsible for providing advisory services to a broad range of domestic and international clients in relation to corporate governance and company law issues associated with acquisitions, disposals and company re-organisations.

Sarah is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and is currently completing the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst certification.

### David McGowan (Irish resident)

David joined Carne Group as the Global Chief Operating Officer in October 2019. David has over 15 years' experience in building and managing complex operations teams across a variety of industries. David has responsibility for a multitude of operational functions across a number of business lines

across the Carne Group. As part of David's remit within Carne Group, he is responsible for ensuring that the most appropriate operating model is in place for the Manager's regulatory environment as the Manager grows in terms of AUM, number of funds under management and number of delegate arrangements.

In David's role prior to joining Carne, he served as a Director of Global Business Services with LinkedIn leading a number of global business lines, including heading up functions of over 400 full time employees with global accountability for relationship management and management operating systems implementation. Prior to his role with LinkedIn, David was a Director of Global Business Services with Accenture Plc providing domain and analytical support for outsourced relationships in EMEA and project implementation across a number of areas including Customer Success and Sales.

David holds a BSc in Supply Chain Management and Logistics from the Aston University Manchester.

The Secretary of the Manager is Carne Global Financial Services Limited.

## **Management Agreement**

Pursuant to the Management Agreement the Manager is responsible for the general management and administration of the ICAV's affairs, subject to the overall supervision and control of the Directors. Pursuant to the provisions of the Management Agreement, the Manager may delegate one or more of its functions subject to the overall supervision and control of the ICAV.

The Manager shall exercise the due care of a professional UCITS manager in the performance of its duties under the Management Agreement, including with regard to the selection, appointment and monitoring of any delegates and shall use its best endeavours, skill and judgment and all due care in performing its duties and obligations and exercising its rights and authorities under the Management Agreement provided that for the avoidance of any doubt the Manager shall not be liable for any decline in the value of the investments of the ICAV or any Fund or any part thereof to the extent that such decline results from any investment decision made by the Manager in good faith unless such decision was made negligently, fraudulently, in bad faith or with wilful default.

Neither the Manager nor any of its directors, officers, employees or agents shall be liable for any loss or damage arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with the performance by the Manager of its obligations and duties under the Management Agreement unless such loss or damage arose out of or in connection with the negligence, wilful default, fraud or bad faith of or by the Manager in the performance of its duties under the Management Agreement.

The ICAV shall be liable and shall indemnify and keep indemnified and hold harmless the Manager (and each of its directors, officers, employees, delegates and agents) from and against any and all actions, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable legal and professional fees and expenses arising) which may be made or brought against or suffered or incurred by the Manager (or any of its directors, officers, employees, delegates or agents) arising out of or in connection with the performance of its obligations and duties under the Management Agreement in the absence of any negligence, wilful default, fraud or bad faith of or by the Manager in the performance of its duties under the Management Agreement or as otherwise may be required by law.

The Manager may perform any of its duties, obligations and responsibilities under the Management Agreement by or through its directors, officers, servants or agents and shall be entitled to delegate or sub-contract all or any of its functions, powers, discretions, duties and obligations as the Manager under the Management Agreement to any person approved by the Directors and the Central Bank on such terms and conditions as agreed between the ICAV and the Manager, provided that any such delegation or sub-contract shall terminate automatically on the termination of the Management Agreement and provided further that the Manager shall remain responsible and liable for any acts or omissions of any such delegate or sub-contractor as if such acts or omissions were those of the Manager.

The Management Agreement shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated by any party at any time upon ninety (90) days prior written notice to the other party or at any time if any party: (i) commits any material breach of the Management Agreement or commit persistent breaches of the Management Agreement which is or are either incapable of remedy or have not been remedied within thirty (30) days of the non-defaulting party serving notice requiring the remedying of the default; (ii) becomes incapable of performing its duties or obligations under the Management Agreement; (iii) is unable to pay its debts as they fall due or otherwise becomes insolvent or enters into any composition or arrangement with or for the benefit of its creditors or any class thereof; (iv) is the subject of a petition for the appointment of an examiner, administrator, trustee, official assignee or similar officer to it or in respect of its affairs or assets; (v) has a receiver appointed over all or any substantial part of its undertaking, assets or revenues; (vi) is the subject of an effective resolution for the winding up (except in relation to a voluntary winding up for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation upon terms previously approved in writing by the other party); (vii) is the subject of a court order for its winding up or liquidation; or (viii) ceases to be appropriately regulated in the jurisdiction of its registered office for the proper performance of the Management Agreement. Either party may also terminate the Management Agreement by notice in writing to the other party in the event that a force majeure event, as defined in the Management Agreement, continues for longer than fourteen (14) days.

### The Investment Manager and Distributor

The Manager has appointed CIFC Asset Management LLC as Investment Manager and Distributor pursuant to the Investment Management and Distribution Agreement. The Investment Manager will be responsible for the provision of discretionary investment management and distribution services in respect of the ICAV.

The Investment Manager and Distributor, having its place of business at 875 Third Avenue, 24th Floor, New York, New York 10022, United States of America, is a Delaware limited liability company. The Investment Manager is an investment advisory firm which has been established for the purposes of providing investment management services to collective investment schemes and other institutional and high net worth clients. The Investment Manager is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser under the U.S. Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, but shall not be required to maintain such registration unless required by applicable law.

The Investment Manager is a private debt manager specializing in corporate credit and structured credit strategies with over \$25 billion of assets under management. The Investment Manager is an SEC-registered investment adviser headquartered in New York City. Founded in 2005, the Investment Manager is an experienced manager in the corporate credit and structured credit investment markets. The Investment Manager currently manages CLOs and various other corporate credit strategies and structured credit strategies, across multiple funds and separately managed accounts. The Firm's employees possess leveraged finance, structured finance, asset management, trading, risk management, restructuring and other capital markets experience.

Pursuant to the Investment Management and Distribution Agreement, the Investment Manager shall not, in the absence of wilful default, fraud or negligence in the performance or non-performance by the Investment Manager of its obligations or duties be under any liability to the ICAV, the Manager or any investor in the ICAV and is indemnified from and against any and all claims made or brought against or directly or indirectly suffered or incurred by the Investment Manager in the performance or non-performance of its obligations or duties. The Investment Management and Distribution Agreement may be terminated by any party giving ninety (90) days' written notice to the other parties or at any time by written notice if at any time all the Shares are repurchased. The Investment Management and Distribution Agreement may also be terminated by any party thereto by notice in writing to the other parties on the grounds set out therein, including if at any time one of the other parties shall: (a) commit any material breach of the Investment Management and Distribution Agreement or commit persistent breaches of the Investment Management and Distribution Agreement or commit persistent breaches of the Investment Management and Distribution Agreement or commit persistent breaches of the Investment Management and Distribution Agreement or commit persistent breaches of the Investment Management and Distribution Agreement or commit persistent breaches of the Investment Management and Distribution Agreement which is or are either incapable

of remedy or have not been remedied within thirty (30) days of the other party serving notice upon the defaulting party requiring it to remedy same; or (b) be incapable of performing its duties or obligations under the Investment Management and Distribution Agreement due to any change in law or regulatory practice; or (c) be unable to pay its debts as they fall due or otherwise become insolvent or enter into any composition or arrangement with or for the benefit of its creditors or any class thereof; or (d) be subject to the appointment of a liquidator, receiver, examiner, administrator, trustee, official assignee or similar officer in respect of its affairs or assets. The Investment Management and Distribution Agreement shall automatically terminate if the Fund's approval by the Central Bank is revoked or on termination of the Management Agreement.

Where disclosed in the relevant Supplement, the Investment Manager may appoint portfolio managers, sub-investment managers and/or sub-investment advisors to manage any portion of the assets of any Fund in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

### **Sub-Distributors**

The Investment Manager may appoint one or more sub-distributors or other agents, to distribute the Shares in the Fund.

## The Administrator

JPMorgan Hedge Fund Services (Ireland) Limited has been appointed as the Administrator pursuant to the Administration Agreement between the Manager, the ICAV and the Administrator. JPMorgan Hedge Fund Services (Ireland) Limited is a 100 per cent. wholly owned subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase & Co. and is organised under the laws of Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank. Its ultimate holding company, JPMorgan Chase & Co., is a leading global financial services firm with operations in more than 60 countries. JPMorgan Hedge Fund Services as a brand provides fund administration services to clients worldwide out of offices in Boston, Dublin, London, Luxembourg, Mumbai, Bangalore and New York.

The Administrator was incorporated in Ireland on 24 November 1999 with registered number 315706 as a private limited company and is authorised by the Central Bank. The Administrator is engaged in the provision of fund administration, accounting, registration, transfer agency and related shareholder services to collective investment schemes and investment funds.

The Administration Agreement provides that the Administrator shall administer the ICAV in accordance with the laws of Ireland (including the UCITS Rules), the Instrument of Incorporation and the provisions of this Prospectus. The Administrator will also act as registrar and transfer agent of the ICAV. The Administration Agreement shall be in effect for an initial term of one year from the date on which the Administration Agreement was signed, and thereafter shall be in effect until a valid termination notice is given by the ICAV, the Manager or the Administrator upon at least 90 days' prior notice. Either party may at any time terminate the Administration Agreement by notice in writing to the other party in the event that: (i) the other party commits a material breach of the provisions of the Administration Agreement which, if capable of remedy, shall not have been remedied within 90 days of written notice requiring it to be remedied or such longer period as the parties may agree; or (ii) the continued performance of the Administration Agreement for any reason ceases to be unlawful; or (iii) the other party: (A) admits in writing its inability or is generally unable to pay its debts as they become due; (B) institutes, consents to or is otherwise subject to examinership, receivership or liquidation proceedings; (C) is subject to an involuntary order for the transfer of all of part of its business by a statutory authority; (D) has any of its issued shares suspended from trading on any exchange on which they are listed (if applicable); or (E) is subject of a measure similar to any of the foregoing; or (iv) the other party has its authorisation withdrawn by the relevant regulatory authority. The Administrator may terminate the Administration Agreement by giving not less than 60 days' prior written notice to the ICAV and the Manager in the event that the Administrator reasonably determines that servicing the

ICAV raises reputational or regulatory concerns. In the event of the termination of the Depositary Agreement, the Administrator may terminate the Administration Agreement in whole or in part.

The Administrator shall not be liable for any losses, damages or expenses suffered by the ICAV or any Shareholder in connection with the performance by the Administrator of its obligations and duties under the Administration Agreement, except a loss, damage or expense resulting from the material breach, negligence, fraud, wilful misconduct, recklessness or bad faith of the Administrator in the performance of its obligations and duties under the Administration Agreement.

The ICAV has agreed to indemnify and hold the harmless the Administrator from any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses (including reasonable counsel's fees and expenses) in connection with or arising out of performance of its obligations and duties under the Administration Agreement provided that the Administrator has not acted in breach of the Administration Agreement or with negligence, bad faith, recklessness or engaged in fraud or wilful misconduct in connection with the liabilities in question. The ICAV has further agreed that it will indemnify and hold harmless the Administrator from any liabilities that may be imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against the Administrator as a result of any action or omission taken in accordance with any instruction from the ICAV, except to the extent that such liabilities are caused by the fraud, negligence or wilful misconduct of the Administrator in the manner in which it carries out the instruction.

## The Depositary

J.P. Morgan Bank (Ireland) plc has been appointed as the Depositary to provide depositary, custodial and settlement services to the ICAV. The Depositary is a public company incorporated with limited liability in Ireland and is authorised as a credit institution by the Central Bank. Its business activities include the provision of custody and banking services, corporate finance and agency treasury management services. The Depositary has in excess of €403 billion of assets under custody as at 31 December 2019. The ultimate parent company of the Depositary is JP Morgan Chase& Co. incorporated in Delaware, U.S.A..

The duty of the Depositary is to provide safekeeping, oversight and asset verification services in respect of the assets of the ICAV and each Fund in accordance with the provisions of the UCITS Rules and the Directive. The Depositary will also provide cash monitoring services in respect of each Fund's cash flows and subscriptions.

The Depositary has the power to delegate certain of its depositary functions. Whenever the Depositary delegates any of its custody functions to a delegate, the Depositary will remain liable for any losses suffered as a result of an act or omission of the delegate as if such loss had arisen as a result of an act or omission of the Depositary.

As at the date of this Prospectus, the Depositary has entered into written agreements delegating the performance of its safekeeping function in respect of certain of the ICAV's assets to sub-custodians. The list of sub-custodians appointed by the Depositary as at the date of this Prospectus is set out in Schedule 4. The use of particular sub-custodians will depend on the markets in which the ICAV invests.

The Depositary must exercise due skill, care and diligence in the discharge of its duties.

The Depositary will be liable for loss of financial instruments held in custody or in the custody of any sub-custodian unless it can prove that loss was not as a result of the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to perform its obligations and has arisen as a result of an external event beyond its reasonable control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary. The Depositary shall also be liable for all other losses suffered as a result of the Depositary's negligent or intentional failure to perform its obligations under the Directive and the Depositary Agreement. The liability of the Depositary will not be affected by the fact that it has delegated a third party certain of its safekeeping functions in respect of the ICAV's assets. The Depositary shall exercise

due skill, care and diligence in the selection, continued appointment and ongoing monitoring of delegates and sub-delegates.

From time to time actual or potential conflicts of interest may arise between the Depositary and its delegates, for example, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, where an appointed delegate is an affiliated group company and is providing a product or service to the ICAV and has a financial or business interest in such product or service, or receives remuneration for other related products or services it provides to the ICAV. The Depositary maintains a conflict of interest policy to address this.

Potential conflicts of interest may arise from time to time from the provision by the Depositary and/or its affiliates of other services to the ICAV and/or other parties. For example, the Depositary and/or its affiliates may act as the depositary, trustee and/or administrator of other funds. It is therefore possible that the Depositary (or any of its affiliates) may in the course of its business have conflicts or potential conflicts of interest with those of the ICAV and/or other funds for which the Depositary (or any of its affiliates) act. Potential conflicts of interest may also arise between the Depositary and its delegates, for example where an appointed delegate is an affiliated group company which receives remuneration for another custodial service it provides to the ICAV. In the event of any potential conflict of interest which may arise during the normal course of business, the Depositary will have regard to the applicable laws.

Where a conflict or potential conflict of interest arises, the Depositary will have regard to its obligations to the ICAV and will treat the ICAV and the other funds for which it acts fairly and such that, so far as is practicable, any transactions are effected on terms which are not materially less favourable to the ICAV than if the conflict or potential conflict had not existed.

Up-to-date information regarding the identity of the Depositary, a description of the duties of the Depositary, a description of any conflicts of interest that may arise, the Depositary's delegation arrangements in respect of safekeeping functions, a list of delegates and sub-delegates and information on any conflicts that may arise from such delegation will be made available to investors from the Depositary on request.

The Depositary Agreement may be terminated by either the Depositary or the ICAV giving not less than 90 days' written notice to the other party. Either party may terminate the Depositary Agreement immediately by notice in writing to the other party in the event that: (i) a receiver or examiner is appointed to such party or upon the happening of a like event whether at the direction of an appropriate regulatory agency or court of competent jurisdiction or otherwise; or (ii) the other party fails to remedy a material breach of the Depositary Agreement within 30 days of being required to do so; or (iii) if the Depositary is no longer permitted to act as depositary or trustee by the Central Bank. However, the Depositary shall continue in office until a successor approved in advance by the Central Bank has been appointed or the authorisation of the ICAV has been revoked. If no successor depositary is appointed within 90 days of the service of notice of termination, an extraordinary general meeting shall be convened at which a special resolution to wind up the ICAV shall be considered so that Shares may be redeemed or a liquidator appointed who shall wind up the ICAV and as soon as possible thereafter the ICAV shall apply to the Central Bank to revoke the ICAV's authorisation whereupon the Depositary's appointment shall terminate. In such case, the Depositary's appointment shall not terminate until revocation of the ICAV's authorisation by the Central Bank.

### **The Paying Agents**

The ICAV or the Manager may appoint various paying agents in connection with the public distribution of its Shares in certain jurisdictions. Local regulations in EEA countries may require the appointment of paying agents and the maintenance of accounts by such agents through which subscriptions and redemption monies may be paid. Investors who choose or are obliged under local regulations to pay/receive subscription/redemption monies via an intermediary entity rather than directly to the

Depositary (e.g., a sub-distributor or agent in the local jurisdiction) bear a credit risk against that intermediate entity with respect to (i) subscription monies prior to the transmission of such monies to the Depositary for the account of the ICAV; and (ii) redemption monies payable by such intermediate entity to the relevant redeeming Shareholder.

## GENERAL

## **Conflicts of Interest**

The ICAV has policies designed to ensure that in all transactions, a reasonable effort is made to avoid conflicts of interest and, when they cannot be avoided, that the Funds and their Shareholders are fairly treated.

The Directors, the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Depositary and the Administrator may from time to time act as investment manager, investment advisor, depositary, administrator, company secretary, dealer or distributor in relation to, or be otherwise involved in, other funds established by parties other than the ICAV which have similar investment objectives to those of the ICAV and any Fund. The Investment Manager and its affiliates shall not be under any obligation to offer investment opportunities of which any of them becomes aware to the ICAV or to account to the ICAV in respect of (or share with the ICAV or inform the ICAV of) any such transaction or any benefit received by any of them from any such transaction, but will allocate any such opportunities on an equitable basis between the ICAV and other clients, taking into consideration the investment objectives, investment limitations, capital available for investment and diversification posture of the ICAV and other clients. The Investment Manager and its affiliates may hold Shares in any Fund. It is, therefore, possible that any of them may, in the course of business, have potential conflicts of interest with the ICAV and a Fund. Each will, at all times, have regard in such event to its obligations to the ICAV and the Fund and will ensure that such conflicts are resolved fairly.

Any transaction between the ICAV and a Connected Person shall be conducted at arm's length and shall be in the best interests of Shareholders.

The ICAV may enter into a transaction with a Connected Person if at least one of the conditions in the following paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) is complied with : (a) the value of the transaction is certified by either (i) a person who has been approved by the Depositary as being independent and competent or (ii) a person who has been approved by the Directors as being independent and competent in the case of transactions involving the Depositary; (b) the transaction is executed on best terms on an organised investment exchange in accordance with the rules of the relevant exchange; or (c) where (a) and (b) are not practical, the transaction is executed on terms which the Depositary is or, in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary, the Directors are, satisfied conform to the requirement that transactions with Connected Person shall be conducted at arm's length and shall be in the best interests of Shareholders. The Depositary or, in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary or, in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary or, in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary or, in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary, the Directors, shall document how it complied with the requirements of (a), (b) or (c) above. Where transactions are conducted in accordance with (c) above, the Depositary or, in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary, the Directors, shall document its or their rationale for being satisfied that the transaction conformed to the requirement that transactions with Connected Persons shall be conducted at arm's length and shall be in the best interest of shareholders.

Conflicts of interest may arise as a result of transactions in FDI and efficient portfolio management techniques and instruments. For example, the counterparties to, or agents, intermediaries or other entities which provide services in respect of, such transactions may be related to the Depositary. As a result, those entities may generate profits, fees or other income or avoid losses through such transactions. Furthermore, conflicts of interests may also arise where the collateral provided by such entities is subject to a valuation or haircut applied by a related party.

The Investment Manager and its affiliates may invest, directly or indirectly, or manage or advise other investment funds or accounts which invest in assets which may also be purchased or sold by the ICAV. Neither the Investment Manager nor any of its affiliates is under any obligation to offer investment opportunities of which any of them becomes aware to the ICAV or to account to the ICAV in respect of or share with the ICAV or inform the ICAV of any such transaction or any benefit received by any

of them from any such transaction, but will allocate any such opportunities on an equitable basis between the ICAV and other clients.

The Investment Manager may be responsible for valuing certain securities held by the Funds. The Investment Manager is paid a fee which is a percentage of the Net Asset Value of each Class. Consequently, a conflict of interest could arise between its interests and those of the Funds. In the event of such a conflict of interest, the Investment Manager shall have regard to its obligations to the ICAV and the Fund and will ensure that such a conflict is resolved fairly and in the best interests of the Shareholders.

Any potential conflicts with ICAV directors to be disclosed.

### **Complaints**

Information regarding the ICAV's complaint procedures is available to Shareholders free of charge upon request to the Investment Manager. Shareholders may file any complaints about the ICAV or a Fund free of charge at the registered office of the ICAV, or with the Manager.

#### The Share Capital

The share capital of the ICAV shall at all times equal the Net Asset Value of the ICAV. The Directors are empowered to issue up to five hundred billion Shares of no par value in the ICAV at the Net Asset Value per Share on such terms as they may think fit. There are no rights of pre-emption upon the issue of Shares in the ICAV.

As of the date of this document the ICAV has issued Subscriber Shares to the value of  $\notin 2$ . The Subscriber Shares entitle the Shareholders holding them to attend and vote at all meetings of the ICAV, but do not entitle the holders to participate in the dividends or net assets of any Fund or of the ICAV.

Each of the Shares entitles the Shareholder to participate equally on a *pro rata* basis in the dividends and net assets of a Fund attributable to the relevant Class in respect of which they are issued, save in the case of dividends declared prior to becoming a Shareholder. The Subscriber Shares' entitlement is limited to the amount subscribed and accrued interest thereon.

The proceeds from the issue of Shares shall be applied in the books of the ICAV to the relevant Fund and shall be used in the acquisition on behalf of the relevant Fund of assets in which the Fund may invest. The records and accounts of each Fund shall be maintained separately.

The Directors reserve the right to redesignate any Class of Shares from time to time, provided that shareholders in that Class shall first have been notified by the ICAV that the Shares will be redesignated and shall have been given the opportunity to have their Shares redeemed by the ICAV, except that this requirement shall not apply where the Directors redesignate Shares in issue in order to facilitate the creation of an additional Class of Shares.

The Relevant Supplement specifies whether a Class of Shares has voting rights. Certain Shares entitle the holder to attend and vote at meetings of the ICAV and of the Fund represented by those Shares.

No Class of Shares confers on the holder thereof any preferential or pre-emptive rights or any rights to participate in the profits and dividends of any other Class of Shares or any voting rights in relation to matters relating solely to any other Class of Shares.

Any resolution to alter the Class rights of the Shares requires the approval of three quarters of the holders of the Shares represented or present and voting at a general meeting duly convened in accordance with the Instrument of Incorporation.

The Instrument of Incorporation of the ICAV empowers the Directors to issue fractional Shares in the ICAV. Fractional Shares may be issued and shall not carry any voting rights at general meetings of the ICAV or of any Fund or Class and the Net Asset Value of any fractional Share shall be the Net Asset Value per Share adjusted in proportion to the fraction.

## The Funds and Segregation of Liability

The ICAV is an umbrella fund with segregated liability between Funds and each Fund may comprise one or more Classes of Shares in the ICAV.

The assets and liabilities of each Fund will be allocated in the following manner:

- 1. the proceeds from the issue of Shares representing a Fund shall be applied in the books of the ICAV to the Fund and the assets and liabilities and income and expenditure attributable thereto shall be applied to such Fund subject to the provisions of the Instrument of Incorporation;
- 2. where any asset is derived from another asset, such derivative asset shall be applied in the books of the ICAV to the same Fund as the assets from which it was derived and in each valuation of an asset, the increase or diminution in value shall be applied to the relevant Fund;
- 3. where the ICAV incurs a liability which relates to any asset of a particular Fund or to any action taken in connection with an asset of a particular Fund, such a liability shall be allocated to the relevant Fund, as the case may be; and
- 4. where an asset or a liability of the ICAV cannot be considered as being attributable to a particular Fund, such asset or liability, subject to the approval of the Depositary, shall be allocated to all the Funds *pro rata* to the Net Asset Value of each Fund.

Any liability incurred on behalf of or attributable to any Fund shall be discharged solely out of the assets of that Fund, and neither the ICAV nor any Director, receiver, examiner, liquidator, provisional liquidator, or other person shall apply, nor be obliged to apply, the assets of any such Fund in satisfaction of any liability incurred on behalf of, or attributable to, any other Fund.

There shall be implied in every contract, agreement, arrangement, or transaction entered into by the ICAV the following terms, that:

- 1. the party or parties contracting with the ICAV shall not seek, whether in any proceedings or by any other means whatsoever or wheresoever, to have recourse to any assets of any Fund in the discharge of all or any part of a liability that was not incurred on behalf of that Fund;
- 2. if any party contracting with the ICAV shall succeed by any means whatsoever or wheresoever in having recourse to any assets of any Fund in the discharge of all or any part of a liability which was not incurred on behalf of that Fund, that party shall be liable to the ICAV to pay a sum equal to the value of the benefit thereby obtained by it; and
- 3. if any party contracting with the ICAV shall succeed in seizing or attaching by any means, or otherwise levying execution against, the assets of a Fund in respect of a liability which was not incurred on behalf of that Fund, that party shall hold those assets or the direct or indirect proceeds of the sale of such assets on trust for the ICAV and shall keep those assets or proceeds separate and identifiable as such trust property.

All sums recoverable by the ICAV shall be credited against any concurrent liability pursuant to the implied terms set out in 1 to 3 above.

Any asset or sum recovered by the ICAV shall, after the deduction or payment of any costs of recovery, be applied so as to compensate the relevant Fund.

In the event that assets attributable to a Fund are taken in execution of a liability not attributable to that Fund, and in so far as such assets or compensation in respect thereof cannot otherwise be restored to the Fund affected, the Directors, with the consent of the Depositary, shall certify or cause to be certified, the value of the assets lost to the Fund affected and transfer or pay from the assets of the Fund or Funds to which the liability was attributable, in priority to all other claims against such Fund or Funds, assets or sums sufficient to restore to the Fund affected, the value of the assets or sums lost to it.

A Fund is not a legal person separate from the ICAV but the ICAV may sue and be sued in respect of a particular Fund and may exercise the same rights of set-off, if any, as between its Funds as apply at law in respect of Irish collective asset-management vehicles and the property of a Fund is subject to orders of the court as it would have been if the Fund were a separate legal person.

Separate records shall be maintained in respect of each Fund.

# Termination

All of the Shares in the ICAV or all of the Shares in a Fund or Class may be redeemed by the ICAV in the following circumstances:

- 1. a majority of votes cast at a general meeting of the ICAV or the relevant Fund or Class, as appropriate, approve the redemption of the Shares;
- 2. if so determined by the Directors in consultation with the Manager, provided that not less than 21 days' written notice has been given to the holders of the Shares of the ICAV or the Fund or the Class, as appropriate, that all of the Shares of the ICAV, the Fund or the Class, as the case may be, shall be redeemed by the ICAV; or
- 3. if no replacement depositary shall have been appointed during the period of 90 days commencing on the date the Depositary or any replacement thereof shall have notified the ICAV of its desire to retire as depositary or shall have ceased to be approved by the Central Bank.

Where a redemption of Shares would result in the number of Shareholders falling below two or such other minimum number stipulated by statute or where a redemption of Shares would result in the issued share capital of the ICAV falling below such minimum amount as the ICAV may be obliged to maintain pursuant to applicable law, the ICAV may defer the redemption of the minimum number of Shares sufficient to ensure compliance with applicable law. The redemption of such Shares will be deferred until the ICAV is wound up or until the ICAV procures the issue of sufficient Shares to ensure that the redemption can be effected. The ICAV shall be entitled to select the Shares for deferred redemption in such manner as it may deem to be fair and reasonable.

On a winding-up or if all of the Shares in any Fund are to be redeemed, the assets available for distribution (after satisfaction of creditors' claims) shall be distributed *pro rata* to the holders of the Shares in proportion to the number of the Shares held in that Fund. The balance of any assets of the ICAV then remaining that are not attributable to any particular Fund shall be apportioned among the Funds *pro rata* to the Net Asset Value of each Fund immediately prior to any distribution to Shareholders and shall be distributed among the Shareholders of each Fund *pro rata* to the number of Shares in that Fund held by them. With the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders or with the consent of any Shareholder, the ICAV may make distributions *in specie* to Shareholders or to any individual Shareholder who so consents. At the request of any Shareholder the ICAV shall arrange the sale of such assets at the expense of such Shareholder and without any liability on the part of the ICAV, the Administrator or the Investment Manager if the proceeds of sale of any asset are less than the value of the assets at the time at which it was distributed *in specie*. The transaction costs incurred in the disposal of such investments shall be borne by the Shareholder.

## Meetings

### General Meetings

All general meetings of the ICAV or of a Fund shall be held in Ireland. The quorum for general meetings shall be two persons present in person or by proxy. Fourteen days' notice (excluding the day of posting and the day of the meeting) shall be given in respect of each general meeting of the ICAV. The notice shall specify the venue and time of the meeting and the business to be transacted at the meeting. A proxy may attend on behalf of any Shareholder. An ordinary resolution is a resolution passed by a plurality of votes cast and a special resolution is a resolution passed by a majority of 75% or more of the votes cast. The Instrument of Incorporation provides that matters may be determined by a meeting of Shareholders on a show of hands (with each Shareholder having one vote) unless a poll is requested by five Shareholders or by Shareholders holding 10% or more of the Shares or unless the Chairman of the meeting requests a poll. Each Share (including the Subscriber Shares) gives the holder one vote in relation to any matters relating to the ICAV, which are submitted to Shareholders for a vote by poll.

### Notice of Election to Dispense with Annual General Meetings

The Directors have elected, pursuant to section 89(4) of the ICAV Act, to dispense with the holding of annual general meetings of the ICAV. This election is effective for 2019 and subsequent years. However, pursuant to section 89(6) of the ICAV Act: (i) one or more Shareholders of the ICAV holding, or together holding, not less than 10% of the voting rights in the ICAV; or (ii) the auditor of the ICAV, may require the ICAV to hold an annual general meeting in any year by giving notice in writing to the ICAV in the previous year or at least one month before the end of that year.

### **Remuneration Policy of the Manager**

The Manager has remuneration policies and practices in place consistent with the requirements of the UCITS Regulations and the ESMA Guidelines on sound remuneration policies under the Directive ("ESMA Remuneration Guidelines"). The Manager will procure that any delegate, including the Investment Manager, to whom such requirements also apply pursuant to the ESMA Remuneration Guidelines will have equivalent remuneration policies and practices in place.

The remuneration policy reflects the Manager's objective for good corporate governance, promotes sound and effective risk management and does not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profile of the Funds or the Instrument of Incorporation. It is also aligned with the investment objectives of each Fund and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest. The remuneration policy is reviewed on an annual basis (or more frequently, if required) by the board of directors of the Manager, to ensure that the overall remuneration system operates as intended and that the remuneration pay-outs are appropriate. This review will also ensure that the remuneration policy reflects best practice guidelines and regulatory requirements, as may be amended from time to time.

Details of the up-to-date remuneration policy of the Manager (including, but not limited to: (i) a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated; (ii) the identities of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits; and (iii) the composition of the remuneration committee, available where such а committee exists) will be bv means of а website http://www.carnegroup.com/policies-and-procedures/ and a paper copy will be made available to Shareholders free of charge upon request.

### Reports

In each year, the Directors shall cause to be prepared an annual report and audited annual accounts for the ICAV. These will be sent to Shareholders (by post or, where a Shareholder so elects, by electronic mail or other form of electronic communication, including by posting them on the website of the ICAV) to Shareholders within four months of the end of the financial year. In addition, the ICAV shall prepare and circulate to Shareholders within two months of the end of the relevant period a half-yearly report,

which shall include unaudited half-yearly accounts for the ICAV.

Annual accounts shall be made up to 31 December in each year and the first set of annual accounts will be made up to 31 December 2020. If 31 December is not a Business Day, the value of the investments of the Funds shall be based upon the closest preceding Business Day.

Unaudited half-yearly accounts shall be made up to 30 June in each year and the first set of unaudited half-yearly accounts will be made up to 30 June 2021. If 30 June is not a Business Day, the value of the investments of the Funds shall be based upon the closest preceding Business Day. Annual accounts and unaudited half-yearly accounts shall be sent to Shareholders by electronic mail or other form of electronic communication, including by posting them on a website. The Instrument of Incorporation provides that consent to receipt of the annual accounts and unaudited half-yearly accounts by electronic mail or other form of electronic communication, including by posting for or holding Shares. A Shareholder has the ability to revoke this deemed consent at any time by giving 30 days' prior written notice to the ICAV of the fact that the Shareholder does not want to receive the annual accounts and unaudited half-yearly accounts and unaudited half-yearly accounts from the ICAV at any time free of charge and these will also be made available for inspection at the registered office of the ICAV.

## **Material Contracts**

The following contracts, details of which are set out in the section entitled "Management and Administration", have been entered into and are, or may be, material:

- 1. the Management Agreement, pursuant to which the Manager was appointed as manager in relation to the ICAV;
- 2. the Investment Management and Distribution Agreement, pursuant to which the Investment Manager acts as investment manager and distributor of the ICAV;
- 3. the Depositary Agreement, pursuant to which the Depositary acts as depositary of the ICAV; and
- 4. the Administration Agreement, pursuant to which the Administrator acts as administrator of the ICAV.

### **Supply and Inspection of Documents**

The following documents are available for inspection free of charge during normal business hours on Business Days (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) at the registered office of the ICAV:

- 1. the certificate of registration and Instrument of Incorporation;
- 2. the material contacts referred to above; and
- 3. the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank Regulations.

Copies of the Instrument of Incorporation and the latest financial reports of the ICAV may be obtained, free of charge, upon request at the registered office of the ICAV.

#### **SCHEDULE 1**

#### **The Regulated Markets**

With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities, in OTC derivative instruments or in units of open-ended collective investment schemes, the ICAV will only invest in securities traded or listed on a stock exchange or market which meets with the regulatory criteria of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations (i.e. regulated, operating regularly and open to the public) and which is listed in this Prospectus. For the avoidance of doubt, should an exchange or market listed below change its name or merge with another exchange or market listed below, the list shall be deemed to be amended to refer to the new name of the exchange or market or the name of the merged exchange or market, as the case may be.

The Regulated Markets shall comprise:

- (i) any stock exchange in the European Union; all stock exchanges in a member state of the European Economic Area; any stock exchange in the U.S., Australia, Canada, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland and the U.K. (in the event that the U.K. is no longer a member state of the European Union) which is a stock exchange within the meaning of the law of the country concerned relating to stock exchanges;
- (ii) the market organised by the International Capital Markets Association; NASDAQ; the market in U.S. government securities which is conducted by primary dealers which are regulated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; the over-the-counter market in the U.S. conducted by primary dealers and secondary dealers which are regulated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and by banking institutions regulated by the US Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Reserve System or Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; the market conducted by listed money market institutions as described in the Financial Conduct Authority publication entitled "The Regulation of the Wholesale Cash and OTC Derivatives Markets: 'The Grey Paper'" dated April, 1988 (as amended or revised from time to time); the over-the-counter market in Japan regulated by the Securities Dealers Association of Japan; AIM - the Alternative Investment Market in the UK, regulated by the London Stock Exchange; the French Market for Titres de Creance Negotiable (the over-the-counter market in negotiable debt instruments); NASDAQ Europe; the over-the-counter market in Canadian Government Bonds regulated by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada; NASDAQ Japan; Market of the High-Growth and Emerging Stocks; the Hong Kong Growth Enterprise Market; TAISDAQ; the Taiwan Innovative Growing Entrepreneurs Exchange; EASDAQ; SESDAQ and KOSDAQ;

#### (iii) all of the following stock exchanges:

Argentina	-	Buenos Aires Stock Exchange
Argentina	-	Bolsa de Comercio de Cordoba
Argentina	-	Bolsa de Comercio de Rosario
Argentina	-	Bolsa de Comercio de la Plata
Argentina	-	Bolsa de Comercio de Mendoza
Argentina	-	Mercado Abierto Electronico S.A
Argentina	-	Mercado A Termino de Buenos Aires S.A.
Bahrain	-	Bahrain Stock Exchange
Bahrain	-	Manama Stock Exchange
Bangladesh	-	Dhaka Stock Exchange
Bangladesh	-	Chittagong Stock Exchange
Bermuda	-	Bermuda Stock Exchange
Botswana	-	Botswana Stock Exchange
Botswana	-	Serowe Stock Exchange

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Brazil	-	Rio de Janeiro Stock Exchange
Brazil	-	Bahia-Sergipe-Alagoas Stock Exchange
Brazil	-	Extremo Sul Stock Exchange, Porto Allegre
Brazil	-	Minas Esperito Santo Brasilia Stock Exchange
Brazil	-	Parana Stock Exchange, Curtiba
Brazil	-	Pernambuco e Paraiba Stock Exchange
Brazil	-	Regional Stock Exchange, Fortaleza
Brazil	-	Santos Stock Exchange
Brazil	-	BM&F Bovespa
Brazil	-	Bolso de Mercadorias e Futuros Extremo Sul Stock
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Brazil	-	Porto Allegre Mina Esperito Santo Brasilia Stock
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Brazil	-	Sao Paulo Stock Exchange
Brazil	-	Sociedade Stock Exchange
Brazil	-	Operadora do Mecado de Ativos S.
Chile	-	Santiago Stock Exchange,
Chile	-	Bolsa Electronica de Chile
Chile	-	Valparaiso Stock Exchange
China	-	Shanghai Securities Exchange
China (Peoples' Rep.	-	Shenzhen Stock Exchange
of Shenzhen)		
Colombia	-	Bogota Stock Exchange
Colombia	-	Medellin Stock Exchange
Colombia	-	Bolsa de Occidente
Costa Rica	-	San Jose Stock Exchange
Croatia	-	Zagreb Stock Exchange
Egypt	-	Cairo Stock Exchange
Egypt	-	Egyptian Exchange
Egypt	-	Alexandria Stock Exchange
Ghana	-	Ghana Stock Exchange
Hong Kong	-	Stock Exchange of Hong Kong
Hong Kong	-	Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd.
India	-	Bangalore Stock Exchange
India	-	Mumbai Stock Exchange
India	-	Calcutta Stock Exchange
India	-	Delhi Stock Exchange Association
India	-	Guahati Stock Exchange
India	-	Hyderabad Stock Exchange
India	-	Ludhiana Stock Exchange
India	-	Madras Stock Exchange
India	-	Pune Stock Exchange
India	-	Uttar Pradesh Stock Exchange Association
India	-	National Stock Exchange of India
India	-	Ahmedabad Stock Exchange
India	-	Cochin Stock Exchange
India	-	Magadh Stock Exchange
India	-	The Bombay Stock Exchange
India	-	MCX Stock Exchange (MCX-SX)
India	_	Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX)
India	_	National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange
India	_	National Spot Exchange
Indonesia	-	Jakarta Stock Exchange
Indonesia	_	Surabaya Stock Exchange
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Israel	_	Tel Aviv Stock Exchange
Japan	_	Osaka Securities Exchange
Japan	_	Tokyo Stock Exchange
Jordan	_	Amman Stock Exchange
Kazakhstan (Rep. Of)	_	Central Asian Stock Exchange
Kazakhstan (Rep. Of) Kazakhstan (Rep. Of)	_	Kazakhstan Stock Exchange
Kazakiistan (Rep. 01) Kenya	_	Nairobi Stock Exchange
Korea	-	Korea Stock Exchange
Kuwait	-	Kuwait Stock Exchange
Malaysia	-	The Bursa Malaysia Berhad
Malaysia	-	Bumipatra Stock Exchange
Mauritius	-	Stock Exchange of Mauritius
Mexico	-	Mexican Stock Exchange
Morocco	-	Casablanca Stock Exchange
Morocco	-	Societe de la Bourse des Valeurs de Casablanca
Morocco	-	
	-	Morocco Stock Exchange
Namibia New Zealand	-	Namibian Stock Exchange
	-	New Zealand Exchange
Nigeria	-	Nigerian Stock Exchange
Oman	-	Muscat Securities Market
Pakistan	-	Islamabad Stock Exchange
Pakistan	-	Karachi Stock Exchange
Pakistan	-	Lahore Stock Exchange
Pakistan	-	Pakistan Mercantile Exchange
Peru	-	Lima Stock Exchange
Philippines	-	Philippines Stock Exchange
Poland	-	Warsaw Stock Exchange
Qatar	-	Doha Securities Market
Russia	-	Moscow Exchange MICEX – RTS
Saudi Arabia	-	Tadawul Stock Exchange
Saudi Arabia	-	Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency
Serbia	-	The Belgrade Stock Exchange (BSE)
Singapore	-	Stock Exchange of Singapore
South Africa	-	Johannesburg Stock Exchange
South Africa	-	JSE Limited
South African	-	Futures Exchange
South Korea	-	Korea Stock Exchange
Sri Lanka	-	Colombo Stock Exchange
Taiwan	-	Taiwan Stock Exchange
Taiwan	-	GreTai Securities Market
Thailand	-	Stock Exchange of Thailand
Thailand	-	Bond Electronic Exchange
Tunisia	-	Bourse des Valeurs Mobilieres de Tunis
Turkey	-	Borsa Istanbul
Ukraine	-	PFTS Ukraine Stock Exchange
United Arab Emirates	-	Abu Dhabi Stock Exchange
United Arab Emirates	-	Dubai Financial Exchange
United Arab Emirates	-	Dubai International Financial Exchange
Uruguay	-	Bolsa de Valores de Montivideo
Uruguay	-	Bolsa Electrónica de Valores del Uruguay SA
Vietnam	-	Ho Chi Minh Stock Exchange
Vietnam	-	Hanoi Stock Exchange
Zambia	-	Lusaka Stock Exchange
Zimbabwe	-	Zimbabwe Stock Exchange
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- (iv) for investments in financial derivative instruments:
  - the market organised by the International Capital Markets Association; the over-the-(A) counter market in the U.S. conducted by primary and secondary dealers regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and by banking institutions regulated by the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Reserve System or Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; the market conducted by listed money market institutions as described in the Financial Conduct Authority publication entitled "The Regulation of the Wholesale Cash and OTC Derivatives Markets": "The Grey Paper" (as amended or revised from time to time); the over-the-counter market in Japan regulated by the Securities Dealers Association of Japan; AIM - the Alternative Investment Market in the UK, regulated by the London Stock Exchange; the French Market for Titres de Creance Negotiable (over-the-counter Market in negotiable debt instruments); the over-the-counter market in Canadian Government Bonds regulated by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada and all futures and options exchanges in a member state of the European Union or a member state of the European Economic Area or in the U.K. (in the event that the U.K. is no longer a Member State); and
  - **(B)** Ace Derivatives & Commodity Exchange; American Stock Exchange; Athens Derivative Exchange; Australian Stock Exchange; BM&F Bovespa; Bolsa Mexicana de Valores; Borsa Italiana (IDEM); Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Berhad; Chicago Board of Trade; Chicago Board Options Exchange; Chicago Mercantile Exchange; Chicago Board of Trade; China Financial Futures Exchange; China Interbank Bond Market; CME Group; Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange; Copenhagen Stock Exchange (including FUTOP); Dalian Commodity Exchange; European Options Exchange; Eurex Deutschland; EUREX Zurich; EUREX for Bunds, OATs, BTPs; Euronext Derivatives Amsterdam; Euronext Derivatives Brussels; Euronext Derivatives Paris; Financiele Termijnmarkt Amsterdam; Finnish Options Market; Hong Kong Futures Exchange; ICE Futures Europe; Indonesia Commodity and Derivatives Exchange; International Capital Market Association; Irish Futures and Option Exchange (IFOX); Kansas City Board of Trade, Financial Futures and Options Exchange; Lowa Electronic Markets; London Metal Exchange; Marche a Terme des International de France; Marche des options Negociables de Paris (MONEP); MEFF Rent Fija; MEFF Renta Variable; Midwest Stock Exchange; Mid-American Commodity Exchange; Minneapolis Grain Exchange; Montreal Stock Exchange; New York Cotton Exchange; New York Futures Exchange; New York Mercantile Exchange; New York Stock Exchange; New Zealand Exchange; OMLX The London Securities and Derivatives Exchange Ltd.; OMX Nordic Exchange Copenhagen; OM Stockholm AB; Osaka Securities Exchange; Pacific Stock Exchange; Philadelphia Board of Trade; Philadelphia Stock Exchange; Shanghai Futures Exchange; Singapore International Monetary Exchange; Singapore Commodity Exchange; Singapore Mercantile Exchange; South Africa Futures Exchange (SAFEX); Sydney Futures Exchange; Taiwan Futures Exchange; Thailand Futures Exchange; Agricultural Futures Exchange of Thailand; The National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations System (NASDAQ); Tokyo Stock Exchange; Tokyo Commodity Exchange; Tokyo Financial Exchange; Toronto Futures Exchange; Ukranian Interbank Currency Exchange; Zhengzhou Commodity Exchange.

These exchanges and markets are listed in accordance with the regulatory criteria as defined in the Central Bank Regulations. The Central Bank does not issue a list of approved exchanges and markets.

# **SCHEDULE 2**

# **Investment Restrictions applicable to the Funds**

1	Permitted Investments		
	Investments of a Fund are confined to:		
1.1	Transferable securities and money market instruments which are either admitted to official listing on a stock exchange in a Member State or non-Member State or which are dealt on a market which is regulated, operates regularly, is recognised and open to the public in a Member State or non-Member State.		
1.2	Recently issued transferable securities which will be admitted to official listing on a stock exchange or other market (as described above) within a year.		
1.3	Money market instruments other than those dealt on a Regulated Market.		
1.4	Units of UCITS.		
1.5	Units of alternative investment funds ("AIFs").		
1.6	Deposits with credit institutions.		
1.7	Financial derivative instruments.		
2	Investment Restrictions		
2.1	A Fund may invest no more than 10% of Net Asset Value in transferable securities and money market instruments other than those referred to in paragraph 1.		
2.2	Recently Issued Transferable Securities		
	(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a Fund shall not invest any more than 10% of its assets in securities of the type to which Regulation $68(1)(d)$ of the UCITS Regulations apply.		
	(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to an investment by a Fund in US securities known as Rule 144A securities, provided that:		
	(a) the relevant securities have been issued with an undertaking to register the securities with the SEC within one year of issue; and		
	(b) the securities are not illiquid securities i.e., they may be realised by the Fund within seven days at the price, or approximately at the price, at which they are valued by the Fund.		
2.3	A Fund may invest no more than 10% of Net Asset Value in transferable securities or money market instruments issued by the same body, provided that the total value of transferable securities and money market instruments held in the issuing bodies in each of which it invests more than 5% is less than 40%.		
2.4	The limit of 10% (in 2.3) is raised to 25% in the case of bonds that are issued by a credit institution which has its registered office in a Member State and is subject by law to special public supervision designed to protect bond-holders. If a Fund invests more than 5% of its Net Asset Value in these bonds issued by one issuer, the total value of these investments may not exceed		

80% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. A Fund will not avail of this without the prior approval of the Central Bank.

- **2.5** The limit of 10% (in 2.3) is raised to 35% if the transferable securities or money market instruments are issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities or by a non-Member State or public international body of which one or more Member States are members.
- **2.6** The transferable securities and money market instruments referred to in 2.4 and 2.5 shall not be taken into account for the purpose of applying the limit of 40% referred to in 2.3.
- **2.7** Cash booked in accounts and held as ancillary liquidity shall not exceed 20% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.
- **2.8** The risk exposure of a UCITS to a counterparty to an OTC derivative may not exceed 5% of net assets.

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

- **2.9** Notwithstanding paragraphs 2.3, 2.7 and 2.8 above, a combination of two or more of the following issued by, or made or undertaken with, the same body may not exceed 20 % of Net Asset Value:
  - (i) investments in transferable securities or money market instruments;
  - (ii) deposits; and/or
  - (iii) counterparty risk exposures arising from OTC derivatives transactions.
- **2.10** The limits referred to in 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 above may not be combined, so that exposure to a single body shall not exceed 35 % of Net Asset Value.
- **2.11** Group companies are regarded as a single issuer for the purposes of 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9. However, a limit of 20% of Net Asset Value may be applied to investment in transferable securities and money market instruments within the same group.
- **2.12** A Fund may invest up to 100% of Net Asset Value in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by any Member State, its local authorities, non-Member States or public international body of which one or more Member States are members.

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

OECD Governments (provided the relevant issues are investment grade), the Government of Brazil, the Government of India and the Government of the People's Republic of China (provided the relevant issues are investment grade), the Government of Singapore, the EU, the Council of Europe, Eurofima, the European Investment Bank, Euratom, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (The World Bank), the African Development Bank, the European Central Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund, the International Finance Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), the Government National Mortgage Association (Sallie Mae), the Federal

	Home Loan Bank, the Federal Farm Credit Bank, the Tennessee Valley Authority, Straight A Funding LLC.	
	The Fund must hold securities from at least six different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30% of Net Asset Value.	
3	Investment in Collective Investment Schemes ("CIS")	
3.1	A Fund may not invest more than 20% of net assets in any one CIS.	
3.2	Investment in AIFs may not, in aggregate, exceed 30% of net assets.	
3.3	The CIS are prohibited from investing more than 10% of Net Asset Value in other open-ended CIS.	
3.4	When a Fund invests in the units of other CIS that are managed, directly or by delegation, by the UCITS management company or by any other company with which the UCITS management company is linked by common management or control, or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, that management company or other company may not charge subscription, conversion or redemption fees on account of the Fund's investment in the units of such other CIS.	
3.5	Where by virtue of investment in the units of another investment fund, the ICAV, or its manager, an investment manager or an investment advisor receives a commission on behalf of a Fund (including a rebated commission), the ICAV, or its manager shall ensure that the relevant commission is paid into the property of the Fund.	
4	Index Tracking UCITS	
4.1	A Fund may invest up to 20% of Net Asset Value in shares and/or debt securities issued by the same body where the investment policy of the Fund is to replicate an index which satisfies the criteria set out in the Central Bank Regulations and is recognised by the Central Bank.	
4.2	The limit in 4.1 may be raised to 35% and applied to a single issuer, where this is justified by exceptional market conditions.	
5	General Provisions	
5.1	An investment company, Irish collective asset-management vehicle ("ICAV") or management company acting in connection with all of the CIS it manages, may not acquire any shares carrying voting rights which would enable it to exercise significant influence over the management of an issuing body.	
5.2	A Fund may acquire no more than:	
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5.2	<ul> <li>A Fund may acquire no more than:</li> <li>(i) 10% of the non-voting shares of any single issuing body;</li> <li>(ii) 10% of the debt securities of any single issuing body;</li> <li>(iii) 25% of the units of any single CIS;</li> </ul>	

- (i) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State or its local authorities;
- (ii) transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a non-Member State;
- (iii) transferable securities and money market instruments issued by public international bodies of which one or more Member States are members;
- (iv) shares held by a Fund in the capital of a company incorporated in a non-Member State which invests its assets mainly in the securities of issuing bodies having their registered offices in that State, where under the legislation of that State such a holding represents the only way in which the Fund can invest in the securities of issuing bodies of that State. This waiver is applicable only if in its investment policies the company from the non-Member State complies with the limits laid down in paragraphs 2.3 to 2.11, 3.1, 3.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.4, 5.5 and 5.6, and provided that where these limits are exceeded, paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6 below are observed; and
- (v) shares held by an investment company or investment companies or ICAV or ICAVs in the capital of subsidiary companies carrying on only the business of management, advice or marketing in the country where the subsidiary is located, in regard to the repurchase of units at unit-holders' request exclusively on their behalf.
- **5.4** A Fund need not comply with the investment restrictions herein when exercising subscription rights attaching to transferable securities or money market instruments which form part of their assets.
- **5.5** The Central Bank may allow recently authorised Funds to derogate from the provisions of 2.3 to 2.12, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1 and 4.2 for six months following the date of their authorisation, provided they observe the principle of risk spreading.
- **5.6** If the limits laid down herein are exceeded for reasons beyond the control of a Fund or as a result of the exercise of subscription rights, the Fund must adopt as a priority objective for its sales transactions the remedying of that situation, taking due account of the interests of its unitholders.
- **5.7** Neither an investment company, ICAV nor a management company or a trustee acting on behalf of a unit trust or a management company of a common contractual fund, may carry out uncovered sales of:
  - (i) transferable securities;
  - (ii) money market instruments;
  - (iii) units of investment funds; or
  - (iv) financial derivative instruments.
- **5.8** A Fund may hold ancillary liquid assets.

# 6 Financial Derivative Instruments ("FDI")

- 6.1 A Fund's global exposure relating to FDI must not exceed its total net asset value.
- **6.2** Position exposure to the underlying assets of FDI, including embedded FDI in transferable securities or money market instruments, when combined where relevant with positions resulting from direct investments, may not exceed the investment limits set out in the Central Bank

	Regulations/guidance. (This provision does not apply in the case of index-based FDI provided the underlying index is one which meets with the criteria set out in the Central Bank Regulations.)
6.3	A Fund may invest in FDI dealt in over-the-counter (OTC), provided that the counterparties to over-the-counter transactions (OTCs) are institutions subject to prudential supervision and belonging to categories approved by the Central Bank.
6.4	Investment in FDIs are subject to the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank.

### **SCHEDULE 3**

#### **Investment Techniques and Instruments**

A Fund may use derivative instruments traded on an organised exchange and on over-the-counter markets, whether such instruments are used for investment purposes or the purposes of the efficient portfolio management of the Fund. A Fund's ability to use these strategies may be limited by market conditions, regulatory limits and tax considerations and these strategies may be used only in accordance with the investment objectives of the Fund.

#### **Financial Derivative Instruments**

#### Permitted financial derivative instruments ("FDI")

- 1. The ICAV shall only invest assets of a Fund in an FDI if:
  - 1.1 the relevant reference items or indices consist of one or more of the following: instruments referred to in Regulation 68(1)(a) (f) and (h) of the UCITS Regulations, including financial instruments having one or several characteristics of those assets, financial indices, interest rates, foreign exchange rates or currencies;
  - 1.2 the FDI does not expose the Fund to risks which the Fund could not otherwise assume;
  - 1.3 the FDI does not cause the Fund to diverge from its investment objectives;
  - 1.4 the FDI is dealt in on a Regulated Market or alternatively the conditions in paragraph 6 are satisfied.
- 2 The reference in 1.1 above to financial indices shall be understood as a reference to indices which fulfil the following criteria:
  - 2.1 they are sufficiently diversified, in that the following criteria are fulfilled:
    - (a) the index is composed in such a way that price movements or trading activities regarding one component do not unduly influence the performance of the whole index;
    - (b) where the index is composed of assets referred to in Regulation 68(1) of the UCITS Regulations, its composition is at least diversified in accordance with Regulation 71 of the UCITS Regulations;
    - (c) where the index is composed of assets other than those referred to in Regulation 68(1) of the UCITS Regulations, it is diversified in a way which is equivalent to that provided for in Regulation 71(1) of the UCITS Regulations;
  - 2.2 they represent an adequate benchmark for the market to which they refer, in that the following criteria are fulfilled:
    - (a) the index measures the performance of a representative group of underlyings in a relevant and appropriate way;
    - (b) the index is revised or rebalanced periodically to ensure that it continues to reflect the markets to which it refers following criteria which are publicly available;

- (c) the underlyings are sufficiently liquid, which allows users to replicate the index, if necessary;
- 2.3 they are published in an appropriate manner, in that the following criteria are fulfilled:
  - (a) their publication process relies on sound procedures to collect prices and to calculate and to subsequently publish the index value, including pricing procedures for components where a market price is not available;
  - (b) material information on matters such as index calculation, rebalancing methodologies, index changes or any operational difficulties in providing timely or accurate information is provided on a wide and timely basis.

Where the composition of assets which are used as underlyings by FDI does not fulfil the criteria set out in 2.1, 2.2 or 2.3 above, those FDI shall, where they comply with the criteria set out in Regulation 68(1)(g) of the UCITS Regulations, be regarded as FDI on a combination of the assets referred to in Regulation 68(1)(g)(i) of the UCITS Regulations, excluding financial indices.

- 3. A transferable security or money market instrument embedding an FDI shall be understood as a reference to financial instruments which fulfil the criteria for transferable securities or money market instruments set out in the UCITS Regulations and which contain a component which fulfils the following criteria:
  - 3.1 by virtue of that component some or all of the cash flows that otherwise would be required by the transferable security or money market instrument which functions as host contract can be modified according to a specified interest rate, financial instrument price, foreign exchange rate, index of prices or rates, credit rating or credit index, or other variable, and therefore vary in a way similar to a stand-alone FDI;
  - 3.2 its economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract;
  - 3.3 it has a significant impact on the risk profile and pricing of the transferable security or money market instrument.
- 4. A transferable security or a money market instrument shall not be regarded as embedding a FDI where it contains a component which is contractually transferable independently of the transferable security or the money market instrument. Such a component shall be deemed to be a separate financial instrument.
- 5. Where the ICAV enters, on behalf of a Fund, into a total return swap or invests in other FDI with similar characteristics, the assets held by the Fund must comply with Regulations 70, 71, 72, 73 and 74 of the UCITS Regulations.

## OTC FDI

- 6. The ICAV shall only invest assets of a Fund in an OTC FDI if the FDI counterparty is within at least one of the following categories:
  - 6.1 a credit institution that is within any of the categories set out in Regulation 7 of the Central Bank Regulations;
  - 6.2 an investment firm authorised in accordance with MiFID;

- 6.3 a group company of an entity issued with a bank holding company licence from the Federal Reserve of the United States of America where that group company is subject to bank holding company consolidated supervision by that Federal Reserve; or
- 6.4 such other categories of counterparties as are permitted by the Central Bank.
- 7. Where a counterparty within paragraphs 6.2 or 6.3:
  - 7.1 was subject to a credit rating by an agency registered and supervised by ESMA that rating shall be taken into account by the ICAV in the credit assessment process; and
  - 7.2 where a counterparty is downgraded to A-2 or below (or comparable rating) by the credit rating agency referred to in paragraph 7.1 this shall result in a new credit assessment being conducted of the counterparty by the ICAV without delay.
- 8. Where an OTC FDI referred to in paragraph 6 is subject to a novation, the counterparty after the novation must be:
  - (b) 8.1 an entity that is within any of the categories set out in paragraph 6; or
  - (c) 8.2 a central counterparty that is:
    - (d) (a) authorised or recognised under EMIR; or
    - (e) (b) pending recognition by ESMA under Article 25 of EMIR, an entity classified:
      - (f) (A) by the SEC as a clearing agency; or
      - (g) (B) by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission as a derivatives clearing organisation.
- 9. 9.1 Risk exposure to the counterparty shall not exceed the limits set out in Regulation 70(1)(c) of the UCITS Regulations, assessed in accordance with paragraph 9.2.
  - 9.2 In assessing risk exposure to the counterparty to an OTC FDI for the purpose of Regulation 70(1)(c) of the UCITS Regulations:
    - (h) (a) the ICAV and/or the Manager shall calculate the exposure to the counterparty using the positive mark-to-market value of the OTC FDI with that counterparty;
    - (i) (b) the ICAV and/or the Manager may net FDI positions with the same counterparty, provided that the Fund is able to legally enforce netting arrangements with the counterparty. For this purpose netting is permissible only in respect of OTC FDI with the same counterparty and not in relation to any other exposures the Fund has with the same counterparty;
    - (j) (c) the ICAV and/or the Manager may take account of collateral received by the ICAV in order to reduce the exposure to the counterparty, provided that the collateral meets with the requirements specified in paragraphs (1)(c), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9) and (10) of Regulation 24 of the Central Bank Regulations.

10. OTC FDI must be subject to reliable and verifiable valuation on a daily basis and sold, liquidated or closed by an offsetting transaction at any time at their fair value at the Fund's initiative.

#### **Issuer concentration limits**

- 11. For the purpose of Regulation 70 of the UCITS Regulations and the calculation of issuer concentration limits of a Fund, the ICAV shall:
  - 11.1 include any net exposure to a counterparty generated through a securities lending or repurchase agreement, where net exposure means the amount receivable by the Fund less any collateral provided by the Fund;
  - 11.2 include exposures created through the reinvestment of collateral; and
  - 11.3 establish whether the exposure of the Fund is to an OTC counterparty, a broker, a central counterparty or a clearing house.
- 12. The position exposure of the Fund, if any, to the underlying assets of an FDI, including an FDI that is embedded in transferable securities, money market instruments or investment funds, when combined with positions resulting from direct investments:
  - 12.1 shall be calculated in accordance with paragraph 13; and
  - 12.2 shall not exceed the investment limits set out in Regulations 70 and 73 of the UCITS Regulations.
- 13. For the purposes of paragraph 12:
  - 13.1 when calculating issuer-concentration risk, the FDI (including embedded FDI) must be looked through in determining the resultant position exposure and this position exposure shall be taken into account in the issuer concentration calculations;
  - 13.2 the ICAV shall calculate the position exposure of the Fund using the commitment approach or the VaR approach as a result of default by the issuer approach, whichever is greater; and
  - 13.3 the ICAV shall calculate the position exposure, regardless of whether the Fund uses VaR for global exposure purposes.
- 14. Paragraph 12 does not apply in the case of an index-based FDI provided the underlying index meets the criteria set out in Regulation 71(1) of the UCITS Regulations.
- 15. Collateral received must at all times meet with the requirements set out in paragraphs 30 to 38 below.
- 16. Collateral passed to an OTC FDI counterparty by or on behalf of a Fund must be taken into account in calculating exposure of the Fund to counterparty risk as referred to in Regulation 70(1)(c) of the UCITS Regulations. Collateral passed may be taken into account on a net basis only if the Fund is able to legally enforce netting arrangements with this counterparty.
- 17. The risk exposures to a counterparty arising from OTC FDI transactions and efficient portfolio management techniques must be combined when calculating the OTC counterparty limit as referred to in Regulation 70(1)(c) of the UCITS Regulations.

#### **Cover requirements**

- 18. Where the initial margin posted to and variation margin receivable from a broker relating to an exchange-traded FDI or an OTC FDI is not protected by client money rules or other similar arrangements to protect the Fund in the event of the insolvency of the broker, the ICAV shall calculate exposure of the Fund within the OTC counterparty limit as referred to in Regulation 70(1)(c) of the UCITS Regulations.
- 19. The ICAV shall ensure that, at all times:
  - 19.1 the Fund is capable of meeting all its payment and delivery obligations incurred by transactions involving FDI;
  - 19.2 the risk management process of the ICAV includes the monitoring of FDI transactions to ensure that every such transaction is covered adequately;
  - 19.3 a transaction in FDI which gives rise to, or could potentially give rise to, a future commitment on behalf of a Fund is covered in accordance with the conditions specified in paragraph 20.
- 20. The conditions to which paragraph 19.3 refers are:
  - 20.1 in the case of an FDI that is, automatically or at the discretion of the Fund, cash-settled, the Fund must, at all times, hold liquid assets that are sufficient to cover the exposure;
  - 20.2 in the case of an FDI that requires physical delivery of the underlying asset, either:
    - (a) the asset must at all times be held by a Fund; or
    - (b) where either or both of the conditions in paragraphs 21.1 and 21.2 applies, the Fund must cover the exposure with sufficient liquid assets.
- 21. The conditions to which paragraph 20.2(b) refers are:
  - 21.1 the underlying asset consists, or the underlying assets consist, of highly liquid fixed income securities;
  - 21.2 (a) the exposure can be covered without the need to hold the underlying assets;
    - (b) the specific FDI is addressed in the risk management process; and
    - (c) details of the exposure are provided in the prospectus.

In this regard, please note that in the case of the instruments referred to in the section entitled "Investment Techniques and Instruments", the ICAV considers that from time to time the exposure may be covered with sufficient liquid assets.

#### Risk management process and reporting

- 22. A Fund must provide the Central Bank with details of its proposed risk management process vis-à-vis its FDI activity pursuant to Chapter 3 of Part 2 of the Central Bank Regulations. The initial filing is required to include information in relation to:
  - 22.1 permitted types of FDI, including embedded FDI in transferable securities and money market instruments;

- 22.2 details of the underlying risks;
- 22.3 relevant quantitative limits and how these will be monitored and enforced; and
- 22.4 methods for estimating risks.
- 23. 23.1 The ICAV shall in writing notify the Central Bank of material amendments to the initial filing of the risk management process of a Fund, in advance of the amendment being made.
  - 23.2 The Central Bank may object to the making of any proposed amendment that is notified to it under paragraph 23.1.
  - 23.3 (a) No proposed amendment to which the Bank has objected under paragraph 23.2 shall be made to the risk management process of a Fund.
    - (b) Where the Central Bank has objected under paragraph 23.2 to the making of a proposed amendment to the risk management process of a Fund.

The relevant Fund shall not engage in any activity that is associated with or which would derive from the proposed amendment to which the objection has been made.

24. The ICAV must submit a report to the Central Bank on the Funds' FDI positions on an annual basis. The report, which must include information which reflects a true and fair view of the types of FDI used by the Funds, the underlying risks, the quantitative limits and the methods used to estimate those risks, must be submitted with the annual report of the ICAV. The ICAV must, at the request of the Central Bank, provide this report at any time.

#### Calculation of global exposure

- 25. The ICAV shall ensure that in the case of each Fund, at all times:
  - 25.1 the Fund complies with the limits on global exposure;
  - 25.2 the Fund establishes and implements appropriate internal risk management measures and limits, irrespective of whether the Fund uses a commitment approach or the VaR approach or any other methodology to calculate global exposure. For the purpose of subparagraph (1), paragraph 12 of Schedule 9 of the UCITS Regulations, a UCITS shall only select a methodology where ESMA has published guidelines on the selected methodology; and
  - 25.3 it calculates the global exposure in accordance with Schedule 2 to the Central Bank Regulations.

#### **Efficient Portfolio Management**

#### **Portfolio Management Techniques**

- 26. The ICAV shall only use efficient portfolio management techniques and instruments for the purposes of Regulation 69(2) of the UCITS Regulations where same are in the best interests of the relevant Fund.
- 27. The ICAV shall ensure that all the revenues arising from efficient portfolio management techniques and instruments, net of direct and indirect operational costs, are returned to the relevant Fund.

- 28. Techniques and instruments which relate to transferable securities or money market instruments and which are used for the purpose of efficient portfolio management shall be understood as a reference to techniques and instruments which fulfil the following criteria:
  - 28.1 they are economically appropriate in that they are realised in a cost-effective way;
  - 28.2 they are entered into for one or more of the following specific aims:
    - (a) reduction of risk;
    - (b) reduction of cost;
    - (c) generation of additional capital or income for the Fund with a level of risk which is consistent with the risk profile of the Fund and the risk diversification rules set out in Regulations 70 and 71 of the UCITS Regulations; and
  - 28.3 their risks are adequately captured by the risk management process of the Fund.
- 29. Repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending (i.e., efficient portfolio management techniques) may only be effected in accordance with normal market practice.

### Collateral

- 30. The ICAV shall ensure, in engaging in efficient portfolio management techniques and instruments, that:
  - 30.1 every asset that is received by a Fund as a result of engaging in efficient portfolio management techniques and instruments is treated as collateral;
  - 30.2 such techniques comply with the criteria set down in paragraph 24(2) of the Central Bank Regulations;
  - at all times, collateral that is received by a Fund meets the criteria specified in paragraph31.
- 31. The conditions for the receipt of collateral by a Fund, to which paragraphs 30 and 9.2(c) (OTC FDI) refer, are:
  - 31.1 **Liquidity**: Collateral received, other than cash, should be highly liquid and traded on a Regulated Market or multilateral trading facility with transparent pricing in order that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to its pre-sale valuation. Collateral received should also comply with the provisions of Regulation 74 of the UCITS Regulations.
  - 31.2 **Valuation**: Collateral that is received should be valued on at least a daily basis and assets that exhibit high price volatility should not be accepted as collateral unless suitably conservative haircuts are in place.
  - 31.3 **Issuer credit quality**: Collateral received should be of high quality. The ICAV shall ensure that:
    - (a) where the issuer was subject to a credit rating by an agency registered and supervised by ESMA that rating shall be taken into account by the ICAV in the credit assessment process; and

- (b) where an issuer is downgraded to A-2 or below (or comparable rating) by the credit rating agency referred to in sub-paragraph (a) this shall result in a new credit assessment being conducted of the issuer by the ICAV without delay.
- 31.4 **Correlation**: Collateral received should be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty. There should be a reasonable ground for the ICAV to expect that it would not display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty.

### 31.5 **Diversification (asset concentration)**:

- (a) Subject to sub-paragraph (b) below, collateral received should be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers with a maximum exposure to a given issuer of 20 per cent. of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. When a Fund is exposed to different counterparties, the different baskets of collateral should be aggregated to calculate the 20 per cent. limit of exposure to a single issuer.
- (b) It is intended that a Fund may be fully collateralised in different transferable securities and money market instruments issued or guaranteed by a Member State, one or more of its local authorities, a third country, or a public international body to which one or more Member States belong. The Fund should receive securities from at least six different issues, but securities from any single issue should not account for more than 30 per cent. of the Fund's Net Asset Value. The Member States, local authorities, third countries, or public international bodies or issuing or guaranteeing securities which a Fund is able to accept as collateral for more than 20 per cent. of its Net Asset Value shall be drawn from the following list:

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

- 31.6 **Immediately available**: Collateral received should be capable of being fully enforced by the Fund at any time without reference to or approval from the counterparty.
- 32. The ICAV shall ensure that the Fund's risk management process identifies, manages and mitigates risks linked to the management of collateral, including operational risks and legal risks.
- 33. Where a Fund receives collateral on a title transfer basis, the ICAV shall ensure that the collateral is to be held by the Depositary. Where a Fund receives collateral on any basis other than a title transfer basis, that collateral may be held by a third party depositary, provided that that depositary is subject to prudential supervision and is unrelated and unconnected to the provider of the collateral.

- 34. The ICAV shall not sell, pledge or re-invest the non-cash collateral received by a Fund.
- 35. Where the ICAV invests cash collateral received by a Fund, such investments shall only be made in one or more of the following:
  - 35.1 a deposit with a credit institution referred to in Regulation 7 of the Central Bank Regulations;
  - a high-quality government bond;
  - 35.3 a reverse repurchase agreement provided the transaction is with a credit institution referred to in Regulation 7 of the Central Bank Regulations and the Fund is able to recall at any time the full amount of cash on an accrued basis; or
  - 35.4 short-term money market funds as defined in the ESMA Guidelines on a Common Definition of European Money Market Funds (Ref: CESR/10-049).
- 36. Where the ICAV invests cash collateral received by a Fund: (a) that investment shall comply with the diversification requirements applicable to non-cash collateral; and (b) invested cash collateral shall not be placed on deposit with the counterparty or with any entity that is related or connected to the counterparty.
- 37. The ICAV shall ensure that, where a Fund receives collateral for at least 30 per cent. of its assets, there is in place an appropriate stress testing policy and stress tests are carried out regularly under normal and exceptional liquidity conditions to enable the ICAV to assess the liquidity risk attached to the collateral. The stress testing policy should at least prescribe the following components:
  - 37.1 the design of stress test scenario analysis including calibration, certification and sensitivity analysis;
  - 37.2 the empirical approach to impact assessment, including back-testing of liquidity risk estimates;
  - 37.3 the reporting frequency and the threshold(s) for limits and losses; and
  - 37.4 the mitigation actions to reduce loss including haircut policy and gap risk protection.
- 38. The ICAV shall establish and ensure adherence to a haircut policy for a Fund, adapted for each class of assets received as collateral. When devising the haircut policy, the ICAV shall take into account the characteristics of the assets, such as the credit standing or the price volatility, as well as the outcome of the stress tests performed in accordance with Regulation 21 of the Central Bank Regulations. The ICAV shall document the haircut policy and the ICAV shall justify and document each decision to apply a specific haircut or to refrain from applying any haircut, to any specific class of assets.
- 39. Where a counterparty to a repurchase or a securities lending agreement which has been entered into by the ICAV on behalf of a Fund:
  - 39.1 was subject to a credit rating by an agency registered and supervised by ESMA that rating shall be taken into account by the ICAV in the credit assessment process; and
  - 39.2 where a counterparty is downgraded to A-2 or below (or comparable rating) by the credit rating agency referred to in sub-paragraph (a) this shall result in a new credit assessment being conducted of the counterparty by the ICAV without delay.

40. The ICAV shall ensure that it is at all times able to recall any security that has been lent out or to terminate any securities lending agreement to which it is party.

#### **Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements**

- 41. Where the ICAV enters into a reverse repurchase agreement on behalf of a Fund it shall ensure that is the Fund is at all times able to recall the full amount of cash or to terminate the relevant agreement on either an accrued basis or a mark-to-market basis.
- 42. In circumstances in which cash is, by virtue of the obligation under paragraph 41 recallable at any time on a mark-to-market basis, the ICAV shall use the mark-to-market value of the reverse repurchase agreement for the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.
- 43. Where the ICAV enters into a repurchase agreement on behalf of a Fund it shall ensure that the Fund is at all times able to recall any securities that are subject to the repurchase agreement or to terminate the repurchase agreement into which it has entered.
- 44. Repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements or securities lending do not constitute borrowing or lending for the purposes of Regulation 103 and Regulation 111 of the UCITS Regulations, respectively.

## **SCHEDULE 4**

## List of Sub-Custodians

COUNTRY ARGENTINA	SUBCUSTODIAN HSBC Bank Argentina S.A.
AUSTRALIA	JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.
AUSTRIA	UniCredit Bank Austria AG
BAHRAIN	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
BANGLADESH	Standard Chartered Bank
BELGIUM	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
BELGIUM	J.P. Morgan Bank Luxembourg S.A.
BELGIUM	J.P. Morgan Bank (Ireland) PLC
BERMUDA	HSBC Bank Bermuda Limited
BOTSWANA	Standard Chartered Bank Botswana Limited
BRAZIL	J.P. Morgan S.A. DTVM
BULGARIA	Citibank Europe plc
CANADA	CIBC Mellon Trust Company
CANADA	Royal Bank of Canada
CHILE	Banco Santander Chile
CHINA	JPMorgan Chase Bank (China) Company Limited
CHINA	HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited
CHINA	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
COLOMBIA	Cititrust Colombia S.A.
COSTA RICA	Banco BCT S.A.
CROATIA	Privredna banka Zagreb d.d.
CYPRUS	HSBC France Athens Branch, Greece
CZECH REPUBLIC	UniCredit Bank Czech Republic and Slovakia, a.s.
DENMARK	Nordea Bank Abp
EGYPT	Citibank N.A., Egypt
ESTONIA	Clearstream Banking S.A., Luxembourg <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> in its capacity as International Central Securities Depository

FINLAND	Nordea Bank Abp
FRANCE	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
FRANCE	J.P. Morgan Bank Luxembourg S.A.
FRANCE	J.P. Morgan Bank (Ireland) PLC
GERMANY	J.P. Morgan AG
GERMANY	Deutsche Bank AG
GHANA	Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Limited
GREECE	HSBC France Athens Branch
HONG KONG	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
HUNGARY	Deutsche Bank AG
ICELAND	Islandsbanki hf.
INDIA	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
INDONESIA	PT Bank HSBC Indonesia
IRELAND	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., United Kingdom
ISRAEL	Bank Leumi le-Israel B.M.
ITALY	J.P. Morgan Bank (Ireland) PLC
ITALY	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
JAPAN	Mizuho Bank Ltd.
JAPAN	MUFG Bank, Ltd.
JORDAN	Standard Chartered Bank, Shmeissani Branch.
KAZAKHSTAN	Citibank Kazakhstan JSC
KENYA	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited
KUWAIT	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
LATVIA	Clearstream Banking S.A., Luxembourg <sup>2</sup>
LITHUANIA	Clearstream Banking S.A., Luxembourg <sup>3</sup>
LUXEMBOURG	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
MALAWI	Standard Bank PLC
MALAYSIA	HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> in its capacity as International Central Securities Depository

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> in its capacity as International Central Securities Depository

MAURITIUS	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
MEXICO	Banco Nacional de Mexico S.A.
MOROCCO	Société Générale Marocaine de Banques
NAMIBIA	Standard Bank Namibia Limited
NETHERLANDS	J.P. Morgan Bank Luxembourg S.A.
NETHERLANDS	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
NETHERLANDS	J.P. Morgan Bank (Ireland) PLC
NEW ZEALAND	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
NIGERIA	Stanbic IBTC Bank Plc
NORWAY	Nordea Bank Abp
OMAN	HSBC Bank Oman S.A.O.G.
PAKISTAN	Standard Chartered Bank (Pakistan) Limited
PERU	Citibank del Perú S.A.
PHILIPPINES	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
POLAND	Bank Handlowy w. Warszawie S.A.
PORTUGAL	BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A.
QATAR	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
ROMANIA	Citibank Europe plc, Hungary
RUSSIA	Commercial Bank "J.P. Morgan Bank International" (Limited Liability Company)
SAUDI ARABIA	J.P. Morgan Saudi Arabia Company
SERBIA	Unicredit Bank Srbija a.d.
SINGAPORE	DBS Bank Ltd
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	UniCredit Bank Czech Republic and Slovakia, a.s.
SLOVENIA	UniCredit Banka Slovenija d.d.
SOUTH AFRICA	FirstRand Bank Limited
SOUTH KOREA	Kookmin Bank Co. Ltd.
SOUTH KOREA	Standard Chartered Bank Korea Limited
SPAIN	Santander Securities Services, S.A.
SRI LANKA	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

SWEDEN	Nordea Bank Abp
SWITZERLAND	UBS Switzerland AG
TAIWAN	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
TANZANIA	Stanbic Bank Tanzania Limited
THAILAND	Standard Chartered Bank (Thai) Public Company Limited
TUNISIA	Union Internationale de Banques Societe Generale SA
TURKEY	Citibank A.S.
UGANDA	Standard Chartered Bank Uganda Limited
UKRAINE	Joint Stock Company "Citibank"
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
UNITED KINGDOM	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., United States
UNITED KINGDOM	Deutsche Bank AG Depository and Clearing Centre
UNITED STATES	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
URUGUAY	Banco Itaú Uruguay S.A.
VIETNAM	HSBC Bank (Vietnam) Ltd.
WAEMU <sup>4</sup>	Standard Chartered Bank Côte d'Ivoire S.A.
ZAMBIA	Standard Chartered Bank Zambia Plc
ZIMBABWE	Stanbic Bank Zimbabwe Limited

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo

# This document is a supplement to the prospectus dated 28 September 2021 (the "Prospectus") issued by CIFC Credit Funds ICAV (the "ICAV"). This Supplement forms part of, and should be read in conjunction with, the Prospectus.

Investors' attention is drawn, in particular, to the risk warnings contained in the section of the Prospectus entitled "Special Considerations and Risk Factors".

## CIFC CREDIT FUNDS ICAV

(an open-ended Irish collective asset-management vehicle with registered number C422393 structured as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between Funds pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended)

### SUPPLEMENT

### in respect of

## CIFC LONG/SHORT CREDIT FUND

(the "Fund")

The Directors of the ICAV, whose names appear in the Prospectus, accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. Unless otherwise stated, all capitalised terms shall have the same meaning herein as in the Prospectus.

The date of this Supplement No. 1 is 1 June 2022.

THE SHARES OF THE FUND OFFERED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE 1933 ACT, AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES OR TO "U.S. PERSONS" (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE 1933 ACT) UNLESS REGISTERED UNDER THE 1933 ACT OR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE 1933 ACT IS AVAILABLE. THE FUND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED AS AN INVESTMENT COMPANY UNDER THE 1940 ACT.

THE INVESTMENT MANAGER DOES NOT INTEND TO REGISTER AS A COMMODITY POOL OPERATOR ("CPO") WITH THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION ("CFTC") UNDER AN EXEMPTION FROM THE FOREGOING, ON THE BASIS OF THE FUND INVESTING IN A DE MINIMIS AMOUNT OF COMMODITY INTERESTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 17 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS SECTION 4.13(A)(3). THEREFORE, UNLIKE A REGISTERED CPO, THE INVESTMENT MANAGER WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS IN THE FUND WITH A CFTC COMPLIANT DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT, NOR WILL THE INVESTMENT MANAGER BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE INVESTORS IN THE FUND WITH PERIODIC ACCOUNT STATEMENTS OR CERTIFIED ANNUAL REPORTS THAT SATISFY THE REOUIREMENTS OF CFTC RULES APPLICABLE TO REGISTERED CPOS. ACCORDINGLY, THIS SUPPLEMENT HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED OR APPROVED BY THE CFTC AND IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT SUCH REVIEW OR APPROVAL WILL OCCUR. THE INVESTMENT MANAGER IS NOT REGISTERED AS A COMMODITY TRADING ADVISER IN THE UNITED STATES AND AS SUCH INVESTORS SHOULD NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE THE PROTECTIONS OF THE U.S. COMMODITY **EXCHANGE ACT.** 

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## DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply throughout this Supplement unless the context requires otherwise:

"Business Day"	means any day (except Saturday or Sunday) on which financial markets in the U.S. and Ireland are generally open for business or such other day or days as may be determined from time to time by the Directors;
"CDS Indices"	means financial derivative instruments through which the Fund will contract with a derivative counterparty to either buy or sell credit default protection on a financial index where that financial index comprises a basket of single name credit default swaps. In a CDS Index one party, the credit protection buyer, pays a periodic fee to another party, the credit protection seller, in return for compensation for any losses due to one or more credit events occurring with respect to one or more reference entities referenced in the financial index;
"Class Currency"	means the currency in which Shares of a Class are issued;
"Dealing Day"	means each Business Day following a Valuation Point and/or any other day which the Directors have determined, subject to advance notice to all Shareholders in the Fund and provided that there shall be at least one dealing day per fortnight;
"Debt or Debt-Related Securities"	includes fixed and floating rate Investment Grade and Non-Investment Grade corporate and sovereign bonds, bank loans, notes, debentures, convertible bonds and non-performing and distressed leveraged
	corporate bonds;
"Equities and Equity-Related Securities"	
"Equities and Equity-Related Securities" "Fund"	corporate bonds; includes common stocks, preferred stocks, rights and stock warrants (stock warrants may be passively
	corporate bonds; includes common stocks, preferred stocks, rights and stock warrants (stock warrants may be passively acquired by virtue of an existing position in the Fund);
"Fund"	corporate bonds; includes common stocks, preferred stocks, rights and stock warrants (stock warrants may be passively acquired by virtue of an existing position in the Fund); means CIFC Long/Short Credit Fund; means, for the purposes of this Fund, any Class which has a Class Currency that is different to the Base

"Non-Investment Grade"	means a rating of less than Investment Grade by a Recognised Rating Agency;
"Performance Period"	means a calendar year ending on the last Dealing Day in each year or such other date as described herein under " <i>Performance Fee</i> ", save that the first Performance Period for a Class will commence upon the initial issue of Shares in that Class and will end on the last Dealing Day of the calendar year end following that initial issue of Shares;
"Recognised Rating Agency"	means Moody's, Standard and Poor's, Fitch and any other internationally recognised rating agency;
"Redemption Cut-Off Time"	means the deadline for receipt of redemption requests being no later than 3.00pm (Irish time) on the Business Day five Business Days before the relevant Dealing Day or such other point as the Directors may determine in exceptional circumstances;
"Subscription Cut-Off Time"	means the deadline for receipt of subscription requests being no later than 3.00pm (Irish time) on the Business Day two Business Days before the relevant Dealing Day or such other point as the Directors may determine in exceptional circumstances;
"Supplement"	means this supplement;
"U.S. Dollar"	means the lawful currency of the U.S.;
"Valuation Point"	means 11.59pm (Irish time) on the Business Day immediately before the relevant Dealing Day or such other time as the Directors may determine from time to time and notify to Shareholders. For the avoidance of doubt, the time at which the Net Asset Value is determined will always be after the Subscription Cut- Off Time and the Redemption Cut-Off Time.

## CIFC LONG/SHORT CREDIT FUND

#### INTRODUCTION

The ICAV is authorised in Ireland by the Central Bank as a UCITS for the purposes of the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement forms part of the Prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the general description of the ICAV contained in the Prospectus together with the most recent annual and semi-annual reports.

The Base Currency of the Fund is the U.S. Dollar.

### CLASSES OF SHARES IN THE FUND

Details of the Classes offered, minimum initial investment, minimum subsequent investment and minimum holding for each Class are set out in Schedule I to this Supplement. Shares in the Fund may be Distributing or Accumulating Shares. The ICAV may also create additional Classes in the future upon prior notification to, and clearance in advance by, the Central Bank. The Directors may, in their absolute discretion, waive the minimum initial investment, minimum subsequent investment, and minimum holding for each Class provided that the exercise of this discretion will be carried out having regard to the Central Bank's requirements to treat Shareholders in a Class equally and fairly.

### Hedged Share Classes

The Investment Manager intends to hedge the currency exposure of the relevant Class Currency of the Hedged Share Classes to the Base Currency. The financial instruments used to implement hedging strategies will be assets / liabilities of the Fund as a whole. However, such transactions will be clearly attributable to the relevant Class and the gains / losses on and the costs of the relevant financial instruments will accrue solely to the relevant Class. While it is not the intention of the Investment Manager, over-hedged or under-hedged positions may arise due to factors outside the control of the Investment Manager. For further information on the application of hedging at Class level, please see the section entitled "*Class Currency Hedging*" in the Prospectus.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund's investment objective is to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns through all credit, economic and market environments.

#### **Investment Policy**

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily, either directly or indirectly through financial derivative instruments, in Non-Investment Grade U.S., U.K., and European Debt and Debt-Related Securities. The Fund may also invest, either directly or indirectly through financial derivative instruments, in Equities and Equity-Related Securities in an amount not to exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. The Fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

#### Investment Strategy

The Investment Manager will analyse Debt and Debt-Related Securities issued by corporate issuers and seek to identify and capitalize on what the Investment Manager determines to be dislocated markets (i.e. markets operating under stressful conditions, such as a pandemic outbreak of a virus, which leads to asset

mispricing), catalyst/event driven total return opportunities (i.e. exploiting investment opportunities arising from corporate events including but not limited to mergers, acquisitions or management changes) and other relative value inefficiencies (i.e., the mispricing of different assets due to market inefficiencies).

By leveraging its experience in the credit market, the Investment Manager will employ a methodical approach to credit investing and portfolio management (as described below under "Investment Process") focused on assessing the fundamental value of a potential investment as described more fully under "Investment Process" below. Employing this view of fundamental value, the Investment Manager is able to identify market inefficiencies or asset mispricing by comparing its view of the fundamental value of an investment with the value communicated by the market. Investments in Equity and Equity-Related Securities may be made when they relate to Debt and Debt-Related Securities, for example, either as a result of a restructuring or reorganization of an issuer of a debt security or in connection with a hedging strategy with respect to an issuer of debt security, or in other circumstances when the Investment Manager considers such investments to be appropriate in the context of the strategy of the Fund. Investments in Equities and Equity-Related Securities will not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund and will be selected through the fundamental analysis conducted by the Investment Manager of companies and sectors focused on by the Investment Manager, which typically involves, amongst other things, examining a company's financials, analysing a company's quality and depth of management and assessing a company's competitive environment and return potential. Investment in non-performing and distressed leveraged corporate bonds will not exceed 5% of the Fund's Net Asset Value.

The Fund may invest in some or all of the instruments set out below.

### Instruments in which the Fund may invest

The Investment Manager will identify using the "Investment Process" described below Debt and Debt-Related Securities of U.S., U.K. or European issuers suitable for investment across the corporate credit spectrum ranging from Investment Grade to Non-Investment Grade securities, with a focus on Non-Investment Grade securities. The Fund may also invest on an ancillary basis in Equities and Equity-Related Securities of U.S., U.K. or European issuers, subject to a maximum of 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

The Fund may purchase participations in, or assignments of floating rate secured commercial loans, including leveraged loans, that qualify as money market instruments in that they are liquid and will provide for interest rate adjustments at least every 397 days and which may be secured by real estate or other tangible assets (e.g. plant and machinery). These participations may be interests in, or assignments of, the loan and may be acquired from banks or brokers that have made the loan or members of the lending syndicate and will be in securitised form (i.e. take the form of a security). Such participations or assignments may be listed or traded on Regulated Markets globally or unlisted and not traded on a Regulated Market and will not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund in aggregate.

The Fund may also invest up to 10%, in aggregate, of its Net Asset Value in UCITS and/or eligible alternative investments funds (including exchange traded funds) which are themselves exposed to investments that are similar to the Fund's other investments. Such funds may be managed by the Investment Manager or its affiliates and will comply with the requirements of the UCITS Regulations in respect of such investments. They may be domiciled in the European Economic Area, U.K. or the U.S. and will qualify as UCITS or alternative investment funds (for the purposes of Directive 2011/61/EU on Alternative Investment Fund Managers and related legislation) and will be regulated as such by their home state regulator. Investment in alternative investment funds may only be made where such funds meet the eligibility criteria set out in the Central Bank Regulations.

The Fund may hold cash in the circumstances outlined in, and which may be invested in accordance with, the investment Manager's cash management policy, as further detailed below in the section entitled "Cash and Cash Equivalents".

The securities in which the Fund will invest shall be listed or traded on the Regulated Markets set out in Schedule 1 to the Prospectus and investment by the Fund is subject to the restrictions set out in Schedule 2 to the Prospectus.

#### Investment in Financial Derivative Instruments ("FDI")

#### Long and Short Positions

The Fund may employ long and synthetic short positions to achieve its investment objective. The Investment Manager may seek to hold long positions in the Debt and Debt-Related Securities, Equities and Equity-Related Securities, collective investment schemes (of the type referred to above) for the purposes of generating income and may seek to hold synthetic long and short positions in credit default swaps ("CDS"), including CDS Indices (further details of which are included at Schedule II), total return swaps, options (purchased or written), futures contracts and forward contracts to generate additional income, hedge equity, bond or credit exposure (i.e. the risk of default, inflation risk or interest rate risk) and/or reduce market exposure (i.e. the risk a market, asset class, or individual issuer falls in value) during periods of significant market price decline or in anticipation of such decline.

The total direct and indirect long position of investments is not expected to exceed 200% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund and the total short position is not expected to exceed 100% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Short positions are intended to offset or hedge the long positions.

#### Efficient Portfolio Management

The Fund may also employ FDI (and other techniques) for efficient portfolio management as further detailed below in the section entitled "Efficient Portfolio Management".

#### **Investment Process**

The Investment Manager's credit process is based on a fundamentals-focused model combined with relative-value evaluation and capital markets risk management techniques.

The Investment Manager's analysts are focused on different industry sectors and source, analyse and recommend investments from their respective sectors. Additionally, they monitor all existing portfolio positions for changes in performance and relative-value, as well as industry trends and issuers not in the Fund's portfolio. The analysts evaluate the below (none of which are determinative) when assessing potential investment opportunities and determining whether they are suitable investments for the Fund:

- *i*. Global Macroeconomic Outlook a view on the global economy as a whole, based on numerous factors, such as economic trends, fiscal policy, current and pending regulatory changes, and geo-political events, including an assessment of macro risks;
- *ii.* Credit Considerations an assessment of fundamental value of an issuing entity by assessing macro factors (e.g. industry or sector in which the entity operates) and micro factors (e.g. management team and cash flows of the entity) with a view to determining an overall enterprise value;
- *iii.* Structural Considerations an assessment of risks and protections derived from capital structure and debt structure of an issuing entity;
- *iv.* Relative Value an assessment of an issue's value relative to other instruments or securities in the same capital structure or relative to the instruments of other comparable issuers); and
- *v*. Catalyst/ Event Drivers such as merger and acquisitions, restructurings, legislation or significant litigation, or industry specific trends.

The Investment Manager will seek to manage risk, including both portfolio volatility and isolated idiosyncratic risk, through diversity, trading and hedging, as well as position sizing. Rigorous analysis is conducted at the individual position level and at the portfolio level, serving as the foundation of the risk management process. At the position level, the Investment Manager sources highly liquid investment ideas favouring solid underlying businesses for core long positions. The Investment Manager seeks positions with attractive risk/reward profiles by assessing probabilities and magnitude for maximum upside (e.g., aggressive or optimistic in nature) and downside (e.g., conservative or pessimistic in nature) scenarios and, if appropriate, assigns a specific hedge instrument. Additionally, the Investment Manager maintains an exit discipline on event occurrences or achievement of price targets. At the portfolio level, the Investment Manager seeks to maintain a balance of long and short positions, employing leverage as appropriate. Finally, the Investment Manager (i) regularly analyses the financial condition and fundamental soundness of each issuer and assesses the value of each investment and (ii) tracks covenant compliance, ratings downgrades, price volatility, management changes, and macro trends which could impact the financial performance of the investments.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Fund intends to invest substantially all of its assets to meet its investment objective. To the extent that the Fund's assets are not fully invested in accordance with the investment policy set out above, the Fund may hold or maintain cash deposits and/or cash equivalents (such as short term commercial paper, certificates of deposit, treasury bills, floating rate notes and fixed or variable rate commercial paper listed or traded on one or more Regulated Market) or may invest up to 10%, in aggregate, of its Net Asset Value in UCITS eligible money market funds, subject in all cases to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank. The amount of cash and/or cash equivalents that the Fund will hold will vary depending on prevailing circumstances and may be held as ancillary liquidity to settle transactions or due to the Fund's use of FDI and/or because the Investment Manager considers it appropriate to hold such amount.

#### **Efficient Portfolio Management**

The Fund may utilise techniques and instruments, such as CDS, currency futures and options, forward currency contracts and index futures and options (where the underlying index is a broad based equity or fixed income index including, but is not limited to, one of the following: S&P 500 Index, Russell 2000 Index) for efficient portfolio management and/or for currency hedging purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank. Hedging is a technique used to seek to minimise an exposure created from an underlying position by counteracting such exposure by means of acquiring an offsetting position.

Additional detail on these techniques and instruments is given in Schedule 3 to the Prospectus.

## Leverage

The Fund may be leveraged through the use of FDI and the Fund may utilize leverage as appropriate, as determined by the Investment Manager, in the pursuit of its investment objective.

The ICAV will use the commitment approach to calculate the global exposure of the Fund, in accordance with the Fund's risk management process. The commitment approach is a methodology that aggregates the underlying market or notional values of financial derivative instruments to determine the degree of global exposure of the Fund to financial derivative instruments.

In accordance with the UCITS Regulations, the Fund's global exposure through the use of financial derivative instruments will not exceed its total net assets, i.e. the Fund will not be leveraged in excess of 100% of its Net Asset Value.

#### **Underlying Financial Indices**

Financial indices to which the Fund may gain exposure through the use of financial derivative instruments shall comply with the UCITS Requirements. The Fund will generally gain exposure to such indices for investment and/or for efficient portfolio management purposes, including for hedging purposes. It is not possible to list comprehensively the actual indices to which exposure may be taken, as they will change from time to time, but the annual accounts of the ICAV will include details of the indices to which exposures are taken during the relevant period where it is practical to do so. Details of indices to which the Fund may gain exposure are set out at Schedule II.

## **Profile of a Typical Investor**

Investment in the Fund may be appropriate for investors who have a medium to long-term investment horizon. The Fund is designed for investors who are willing to accept the risks associated with an investment of the type described in this Supplement, including the possibility of a decline in the value of their investment and/or who are not seeking to invest to meet short term goals.

## SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURES REGULATION

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("**SFDR**"), the Fund is not classified as an Article 8 or Article 9 fund, however, disclosure in accordance with the requirements of Article 6 of SFDR in relation to the integration of sustainability risks is set out in the Prospectus.

#### **EU Taxonomy Regulation**

This section constitutes disclosure in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment, and amending the SFDR (the "**Taxonomy Regulation**"). The Taxonomy Regulation requires that any financial product, which includes a fund, which does not promote environmental characteristics (i.e. a financial product which is not subject to Article 8 (1) of SFDR) or which does not invest in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental objective or has a reduction of carbon emissions as its objective (i.e. a financial product which is not subject to Article 9 (1), (2) or (3) of SFDR) must include a statement that the underlying investments of that financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. On the basis that the Fund is not a financial product which is subject to either Article 8 or Article 9 of SFDR, the following statement, which is in prescribed form, applies to the Fund and to its underlying investments: "The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria?".

## MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Detailed descriptions of the Directors and service providers to the ICAV are set out in the Prospectus.

## **RISK FACTORS**

Investors' attention is drawn to the risk factors as set out in the Prospectus under the section entitled "Special Considerations and Risk Factors".

## TAXATION

Any change in the Fund's tax status or in taxation legislation could affect the value of the investments held by the Fund and could affect the return to investors. Potential investors and Shareholders should note that the statements on taxation, which are set out in the Prospectus are based on advice which has been received by the Directors regarding the law and practice in force in the relevant jurisdiction as at the date of the Prospectus. As is the case with any investment, there can be no guarantee that the tax position or proposed tax position prevailing at the time an investment is made in the Fund will endure indefinitely. The attention of potential investors is drawn to the tax risk associated with investing in the Fund. See section headed "*Taxation of the ICAV*" in the Prospectus.

## **DIVIDEND POLICY**

Shares may be Accumulating or Distributing Shares as indicated in Schedule I. The Directors reserve the right to change the dividend policy of any Class at their discretion on not less than one month's prior notice to Shareholders of the relevant Class and this Supplement will be updated to reflect any such change.

### Accumulating Shares

The ICAV does not intend to make distributions in respect of Accumulating Shares. The ICAV intends to automatically re-invest all earnings, dividends and other distributions of whatever kind as well as realised capital gains pursuant to the investment objective and policies of the Fund for the benefit of the Shareholders.

## Distributing Shares

If sufficient proceeds are available in respect of the Distributing Shares, the Directors intend to make a distribution to Shareholders of those Classes of substantially the whole of the income of the Fund, as attributable to those Classes. The payment of dividends is subject to compliance with all anti-money laundering procedures.

In order to maximise distributions, the Fund intends to charge fees and expenses to the capital, rather than to the income of the Fund. See section headed "*Funds that charge fees and expenses to capital*" under "*Fees and Expenses*" for more information on the effect of this approach.

Dividends, if declared, will generally be declared quarterly at the end of February, May, August and November, or more frequently at the discretion of the Directors, and will generally be paid within 30 days of a dividend declaration.

Dividends which are not claimed or collected within six years of payment shall revert to and form part of the assets of the Fund.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND REDEMPTIONS

#### **Eligible Investors**

Subject to the "*Transfer of Shares*" section of the Prospectus, applications will be accepted only for persons that are (i) not U.S. Persons (as defined under Regulation S of the 1933 Act); (ii)(A) "accredited investors" (as defined in Rule 501(a) of Regulation D under the 1933 Act) in reliance on the private placement exemption from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act provided by Section 4(2) thereof and Regulation D thereunder, and (B) "qualified purchasers" as defined in Section 2(a)(51) of the 1940 Act, as amended; or (iii) "qualified institutional buyers" as defined in Rule 144A promulgated under the 1933 Act.

The ICAV and the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV reserve the right to reject in whole or in part any application for Shares. Applications for shares will not be deemed complete until all antimoney laundering procedures have been completed. Where an application for Shares is rejected, the subscription monies will be returned to the applicant within fourteen (14) days of the date of such application in accordance with local anti-money laundering and similar laws at the applicant's cost and risk and no interest or other compensation will be payable in respect of such returned monies.

#### **Subscriptions and Subscription Price**

Monies subscribed for each Class during and after the relevant Initial Offer Period should be in the denominated currency of the relevant Class. The minimum initial investment for each Class is set out in Schedule I to this Supplement, unless otherwise determined by the ICAV.

## Initial Offer

For the unlaunched Share Classes, the Initial Offer Period shall be the period of six months from the next Business Day following the date of this Supplement or such earlier or later date as the Directors may determine in accordance with the requirements of, and notify to, the Central Bank. During the Initial Offer Period, cleared funds representing the Initial Offer Price must be received by the ICAV from subscribers by the end of the Initial Offer Period for the relevant Class.

During the Initial Offer Period, Shares will be issued at the initial offer price of USD / GBP / Euro / CHF / 1,000; depending on the relevant Class Currency.

### Subsequent Offer

After the relevant Initial Offer Period, all Share Classes will be issued on each Dealing Day at the relevant Net Asset Value per Share for the applicable Class on the terms and in accordance with the procedures described herein. The Net Asset Value per Share on subscription may also be described as the Subscription Price. The Net Asset Value per Share shall be rounded naturally as appropriate to the nearest four (4) decimal places.

See the section entitled "Anti-Dilution Levy" for details of the anti-dilution levy that may apply to subscriptions in certain circumstances. Subscription monies must be paid in the Class Currency and must be paid by wire transfer to the bank account specified in the Application Form.

Applications for Shares should be made by written application using the Application Form available from the Administrator. Application Forms, duly completed together with all supporting documentation in relation to money laundering prevention checks, should be sent to the Administrator, in accordance with the instructions contained in the Application Form, prior to the Subscription Cut-Off Time (3.00 pm (Irish time) on the Business Day two Business Days before the relevant Dealing Day). Application Forms may be sent by facsimile or by email to the Administrator. Subsequent purchases of Shares, following an initial subscription pursuant to a properly completed Application Form, may be made by completing and submitting an additional Application Form to the Administrator. Additional Application Forms may be sent by facsimile or by email to the Administrator.

Applications for shares will not be deemed to be complete until all anti-money laundering procedures have been completed.

Cleared funds representing the subscription monies must be received by the ICAV by 3:00 pm (Irish Time) on the Business Day two Business Days following the relevant Dealing Day (the "**Subscription Settlement Time**") or within such other period as may be permitted by the Directors. If cleared funds representing the subscription monies are not received by the ICAV by the Subscription Settlement Time, or such other time as is determined by the Directors from time to time, the Directors reserve the right to reject the subscription and / or cancel the provisional allotment of Shares, as appropriate. In such an event the investor will indemnify the ICAV, the Investment Manager, the Administrator and any of their respective affiliates for any and all claims, losses, liabilities or damages (including attorneys' fees and other related out-of-pocket expenses) suffered or incurred by any such person as a result of the investor not remitting the amount of its subscription by the due date for such subscription or otherwise failing to comply with the terms of such Application Form. In the event that the Directors decide not to cancel a provisional allotment of Shares notwithstanding that cleared funds have not been

received by the ICAV by the relevant Subscription Settlement Time, the Directors reserve the right to charge interest on such subscription monies at prevailing interest rates. In addition, upon the failure of a Shareholder to pay subscription monies by the date due, the Directors may, in their sole discretion, redeem any Shares held by the Shareholder in the ICAV and apply the redemption proceeds in satisfaction of the Shareholder's liabilities to the ICAV, the Investment Manager or any of their respective affiliates pursuant to the indemnity described above. Please see the "Mandatory Redemption of Shares, Dividend Policy and Withholdings and Deductions" sections of the Prospectus.

The ICAV may, in its sole discretion, reject any subscription in whole or in part without reason. Shares will be issued on the terms and in accordance with the procedures described in the Prospectus.

### **Redemptions and Redemption Price**

If applications for redemption on any Dealing Day exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, or such higher percentage as the Directors may determine in their sole discretion in respect of any Dealing Day (the "**Gate Amount**"), the ICAV may (i) reduce all such applications for Redemption pro rata (in accordance with the size of the applications for Redemption so that Shares redeemed on such Dealing Day, in aggregate, represent only the Gate Amount) and (ii) defer applications for Redemption in excess of the Gate Amount to subsequent Dealing Days, subject to any Gate Amount applicable on any such Dealing Day. On the Dealing Day following the application of a Gate Amount, all redemption requests will be dealt with on a pro rata basis should the gate continue to apply. Except at the sole discretion of the ICAV, any such deferred applications for Redemption may not be revoked.

Shareholders may request that Shares be redeemed on any Dealing Day by completing and applying for redemption to the Administrator prior to the Redemption Cut-Off Time (3.00 pm (Irish time) on the Business Day five Business Days before the relevant Dealing Day) in accordance with the procedures set out in the Prospectus. The Net Asset Value per Share on redemption may also be described as the Redemption Price. The Net Asset Value per Share shall be rounded naturally as appropriate to the nearest four (4) decimal places. An application for redemption received after the relevant Redemption Cut-Off Time will be held over until the next applicable Dealing Day, unless the Directors determine in their sole discretion, in exceptional circumstances and where such applications for redemption are received before the earliest relevant Valuation Point, to accept such application for redemption on the relevant Dealing Day.

Shares will be redeemed at the Redemption Price, subject to any applicable fees associated with such redemption. See below under "*Anti-Dilution Levy*" for details of the anti-dilution levy that may apply to redemptions in certain circumstances. Subject to any provisions contained herein, Redemption Proceeds will be paid in full (on the basis of unaudited data) in the applicable Class Currency of the Shares being redeemed normally within five Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day and in any event will not exceed ten (10) Business Days following the Redemption Cut-Off Time providing all required anti-money laundering documentation has been received by the Administrator. All payments will be made by transfer to the bank account previously designated by Shareholders for such purpose.

The Administrator is regulated by the Central Bank and must comply with the measures provided for in the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) Acts 2010 and 2018, which are aimed towards the prevention of money laundering. In order to comply with these anti-money laundering regulations, the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV will require from any subscriber or Shareholder a detailed verification of the identity of such subscriber or Shareholder, the identity of the beneficial owners of such subscriber or Shareholder, the source of funds used to subscribe for Shares, or other additional information which may be requested from any subscriber or Shareholder for such purposes from time to time.

The ICAV and the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV reserve the right to request such information as is necessary to verify the identity of an applicant and where applicable, the beneficial owner.

The subscriber recognises that the ICAV and the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV, in accordance with their anti-money laundering ("AML") procedures, reserves the right to prohibit the movement of any monies if all due diligence requirements have not been met, or, if for any reason feels that the origin of the funds or the parties involved are suspicious. In the event that the movement of monies is withheld in accordance with the Administrator's AML procedures, the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV will strictly adhere to all applicable laws and shall notify the Fund as soon as professional discretion allows or as otherwise permitted by law.

No redemption payment may be made to a Shareholder, or transfer of Shares completed, until the Application Form and all documentation required by the ICAV and the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV, including any document in connection with any anti-money laundering procedures have been completed, sent to and received by the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV.

### FEES AND EXPENSES

Investors should refer to the "*Fees and Expenses*" section of the Prospectus for details of certain fees and expenses payable in respect of the ICAV and the Fund. The following additional fees and expenses apply in respect of the Fund.

### Management Fee

The Manager shall be paid a fee (the "**Management Fee**") out of the assets of the Fund, calculated and accrued on each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears, of an amount up to 0.0825% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund (plus VAT, if any), subject to an annual minimum fee up to  $\notin$ 42,000 (plus VAT, if any). The Manager is also entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund reasonable and properly vouched expenses.

#### **Investment Management and Distribution Fee**

#### Class A and Class C Classes

The Investment Manager will receive an annual investment management and distribution fee (the "**Investment Management and Distribution Fee**") out of the assets of the Fund at the rate of 0.65% per annum of its Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Class (plus VAT, if any) for the provision of investment management and distribution services in respect of the Class A Classes and at the rate of 0.75% per annum of its Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Class (plus VAT, if any) for the provision of investment management and distribution services in respect of the Class (plus VAT, if any) for the provision of investment management and distribution services in respect of the Class C Classes.

#### Class B Classes

The Investment Manager will receive an annual investment management and distribution fee out of the assets of the Fund at the rate of 0.50% per annum of its Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Class (plus VAT, if any) for the provision of investment management and distribution services in respect of the Class B Classes.

The Investment Management and Distribution Fee in respect of the Class B Classes and the B Class Performance Fee (as defined below) were set at a rate intended to attract assets into the Fund. The Class B Classes are closed to all further subscriptions other than to existing Class B Shareholders or as the Directors may in their discretion determine.

General

The Investment Manager may, in its sole discretion, and without recourse or cost to the Fund or to the ICAV, rebate all or part of its Investment Management and Distribution Fee (including where relevant its Performance Fee (as defined below)) to certain Shareholders.

The Investment Management and Distribution Fee shall be accrued at each Valuation Point and shall be paid monthly in arrears together with any reasonable disbursements and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by it.

#### **Performance Fee**

#### Class A Classes and Class B Classes

The Investment Manager may receive a performance fee in respect of the Class A Classes and the Class B Classes equal to 10% of the excess of the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class (after the deduction of the Investment Management and Distribution Fee and all other payments and expenses but before the deduction of any (i) accrued Performance Fee and (ii) any dividends paid during the Performance Period) at the end of a Performance Period over the High Water Mark in respect of the Fund (the "A Class Performance Fee" and the "B Class Performance Fee"). The calculation of excess performance net of all costs but without deducting Performance Fees is considered by the ICAV to be in the best interests of Shareholders.

### Class C Classes

The Investment Manager may receive a performance fee in respect of the Class C Classes equal to 15% of the excess of its Net Asset Value per Share (after the deduction of the Investment Management and Distribution fee and all other payments and expenses but before the deduction of (i) any accrued Performance Fee and (ii) any dividends paid during the Performance Period) at the end of a Performance Period over the High Water Mark in respect of the Fund (the "C Class Performance Fee" and together with the A Class Performance Fee and the B Class Performance Fee, a "Performance Fee"). The calculation of excess performance net of all costs but without deducting Performance Fees is considered by the ICAV to be in the best interests of Shareholders.

#### Performance Fee - General

No Performance Fee shall be payable unless the Net Asset Value per Share exceeds the High Water Mark and any such Performance Fee is payable only on an increase of the Net Asset Value over the High Water Mark.

The Performance Fee (if any) will accrue on each Dealing Day. The Performance Fee accrued on each Dealing Day will be determined by calculating the Performance Fee that would be payable if that day was the last day of the current Performance Period. The Performance Fee will be payable by the Fund to the Investment Manager annually in arrears, normally within 14 calendar days of the end of each Performance Period.

The Performance Fee, if any, is calculated using the Initial Offer Price as the starting price for the initial calculation of the Performance Fee for each Class and following the closure of the Initial Offer Period, using the Net Asset Value per Share (after the deduction of the Investment Management and Distribution Fee and all other payments and expenses but before the deduction of any (i) accrued Performance Fee and (ii) any dividends paid during the Performance Period) at the end of each Performance Period (with respect to each Class) including, for the avoidance of doubt the net realised and unrealised gains and losses. As a result, a Performance Fee may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised. There is no repayment of any Performance Fee already paid if the Net Asset Value per Share subsequently falls back below the High Water Mark even if an investor redeems its holding.

The calculation of the Performance Fee is verifiable and is not open to the possibility of manipulation. The calculation of the Performance Fee shall be verified by the Depositary.

#### Deemed End of Performance Period

Shares redeemed other than at the end of a Performance Period will be treated as if the date of redemption was the end of the Performance Period and the above provisions shall apply.

If the Investment Management and Distribution Agreement is terminated other than at the end of a Performance Period, the date of termination will be deemed to be the end of the Performance Period and the above provisions shall apply. Any Performance Fee payable to the Investment Manager shall be paid as soon as reasonably practicable after the date of termination.

#### Performance Fee – No Equalisation – Class B Classes

The methodology used in calculating the B Class Performance Fee may result in inequalities between investors in relation to the payment of B Class Performance Fees, with some investors in that Class paying disproportionately higher Performance Fees in certain circumstances (as no equalisation methodology is employed in respect of the B Class Performance Fee calculation).

#### Performance Fee - Equalisation - Class A Classes and Class C Classes

Each of the A Class Performance Fee and the C Class Performance Fee is calculated on a Share by Share basis so that each Class A Share and Class C Share is effectively charged a performance fee that equates precisely with that Share's performance. This method of calculation ensures that: (i) all holders of Class A Shares and Class C Shares have the same amount of capital per Share at risk in the Fund and (ii) all Class A Shares and Class C Shares have the same Net Asset Value per Share.

In order to achieve this, the Fund operates equalisation whereby a subscription for Class A Shares and Class C Shares following the Initial Offer Period or on any Dealing Day following the first day in any Performance Period will include an equalisation adjustment. If such subscription for Class A Shares and Class C Shares is at a time when the Net Asset Value per Class A Share or per Class C Share has not yet reached the High Water Mark, certain adjustments will be made to reduce inequities that could otherwise affect the subscriber or the Investment Manager.

Where the High Water Mark has been reached, the equalisation adjustment will be the difference between the Net Asset Value per Class A Share or per Class C Share before the accrual of any Class A Performance Fee or any Class C Performance Fee and the Net Asset Value per Share after the accrual of the Class A Performance Fee or Class C Performance Fee. This difference will be adjusted at the end of the Performance Period in the following manner:

(i) if the performance fee per Class A Share or per Class C Share calculated (at the end of a Performance Period) in respect of a Class A Share or Class C Share subscribed for on a Dealing Day (other than the first Dealing Day in that Performance Period) is less than the performance fee accrued in respect of such Share in issue at the start of the Performance Period, the difference per Class A Share or per Class C Share multiplied by the number of Class A Shares or Class C Shares subscribed for by the holder of that Share on that Dealing Day will be applied to subscribe for additional Class A Shares or Class C Shares to be issued to that Shareholder; and

(ii) if the performance fee per Class A Share or per Class C Share calculated (at the end of a Performance Period) in respect of a Class A Share or Class C Share subscribed for on a Dealing Day (other than the first Dealing Day in that Performance Period) is greater than the performance fee per Class A Share or per Class C Share accrued in respect of such Share at the start of the Performance Period, such number of Class A Shares or Class C Shares held by the

holder of that Share as having aggregate Net Asset Value equal to the difference per Class A Share or per Class C Share of the relevant Shares multiplied by the number of the Class A Shares or Class C Shares subscribed for by the holder of that Share will be redeemed at the Net Asset Value per Class A Share or Class C Share and the amount so redeemed shall be paid as a Class A Performance Fee or as a Class C Performance Fee to the Investment Manager.

Sample Performance Fee calculations are set out at Schedule III.

#### **Administration Fees**

The Administrator shall be entitled to receive (with value added tax thereon, if applicable) an annual fee which will not exceed 0.095% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of \$13,500 per month. Any increase over the maximum provided amount will be notified to Shareholders in advance. The Administrator shall also be entitled to receive an annual fee of \$15,000 for preparation of the financial statements. Such fees will accrue on each Dealing Day based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund as per the previous Business Day and be payable monthly in arrears. The fees and charges of the Administrator are subject to variation and renegotiation from time to time.

The Administrator shall also be entitled to be reimbursed for its reasonable and properly vouched outof-pocket expenses, payable out of the assets of the Fund (with value added tax thereon if applicable).

#### **Depositary Fees**

The Depositary shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund (with value added tax thereon, if applicable) an annual fee which will not exceed 0.04% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of up to \$50,000 per annum. Such fees will accrue on each Dealing Day based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund as per the previous Business Day and be payable monthly in arrears.

The Depositary will also be entitled to be reimbursed for its reasonably incurred and properly vouched out-of-pocket expenses, and transaction and account costs (at normal commercial rates), from the assets of the Fund. The Depositary is further entitled to be reimbursed from assets of the Fund for any reasonably incurred and properly valued sub-custodian fees and expenses, at normal commercial rates.

#### **Establishment Costs**

The cost of establishing the ICAV and the Fund, including the expenses associated with obtaining authorisation from any authority (including, but not limited to, the Central Bank), filing fees, the preparation and printing of the Prospectus and this Supplement, marketing costs and the fees and expenses of legal counsel and other professionals involved in the establishment and initial offering of the ICAV will be borne by the ICAV and amortised over the first five years of the ICAV's operation, on such terms and in such manner as the Directors may in their discretion determine. The Fund may, at the absolute discretion of the Directors, be allocated such portion of the establishment expenses of the ICAV, as the Directors consider to be fair in the circumstances.

#### **Other Expenses**

Other than expenses of the initial notifications, registrations, filings and compliance which fall within establishment costs above, the Fund bears all other expenses relating to the Fund's operations, the details of which are set out in the Prospectus under the section entitled "*General*" within the section entitled "*Fees and Expenses*".

#### Voluntary Expense Cap

The Investment Manager has voluntarily agreed to cap the Management Fee, Administration Fees, Depositary Fees and the Fund's other expenses, as described above, at 0.30% per annum of the Net

Asset Value of the Fund and will pay any excess of such expenses over this amount; provided that any Performance Fees, litigation and other extraordinary expenses shall be excluded from such cap. Only those fees and expenses which are actually incurred up to this cap will be payable out of the assets of the Fund. In the event that the Investment Manager decides in the future to withdraw or amend this cap, Shareholders will be notified in advance.

#### **Subscription and Redemption Charges**

There will be no Subscription Charge or Redemption Charge payable in respect of any Class of Shares in the Fund.

### **Anti-Dilution Levy**

On any Dealing Day where there are net subscriptions or net redemptions, the Directors may determine (based on such reasonable factors as it sees fit, including without limitation, the prevailing market conditions and the level of subscriptions or redemptions requested by Shareholders or potential Shareholders in relation to the size of the Fund) to add an anti-dilution levy to the Subscription Price on that Dealing Day or deduct an anti-dilution levy from the Redemption Proceeds, in each case not to exceed 5% of Net Asset Value of the Shares being issued or redeemed, in order to cover dealing costs and to preserve the value of the underlying assets of the Fund.

## **SCHEDULE I**

Class	Currency	Distribution	Minimum	Minimum	Minimum
		Policy	Initial	Subsequent	Holding
			Investment	Investment	
USD Class A-1	USD	Accumulating	USD 1mm	USD 1,000	USD 1mm
USD Class A-2	USD	Distributing	USD 1mm	USD 1,000	USD 1mm
USD Class B-1	USD	Accumulating	USD 5mm	USD 1,000	USD 1mm
USD Class B-2	USD	Distributing	USD 5mm	USD 1,000	USD 1mm
USD Class C-1	USD	Accumulating	USD 1mm	USD 1,000	USD 1mm
USD Class C-2	USD	Distributing	USD 1mm	USD 1,000	USD 1mm
GBP Class A-1	GBP	Accumulating	GBP 1mm	GBP 1,000	GBP 1mm
GBP Class A-2	GBP	Distributing	GBP 1mm	GBP 1,000	GBP 1mm
GBP Class B-1	GBP	Accumulating	GBP 5mm	GBP 1,000	GBP 1mm
GBP Class B-2	GBP	Distributing	GBP 5mm	GBP 1,000	GBP 1mm
GBP Class C-1	GBP	Accumulating	GBP 1mm	GBP 1,000	GBP 1mm
GBP Class C-2	GBP	Distributing	GBP 1mm	GBP 1,000	GBP 1mm
Euro Class A-1	Euro	Accumulating	EUR 1mm	EUR 1,000	EUR 1mm
Euro Class A-2	Euro	Distributing	EUR 1mm	EUR 1,000	EUR 1mm
Euro Class B-1	Euro	Accumulating	EUR 5mm	EUR 1,000	EUR 1mm
Euro Class B-2	Euro	Distributing	EUR 5mm	EUR 1,000	EUR 1mm
Euro Class C-1	Euro	Accumulating	EUR 1mm	EUR 1,000	EUR 1mm
Euro Class C-2	Euro	Distributing	EUR 1mm	EUR 1,000	EUR 1mm
CHF Class A-1	CHF	Accumulating	CHF 1mm	CHF 1,000	CHF 1mm
CHF Class A-2	CHF	Distributing	CHF 1mm	CHF 1,000	CHF 1mm
CHF Class B-1	CHF	Accumulating	CHF 5mm	CHF 1,000	CHF 1mm
CHF Class B-2	CHF	Distributing	CHF 5mm	CHF 1,000	CHF 1mm
CHF Class C-1	CHF	Accumulating	CHF 1mm	CHF 1,000	CHF 1mm
CHF Class C-2	CHF	Distributing	CHF 1mm	CHF 1,000	CHF 1mm

# SHARE CLASSES OFFERED BY THE FUND<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Class B Shares are closed to all further subscriptions other than to existing Class B Shareholders or as the Directors may in their discretion determine.

## **SCHEDULE II**

#### ELIGIBLE UNDERLYING INDICES

As at the date of this Supplement the Fund may gain exposure through the use of financial derivative instruments to the following indices:

#### iTraxx Crossover Index

The iTraxx Crossover Index is composed of the 75 most liquid sub-investment grade entities. All entities are incorporated in Europe. The composition of this index is determined by predetermined index rules which are based on the reference entity credit rating (being non-investment grade relevant rating or no relevant rating), sector and liquidity. The iTraxx Crossover Index rolls on a semi-annual basis and the composition of a new series (a new index) is established based on the predetermined index rules to ensure that it continues to reflect the markets to which it refers. Further information on this index can be found on https://www.theice.com/products/28687613/Markit-iTraxx-Crossover.

#### North America High Yield CDX Index

The North America High Yield CDX Index is composed of 100 non-investment grade entities that trade in the credit default swap market. All entities are domiciled in North America. This index is a tradable index that allow market participants to take a view on the overall credit quality and direction of the underlying basket in one tradable instrument. The North America High Yield CDX Index rolls on a semi-annual basis and the composition of a new series (a new index) is established based on the predetermined index rules to ensure that it continues to reflect the markets to which it refers. Further information on this index can be found on <a href="https://www.theice.com/products/28687609/Markit-CDXNAHY">https://www.theice.com/products/28687609/Markit-CDXNAHY</a>.

#### North American Investment Grade CDX Index

The North American Investment Grade CDX Index is composed of 125 of the most liquid entities with investment grade credit ratings that trade in the credit default swap market. All entities are domiciled in North America. This index is a tradable index that allow market participants to take a view on the overall credit quality and direction of the underlying basket in one tradable instrument. The North American Investment Grade CDX Index rolls on a semi-annual basis and the composition of a new series (a new index) is established based on the predetermined index rules to ensure that it continues to reflect the markets to which it refers. Further information on this index can be found on https://www.theice.com/products/28555645/Markit-CDXNAIG.

#### S&P 500 Index

The S&P 500 is regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities and serves as the foundation for a wide range of investment products. This market-capitalisation-weighted stock index consists of the 500 largest American publically traded companies that make up 80% of U.S. equity by market cap. Further information on this index can be found on https://www.spglobal.com/spdji/en/indices/equity/sp-500/#overview.

#### Russell 2000 Index

The Russell 2000 measures the performance of 2,000 U.S. small-capitalisation companies. These companies are included in the bottom half of the Russell 3000 Index, which itself is made up of nearly all the publically traded U.S. companies, representing nearly 98% of the investable U.S. stock market.

The Russell 2000 is the most common benchmark for small-cap, domestically focused portfolios. Further information on this index can be found on <u>https://www.ftserussell.com/products/indices/russell-us</u>.

## <u>General</u>

The financial indices to which the Fund may gain exposure will typically be rebalanced on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis.

## SCHEDULE III

### SAMPLE PERFORMANCE FEE CALCULATIONS

The following are examples of how the Performance Fee for each Share Class in the Fund will be calculated. Investors should note that the examples below are included so that they may understand the methodology of the Performance Fee calculation and should not be interpreted as an indication of future performance.

#### **Class A Shares**

Summary of Performance Fee Terms:

- 10% Performance Fee
- No hurdle
- Equalization applies
- Crystallizes annually on last Dealing Day in each year (31 December in this example)

### Example 1- Positive Performance – Performance Fee Payable

Investor X acquires one Share during the Initial Offer Period at USD 100. At the end of the initial Performance Period, the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Performance Fee) is USD 105. There is a Performance Fee accruable of USD 0.50 (10% of the USD 5 increase in value). Investor X's High Water Mark is now USD 105. The Performance Fee will not be crystallized and payable until 31 December (the end of the Performance Period).

Investor Y acquires one Share in Year 2 at USD 101. At the end of the next Performance Period in Year 2, the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Performance Fee) is USD 103. A Performance Fee of USD 0.20 per Share is paid by Investor Y by the redemption of Shares (10% of the USD 2 increase in value). Investor Y's High Water Mark is now USD 103. Investor X pays no Performance Fee in this Performance Period as their previous High Water Mark of USD 105 is higher than the closing Net Asset Value per Share of USD 103. The High Water Mark of USD 105 remains for Investor X. The Performance Fee will not be crystallized and payable until 31 December (the end of the Performance Period).

Investor Z acquires one Share in Year 3 at USD 106. Investor Z receives an equalisation credit of USD 0.10 (10% of USD 106- USD 105) as the Net Asset Value per Share at which they acquired the Share is higher than the Fund's prevailing High Water Mark.<sup>6</sup> The equalisation credit of USD 0.10 per Share will be applied to subscribe for additional Shares to be issued to Investor Z.

At the end of the Performance Period in year 3, the Net Asset Value is USD 110 (before the Performance Fee). Investor Z pays a Performance Fee of USD 0.50 (10% of USD 110 – USD 105).

Investor X pays a Performance Fee of USD 0.50 (10% of USD 110 - USD 105) as the Net Asset Value per Share is now above the High Water Mark.

Investor Y pays a Performance Fee of USD 0.20  $(10\% \text{ of USD } 105 - \text{USD } 103)^7$  which represents an equalisation adjustment by the redemption of Shares to reach the High Water Mark. Investor Y then

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> USD 105 is the Fund's High Water Mark.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> USD 103 is Investor Y's High Water Mark from the previous period.

pays a balance of Performance Fee in the same amount as Investor X at USD 0.50 (10% of USD 110 - USD 105).

The new High Water Mark for all investors is USD 110.

The Performance Fee will not be crystallized and payable until 31 December (the end of the Performance Period).

#### *Example 2 – Negative Performance – No Performance Fee Payable*

Investor X acquires one Share at Valuation Point 1 at USD 100.

At Valuation Point 2, the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Performance Fee) has fallen to USD 90. The High Water Mark is USD 105 and, because the Net Asset Value per Share has fallen below this, there is no Performance Fee accrued and payable resulting in a final Net Asset Value per Share of USD 90.

On 31 December (Valuation Point 3), the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Performance Fee) has risen to USD 91. The High Water Mark is USD 105, and because the Net Asset Value per Share remains below the High Water Mark, there is no Performance Fee accrued and payable resulting in a final Net Asset Value per Share of USD 91. The High Water Mark remains at USD 105.

Investor Y acquires one Share in Year 2 at USD 95. At the end of the next Performance Period in Year 2, the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Performance Fee) is USD 90. As the Net Asset Value per Share is below the Net Asset Value per Share at which Investor Y acquired the Share, no Performance Fee is payable in this period. Investor Y's High Water Mark is now USD 95. Investor X pays no Performance Fee in this Performance Period as their previous High Water Mark of USD 105 is higher than the closing Net Asset Value per Share of USD 90. The High Water Mark of USD 105 remains for Investor X.

# **Class B Shares**

Summary of Performance Fee Terms:

- 10% Performance Fee
- No hurdle
- No equalization
- Crystallizes annually on last dealing day in each year (31 December in this example)

# *Example 1 – Positive Performance – Performance Fee Payable*

Investor acquires one Share at Valuation Point 1 at USD 100.

At Valuation Point 2, the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Performance Fee) has risen to USD 110. The High Water Mark is USD 105, and because the Net Asset Value per Share has risen above this, there is a Performance Fee accruable of USD 0.5 (10 % of the USD 5 increase in value above the High Water Mark). This Performance Fee is then accrued resulting in a final Net Asset Value per Share of USD 109.50. The fee will not be crystallized and payable until 31 December (the end of the Performance Period).

On 31 December (Valuation Point 3), the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Performance Fee) has risen to USD 114. The High Water Mark is USD 105, and because the Net Asset Value per Share has risen above this, there is a Performance Fee accruable of USD 0.90 (10% of the USD 9 increase in value above the High Water Mark). This Performance Fee is then accrued resulting in a final Net Asset Value per Share of USD 113.10. The Performance Fee is then crystallized and becomes payable. The new High Water Mark is USD 114 (USD 105 + increase in value of USD 9 above the High Water Mark).

## *Example 2 – Negative Performance – No Performance Fee Payable*

Investor acquires one Share at Valuation Point 1 at USD 100.

At Valuation Point 2, the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Performance Fee) has fallen to USD 90. The High Water Mark is USD 105 and, because the Net Asset Value per Share has fallen below this, there is no Performance Fee accrued and payable resulting in a final Net Asset Value per Share of USD 90.

On 31 December (Valuation Point 3), the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Performance Fee) has risen to USD 91. The High Water Mark is USD 105, and because the Net Asset Value per Share remains below the High Water Mark, there is no Performance Fee accrued and payable resulting in a final Net Asset Value per Share of USD 91. The High Water Mark remains at USD 105.

# **Class C Shares**

Summary of Performance Fee Terms:

- 15% Performance Fee
- No hurdle
- Equalization applies
- Crystallizes annually on last Dealing Day in each year (31 December in this example)

# Example 1- Positive Performance – Performance Fee Payable

Investor X acquires one Share during the Initial Offer Period at USD 100. At the end of the initial Performance Period, the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Performance Fee) is USD 105. There is a Performance Fee accruable of USD 0.75 (15% of the USD 5 increase in value). Investor X's High Water Mark is now USD 105. The Performance Fee will not be crystallized and payable until 31 December (the end of the Performance Period).

Investor Y acquires one Share in Year 2 at USD 101. At the end of the next Performance Period in Year 2, the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Performance Fee) is USD 103. A Performance Fee of USD 0.30 per Share is paid by Investor Y by the redemption of Shares (15% of the USD 2 increase in value). Investor Y's High Water Mark is now USD 103. Investor X pays no Performance Fee in this Performance Period as their previous High Water Mark of USD 105 is higher than the closing Net Asset Value per Share of USD 103. The High Water Mark of USD 105 remains for Investor X. The Performance Fee will not be crystallized and payable until 31 December (the end of the Performance Period).

Investor Z acquires one Share in Year 3 at USD 106. Investor Z receives an equalisation credit of USD 0.15 (15% of USD 106- USD 105) as the Net Asset Value per Share at which they acquired the Share is higher than the Fund's prevailing High Water Mark.<sup>8</sup> The equalisation credit of USD 0.15 per Share will be applied to subscribe for additional Shares to be issued to Investor Z.

At the end of the Performance Period in year 3, the Net Asset Value is USD 110 (before the Performance Fee). Investor Z pays a Performance Fee of USD 0.75 (15% of USD 110 – USD 105).

Investor X pays a Performance Fee of USD 0.75 (15% of USD 110 - USD 105) as the Net Asset Value per Share is now above the High Water Mark.

Investor Y pays a Performance Fee of USD 0.30 (15% of USD  $105 - \text{USD } 103)^9$  which represents an equalisation adjustment by the redemption of Shares to reach the High Water Mark. Investor Y then pays a balance of Performance Fee in the same amount as Investor X at USD 0.75 (15% of USD 110 - USD 105).

The new High Water Mark for all investors is USD 110.

The Performance Fee will not be crystallized and payable until 31 December (the end of the Performance Period).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> USD 105 is the Fund's High Water Mark.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>. USD 103 is Investor Y's High Water Mark from the previous period.

#### *Example 2 – Negative Performance – No Performance Fee Payable*

Investor X acquires one Share at Valuation Point 1 at USD 100.

At Valuation Point 2, the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Performance Fee) has fallen to USD 90. The High Water Mark is USD 105 and, because the Net Asset Value per Share has fallen below this, there is no Performance Fee accrued and payable resulting in a final Net Asset Value per Share of USD 90.

On 31 December (Valuation Point 3), the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Performance Fee) has risen to USD 91. The High Water Mark is USD 105, and because the Net Asset Value per Share remains below the High Water Mark, there is no Performance Fee accrued and payable resulting in a final Net Asset Value per Share of USD 91. The High Water Mark remains at USD 105.

Investor Y acquires one Share in Year 2 at USD 95. At the end of the next Performance Period in Year 2, the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Performance Fee) is USD 90. As the Net Asset Value per Share is below the Net Asset Value per Share at which Investor Y acquired the Share, no Performance Fee is payable in this period. Investor Y's High Water Mark is now USD 95. Investor X pays no Performance Fee in this Performance Period as their previous High Water Mark of USD 105 is higher than the closing Net Asset Value per Share of USD 90. The High Water Mark of USD 105 remains for Investor X.

# This document is a supplement to the prospectus dated 28 September 2021 (the "Prospectus") issued by CIFC Credit Funds ICAV (the "ICAV"). This Supplement forms part of, and should be read in conjunction with, the Prospectus.

Investors' attention is drawn, in particular, to the risk warnings contained in the section of the Prospectus entitled "Special Considerations and Risk Factors".

# CIFC CREDIT FUNDS ICAV

(an open-ended Irish collective asset-management vehicle with registered number C422393 structured as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between Funds pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended)

# SUPPLEMENT

# in respect of

# CIFC GLOBAL FLOATING RATE CREDIT FUND

(the "Fund")

The Directors of the ICAV, whose names appear in the Prospectus, accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. Unless otherwise stated, all capitalised terms shall have the same meaning herein as in the Prospectus.

The date of this Supplement No. 2 is 14 March 2022.

THE SHARES OF THE FUND OFFERED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE 1933 ACT, AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES OR TO "U.S. PERSONS" (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE 1933 ACT) UNLESS REGISTERED UNDER THE 1933 ACT OR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE 1933 ACT IS AVAILABLE. THE FUND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED AS AN INVESTMENT COMPANY UNDER THE 1940 ACT.

THE INVESTMENT MANAGER DOES NOT INTEND TO REGISTER AS A COMMODITY POOL OPERATOR ("CPO") WITH THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION ("CFTC") UNDER AN EXEMPTION FROM THE FOREGOING, ON THE BASIS OF THE FUND INVESTING IN A DE MINIMIS AMOUNT OF COMMODITY INTERESTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 17 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS SECTION 4.13(A)(3). THEREFORE, UNLIKE A REGISTERED CPO, THE INVESTMENT MANAGER WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS IN THE FUND WITH A CFTC COMPLIANT DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT, NOR WILL THE INVESTMENT MANAGER BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE INVESTORS IN THE FUND WITH PERIODIC ACCOUNT STATEMENTS OR CERTIFIED ANNUAL REPORTS THAT SATISFY THE REOUIREMENTS OF CFTC RULES APPLICABLE TO REGISTERED CPOS. ACCORDINGLY, THIS SUPPLEMENT HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED OR APPROVED BY THE CFTC AND IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT SUCH REVIEW OR APPROVAL WILL OCCUR. THE INVESTMENT MANAGER IS NOT REGISTERED AS A COMMODITY TRADING ADVISER IN THE UNITED STATES AND AS SUCH INVESTORS SHOULD NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE THE PROTECTIONS OF THE U.S. COMMODITY **EXCHANGE ACT.** 

An investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.

The Fund may, in exceptional market conditions, invest substantially in cash deposits and/or cash equivalents with credit institutions. The attention of investors is drawn to the difference between the nature of a deposit and the nature of an investment in the Fund because the principal invested in the Fund is capable of fluctuation as the Net Asset Value of the Fund fluctuates.

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# DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply throughout this Supplement unless the context requires otherwise:

"Base Currency"	means U.S. Dollar;
"Business Day"	means any day (except Saturday or Sunday) on which financial markets in the U.S. and Ireland are generally open for business or such other day or days as may be determined from time to time by the Directors;
"Class Currency"	means the currency in which Shares of a Class are issued;
"CLO"	means collateralised loan obligation;
"Dealing Day"	means a day upon which redemptions and subscriptions may occur, being (i) each Wednesday or, in the event that any Wednesday is not a Business Day, the Business Day immediately following; and / or (ii) any other day which the Directors have determined, subject to advance notice to all Shareholders in the Fund and provided that there shall be at least one dealing day per fortnight;
"Fund"	means CIFC Global Floating Rate Credit Fund;
"Hedged Share Class"	means, for the purposes of this Fund, any Class which has a Class Currency that is different to the Base Currency;
"High Water Mark"	means (i) the previous highest Net Asset Value per Share of each Class (before any accrual for the Performance Fee) at the end of any previous Performance Period on which the Performance Fee was paid; or (ii) the Initial Offer Price, if higher, of the relevant Class;
"Original Lender"	means an entity which, itself or through related entities, directly or indirectly, concluded the original agreement which created the obligations or potential obligations of the debtor or potential debtor giving rise to the exposures being securitised;
"Originator"	means an entity which: (a) itself or through related entities, directly or indirectly, was involved in the original agreement which created the obligations or potential obligations of the debtor or potential debtor giving rise to the exposures being securitised; or (b) purchases a third party's exposures on its own account and then securitises them
"Performance Period"	means a calendar year ending on the last Valuation Day in each year or such other date as described herein under " <i>Performance Fee</i> ", save that the first

	Performance Period for a Class will commence upon the initial issue of Shares in that Class and will end on the last Valuation Day of the calendar year end following that initial issue of Shares;
"Recognised Rating Agency"	means Moody's, Standard and Poor's, Fitch and any other internationally recognised rating agency equivalent to either of them;
"Redemption Cut-Off Time"	means the deadline for receipt of redemption requests being no later than 3.00pm (Irish time) on the Business Day five Business Days before the relevant Dealing Day or such other point as the Directors may determine in exceptional circumstances;
"Securitisation"	means a transaction or scheme, whereby the credit risk associated with an exposure or a pool of exposures is tranched, having all of the following characteristics: (a) payments in the transaction or scheme are dependent upon the performance of the exposure or of the pool of exposures; (b) the subordination of tranches determines the distribution of losses during the ongoing life of the transaction or scheme; and (c) the transaction or scheme does not create exposures which possess all of the characteristics listed in Article 147(8) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013;
"Securitisation Position"	means an exposure to a Securitisation;
"Securitisation Regulation"	means Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 laying down a general framework for securitisation and creating a specific framework for simple, transparent and standardised securitisation, and amending Directives 2009/65/EC, 2009/138/EC and 2011/61/EU and Regulations (EC) No 1060/2009 and (EU) No 648/2012, as such may be amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time;
"Sponsor"	means a credit institution, whether located in the EU or not, as defined in point (1) of Article 4(1) of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013, or an investment firm as defined in point (1) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU other than an Originator, that: (a) establishes and manages an asset-backed commercial paper programme or other Securitisation that purchases exposures from third-party entities, or (b) establishes an asset-backed commercial paper programme or other Securitisation that purchases exposures from third-party entities and delegates the

	2009/65/EC, Directive 2011/61/EU or Directive 2014/65/EU;			
"Subscription Cut-Off Time"	means the deadline for receipt of subscription requests being no later than 3.00pm (Irish time) on the Business Day two Business Days before the relevant Dealing Day or such other point as the Directors may determine in exceptional circumstances;			
"Supplement"	means this supplement;			
"U.S. Dollar"	means the lawful currency of the U.S.;			
"Valuation Day"	means each Business Day, unless otherwise determined by the Directors; and			
"Valuation Point"	means 11.59 pm (Irish time) on the Valuation Day immediately before the relevant Dealing Day or such other time as the Directors may determine from time to time and notify to Shareholders. For the avoidance of doubt, the time at which the Net Asset Value is determined will always be after the Subscription Cut- Off Time and the Redemption Cut-Off Time.			

# CIFC GLOBAL FLOATING RATE CREDIT FUND

## INTRODUCTION

The ICAV is authorised in Ireland by the Central Bank as a UCITS for the purposes of the UCITS Regulations.

This Supplement forms part of the Prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the general description of the ICAV contained in the Prospectus together with the most recent annual and semi-annual reports.

# CLASSES OF SHARES IN THE FUND

Details of the Classes offered, minimum initial investment, minimum subsequent investment and minimum holding for each Class are set out in Schedule I to this Supplement. Shares in the Fund may be Distributing or Accumulating Shares. The ICAV may also create additional Classes in the future upon prior notification to, and clearance in advance by, the Central Bank. The Directors may, in their absolute discretion, waive the minimum initial investment, minimum subsequent investment, and minimum holding for each Class provided that the exercise of this discretion will be carried out having regard to the Central Bank's requirements to treat Shareholders in a Class equally and fairly. Investors should note that the Class B Shares are intended for investment by institutional investors.

## Hedged Share Classes

The Investment Manager intends to hedge the currency exposure of the relevant Class Currency of the Hedged Share Classes to the Base Currency. The financial instruments used to implement hedging strategies will be assets / liabilities of the Fund as a whole. However, such transactions will be clearly attributable to the relevant Class and the gains / losses on and the costs of the relevant financial instruments will accrue solely to the relevant Class. While it is not the intention of the Investment Manager, over-hedged or under-hedged positions may arise due to factors outside the control of the Investment Manager.

For further information on the application of hedging at Class level, please see the section entitled *"Class Currency Hedging"* in the Prospectus.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

## **Investment Objective**

The Fund's investment objective is to generate attractive long-term risk-adjusted returns primarily by investing in and managing a portfolio of U.S., UK, and European debt securities.

## **Investment Policy**

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in investment grade and noninvestment grade rated debt tranches of CLOs which give access to U.S., UK, and European senior secured corporate loans and bonds. The Fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to a benchmark.

## CLO Overview

A CLO is a type of asset backed debt security supported by interest and principal payments generated from a diversified portfolio of loans and bonds. The issue of CLO securities involves a form of securitisation, where principal and interest payments from multiple corporate loans and debt instruments are pooled together and packaged into securities in various tranches, each of which offers distinct risk and return profiles. Each tranche varies in terms of the priority and rate at which its holders will be paid out

when income is received by the CLO, from the underlying loans or bonds. Senior tranche securities receive income in priority to all other tranches but will receive the lowest rate, while the most junior tranche, equity, does not receive any stated interest payments but will benefit from any increases in the value of the pool of underlying loans and bonds and will bear the primary risk of defaults in this pool. In order of priority of receipt of income, the tranches are: senior; mezzanine; and equity tranches.

The pools of loans and bonds underlying a CLO are actively managed by a CLO manager appointed in respect of the CLO. The CLO manager is responsible for selecting the loans and bonds to be purchased and sold and for determining the timing of such purchases and sales in accordance with the CLO's governing documents.

## Investment Strategy

The Fund will typically invest in mezzanine securities issued by CLOs which are primarily backed by a diversified portfolio of senior secured corporate loans and bonds and primarily in securities which are rated "BBB", "BB" or higher by a Recognised Rating Agency, although it may also invest, to a limited extent, in securities which are rated "B".

The Fund will invest in CLO securities in both the new issue and secondary markets. In certain instances, and subject always to compliance with the requirements of the UCITS Regulations and the "Conflicts of Interest" section of the Prospectus, the Fund may invest in securities issued by CLOs which are managed by the Investment Manager in the secondary markets. Such investments shall not exceed, in aggregate, 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, measured at the time of investment.

In respect of its investments in such CLO securities, the Investment Manager will attempt to maintain a portfolio that is diversified across issuers, industry sectors and maturities and will seek to invest in securities which it believes are undervalued (based on its fundamental analysis of these securities relative to the prices of such securities) and which will therefore generate added value for the Fund.

When the Investment Manager invests in new issue CLO securities, market standard settlement cycles for such CLO securities (i.e. the time between an offer to acquire a CLO security being accepted and the security being delivered to and paid for by the Fund) mean that the Fund may not have to pay for the securities for some time and so the Investment Manager may, in the interim, invest the Fund's assets which will be used to pay for the CLO securities on settlement of that trade in other debt securities (including high yield debt securities) and / or collective investment schemes that are themselves exposed to debt securities (each as described under "Additional Information on Instruments in which the Fund may invest" below), while waiting for the CLO securities to settle.

The Fund may from time to time invest up to 50% of its Net Asset Value in financial derivative instruments for investment purposes. Such financial derivative instruments may include credit default swaps, total return swaps and options that reference corporate issuers in Europe, the UK or the U.S., corporate debt indices, CLOs, other debt securities, credit instruments, loan participations and other assets included in the investment policy of the Fund. Investors should refer to the "Swap Agreements" and "Credit Default Swaps" sub-sections of the "Risk Considerations" section in the Prospectus for further details of the use of such financial derivative instruments, noting that the Fund will use credit default swaps to buy credit protection. Where exposure is gained to a particular index or indices through the use of such financial derivative information on the relevant index or indices (including information on the rebalancing frequency of the relevant index and its impact on costs within the index) shall be made available in the annual reports of the Company. In the event that an index to which the Fund is exposed no longer complies with the diversification requirements of the UCITS Regulations, the Fund will review its exposure to this index and terminate it, as necessary. Notwithstanding the above, the Fund may also use currency forwards and options and interest rate futures to hedge currency and interest rate exposures created by the Fund's other investments.

#### Investment Process

The Investment Manager analyses CLO investment opportunities, with an emphasis on relative value and a focus on: (i) the CLO manager, including its historical performance and the liquidity typically associated with the CLO; (ii) the CLO's underlying portfolio (e.g., the rating, diversification and liquidity of the underlying assets); and (iii) the CLO's structure, including a review of the CLO's documentation and key terms. Leveraging its depth of experience in the CLO market, the Investment Manager assess each component of the foregoing analysis to determine which CLO investment opportunities it believes will be attractive investments for the Fund.

In selecting the other investments described under "Additional Information on Instruments in which the Fund may invest" below, the Investment Manager will seek to identify value-oriented investment opportunities, i.e. those where it considers the securities to be available at attractive prices relative to what it considers to be their value, by leveraging the experience of its credit team and broad network.

The Investment Manager monitors the Fund's holdings closely and continuously, through daily risk and performance reports, which incorporate key portfolio characteristics and market values for investments. The Investment Manager's structured credit team meets regularly to make buy/sell decisions, review pipeline reports and discuss macro and market trends. CLO positions are also reviewed more comprehensively on a monthly basis, including careful evaluations of portfolio performance and composition. Significant developments in respect of CLO managers or the CLO market more generally will result in additional, ad hoc reviews by the Investment Manager.

## Instruments in which the Fund may invest

The securities in which the Fund will invest shall be listed or traded on the Regulated Markets set out in Schedule 1 to the Prospectus and investment by the Fund is subject to the restrictions set out in Schedule 2 to the Prospectus.

## CLOs, other Debt Securities and Credit Instruments

The Fund may invest in rated CLOs and other debt securities of any duration, including both fixed and floating rate securities, issued by both corporate and governmental issuers which are listed or traded on Regulated Markets in the United States, Ireland, the Netherlands and other OECD member countries or may be unlisted. The Fund will not invest more than 15% of its Net Asset Value in securities of issuers in emerging markets. At least 50% of the Fund's Net Asset Value must be invested in cash and debt securities, which are rated with a long-term investment grade rating (higher than or equal to BBB-) by one or more Recognised Rating Agencies.

In addition to the CLOs described above, the Fund may also invest in other types of debt securities, including, commercial and residential mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities (including those backed by consumer loans), adjustable rate securities, credit-linked notes, collateralised bond obligations, municipal securities and inflation-indexed securities. Adjustable rate securities are securities that have interest rates that reset at periodic intervals. Credit-linked notes are securities whose prices are indexed to the prices of securities, interest rates, indices, currencies, or other financial statistics. Collateralised bond obligations are obligations of a special purpose vehicle backed by a pool of bonds or similar debt securities. Municipal securities are issued by or on behalf of states, territories and possessions of the United States and their political subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities and the District of Columbia to obtain funds for various public purposes. Inflation-indexed bonds are fixed income securities whose principal value is adjusted periodically according to the rate of inflation.

## Loan Participations

The Fund may purchase participations in, or assignments of floating rate secured commercial loans that qualify as money market instruments in that they are liquid and will provide for interest rate adjustments at least every 397 days and which may be secured by real estate or other tangible assets (e.g. plant and machinery). These participations may be interests in, or assignments of, the loan and may be acquired from banks or brokers that have made the loan or members of the lending syndicate and will be in securitised form (i.e. take the form of a security). Such participations or assignments may be listed or traded on Regulated Markets globally or unlisted and not traded on a Regulated Market and will not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund in aggregate. The loan participations that the Fund may invest in shall be securitised (i.e. take the form of a security).

## Other Collective Investment Schemes

The Fund may also invest up to 10%, in aggregate, of its Net Asset Value in UCITS and/or eligible alternative investments funds (including exchange traded funds) which are themselves exposed to investments that are similar to the Fund's other investments. Such funds may be managed by the Investment Manager or its affiliates and will comply with the requirements of the UCITS Regulations in respect of such investments. They may be domiciled in the European Economic Area, U.K. or the U.S. and will qualify as UCITS or alternative investment funds (for the purposes of Directive 2011/61/EU on Alternative Investment Fund Managers and related legislation) and will be regulated as such by their home state regulator. Investment in alternative investment funds may only be made where such funds meet the eligibility criteria set out in the Central Bank Regulations.

# **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Fund intends to invest substantially all of its assets to meet its investment objective. To the extent that the Fund's assets are not fully invested in accordance with the investment policy set out above, the Fund may hold or maintain cash deposits and/or cash equivalents (such as short term commercial paper, certificates of deposit, treasury bills, floating rate notes and fixed or variable rate commercial paper listed or traded on one or more Regulated Market) or may invest up to 10%, in aggregate, of its Net Asset Value in UCITS eligible money market funds, subject in all cases to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank. The amount of cash and/or cash equivalents that the Fund will hold will vary depending on prevailing circumstances and may be held as ancillary liquidity to settle transactions or due to the Fund's use of financial derivative instruments ("**FDI**") and/or because the Investment Manager considers it appropriate to hold such amount.

## **Efficient Portfolio Management**

The Fund may utilise techniques and instruments, such as currency futures and options and forward currency contracts for efficient portfolio management and/or for currency hedging purposes, subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank. Hedging is a technique used to seek to minimise an exposure created from an underlying position by counteracting such exposure by means of acquiring an offsetting position. The positions taken for hedging purposes will not be allowed to exceed materially the value of the assets that they seek to offset.

The Fund may enter into repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements ("**Repos**") in respect of the securities in which the Fund may invest (as outlined above) subject to the conditions and limits set out in the Central Bank UCITS Regulations for efficient portfolio management purposes. The counterparties to Repos will be institutions with legal personality, typically located in OECD jurisdictions, subject to prudential supervision and belonging to categories approved by the Central Bank and will not have discretion over the assets of the Fund. No minimum credit rating will be applied in respect of such counterparties, however, counterparties will be subject to a credit assessment process and ongoing monitoring in this regard by the Manager and the Investment Manager

Additional detail on these techniques and instruments is given in Schedule 3 to the Prospectus.

## **Investment Restrictions**

The Fund currently does not intend to engage in securities lending. The maximum proportion of the Fund's Net Asset Value that can be subject to total return swaps is 15%. The expected proportion of the Fund's Net Asset Value that will be subject to total return swaps is 0-10%. The maximum proportion of the Fund's Net Asset Value that can be subject to Repos is 15%. The expected proportion of the Fund's Net Asset Value that will be subject to Repos is 0-10%.

The Fund's investments will be limited to investments permitted by the UCITS Regulations and in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements, as described in Schedule 2 to the Prospectus.

If the UCITS Regulations are altered during the life of the Fund, the investment restrictions may be changed to take account of any such alterations. Shareholders will be advised of such changes in the next succeeding annual or half-yearly report in respect of the Fund. Please refer to the investment restrictions in Schedule 2 to the Prospectus for information with regard to investment restrictions of the Fund.

## **Securitisation Regulation**

The Fund shall not invest in a Securitisation Position unless, where required by the Securitisation Regulation, the Originator, Sponsor or Original Lender retains on an ongoing basis a material net economic interest of not less than 5%, in accordance with the Securitisation Regulation. Where the Manager is exposed to a Securitisation Position that no longer meets the requirements provided for in the Securitisation Regulation it shall, where required by the Securitisation Regulation and in the best interest of the investors in the Fund, act and take corrective action, if appropriate.

# Leverage

The Fund may be leveraged through the use of FDI and the Fund may utilise leverage as appropriate, as determined by the Investment Manager, in the pursuit of its investment objective.

The ICAV will use the commitment approach to calculate the global exposure of the Fund, in accordance with the Fund's risk management process. The commitment approach is a methodology that aggregates the underlying market or notional values of financial derivative instruments to determine the degree of global exposure of the Fund to financial derivative instruments.

In accordance with the UCITS Regulations, the Fund's global exposure through the use of financial derivative instruments will not exceed its total net assets, i.e. the Fund will not be leveraged in excess of 100% of its Net Asset Value.

# Profile of a Typical Investor

Investment in the Fund may be appropriate for investors who have a medium to long-term investment horizon. The Fund is designed for investors who are willing to accept the risks associated with an investment of the type described in this Supplement, including the possibility of a decline in the value of their investment and/or who are not seeking to invest to meet short term goals.

# SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURES REGULATION

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector ("**SFDR**"), the Fund is not classified as an Article 8 or Article 9 fund, however, disclosure in accordance with the requirements of Article 6 of SFDR in relation to the integration of sustainability risks, which is applicable to the Fund, is set out in the Prospectus.

## **EU Taxonomy Regulation**

This section constitutes disclosure in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment, and amending the SFDR (the "**Taxonomy Regulation**"). The Taxonomy Regulation requires that any financial product, which includes a fund, which does not promote environmental characteristics (i.e. a financial product which is not subject to Article 8 (1) of SFDR) or which does not invest in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental objective or has a reduction of carbon emissions as its objective (i.e. a financial product which is not subject to Article 9 (1), (2) or (3) of SFDR) must include a statement that the underlying investments of that financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. On the basis that the Fund is not a financial product which is subject to either Article 8 or Article 9 of SFDR, the following statement, which is in prescribed form, applies to the Fund and to its underlying investments: "The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria?".

# MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Detailed descriptions of the Directors and service providers to the ICAV are set out in the Prospectus.

## **RISK FACTORS**

There can be no assurance that the Fund's investments will be successful or that the investment objectives of the Fund will be achieved. Investors should be aware of the risks of the Fund including those described in the "Special Considerations and Risk Factors" section of the Prospectus. An investment in the Fund is suitable only for persons who are in a position to take such risks. In addition, investors in the Fund should be aware of the following risks, which are non-exhaustive and may be subject to change.

## General

Investment in the Fund entails a high degree of risk and the Board, the Investment Manager and their affiliates may have potential conflicts of interest. Past performance of the Investment Manager, its principals and their respective affiliates in this and other endeavours is no guarantee of future performance. There is no assurance that the Fund will be profitable. The risks of an investment in the Fund include, but are not limited to, the speculative nature of the Fund's strategies and the charges that the Fund will incur regardless of whether any profits are earned.

## Nature of Investment in CLO Securities

CLO securities are, generally, limited recourse obligations of the issuer thereof (the "**Issuer**") payable solely from distributions on, and sale proceeds of, the underlying assets owned by the Issuer. If the distributions on and sale proceeds of the underlying assets are insufficient to make required payments on the securities, no other assets will be available for the payment of such deficiency and following the distribution of such distributions and proceeds to the holders of the securities, the obligation of the Issuer to pay such deficiency will be extinguished.

The underlying assets of CLOs are subject to credit, liquidity, market and interest rate risks. Changes in the market value or fair value of underlying assets could result in defaults that may in turn reduce or halt the distribution of cash to the Fund or trigger a liquidation of an investment. In certain circumstances, interest and principal proceeds otherwise payable to the most junior debt tranche of a CLO could be diverted and such tranche may suffer a loss of all or a portion of its value. The underlying assets of CLOs are primarily senior secured corporate loans and bonds and, in certain cases, other debt instruments, which are expected to be below investment grade (or of equivalent credit rating), or may not be rated at all. The lower rating of below investment grade loans or bonds reflects a greater possibility that adverse changes in the financial condition of an obligor or in general economic conditions or both may impair the ability of the obligor to make payments of principal or interest. The Fund will face a greater risk of loss upon default of underlying assets for more junior tranches of a CLO, although more senior tranches of a CLO are expected to have lower returns.

Moreover, CLOs by their very nature are highly leveraged vehicles. The leverage varies depending on the seniority of the tranche. Any event that negatively impacts an underlying investment could result in a substantial loss, as any event that adversely affects the value of an underlying investment of these structures will be magnified by the leverage that is utilised.

In addition, CLOs and related investments are highly complex investments. Their complexity gives rise to the risk that investors, parties involved in their creation and issuance, and other parties with an interest in them may not have the same understanding of how these investments behave, or the rights that the various interested parties have with respect to them. Furthermore, the documents governing these investments may contain some ambiguities that are subject to differing interpretations. Even in the absence of such ambiguities, if a dispute were to arise concerning these investments, there is a risk that a court or other tribunal might not fully understand all aspects of these investments and might rule in a manner contrary to both the terms and the intent of the documents. Therefore, the Fund cannot be fully assured that it will be able to enjoy all of the rights that it expects to have when it invests in CLOs and related investments.

# **Credit Risk**

Credit risk refers to the likelihood that an issuer will default in the payment of principal and/or interest on an instrument. Financial strength and solvency of an issuer are the primary factors influencing credit risk. In addition, lack of or inadequacy of collateral or credit enhancements for a fixed income instrument may affect its credit risk. Credit risk of an instrument may change over time, and securities that are rated by ratings agencies are often reviewed and may be subject to downgrade. While a senior position in the capital structure of a borrower or issuer has the potential to provide some protection with respect to the Fund's investments in senior debt, losses may still occur because the market value of senior debt is affected by the creditworthiness of borrowers or issuers or their guarantors and by general economic and specific industry conditions. Senior positions in the capital structure may involve the Fund taking security over certain assets of the borrower. Such assets may not have the value attributed to them or it may not be possible to realise their value. A number of the Fund's other investments may be subordinate to other debt in the issuer's capital structure. To the extent any of the Fund's investments are downgraded by ratings agencies to below-investment grade instruments, the Fund will be exposed to a greater amount of credit risk than a fund holding exclusively investment grade instruments. The prices of lower grade instruments are more sensitive to negative developments, such as a decline in the issuer's revenues or a general economic downturn, than are the prices of higher grade instruments. Instruments of below investment grade quality are predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal when due and therefore involve a greater risk of default. The principal amount of certain investments may remain outstanding and at risk until the maturity of the investment, in which case the relevant borrower's ability to repay the principal may be dependent upon a liquidity event or the long-term success of the borrower, the occurrence of which is uncertain.

# **Risks Related to Junior CLO Tranches**

The Fund, to the extent it is the holder of more junior tranches of debt of a CLO, will rank behind the CLO issuer's more senior noteholders and other senior creditors (but in priority to the holders of the equity tranche). If distributions on and sale proceeds from the investment collateral are insufficient to make payments on the investment securities held by the Fund, no other amounts will be available for

the payment of such deficiency and insufficient payments to junior noteholders may not constitute an event of default under the indenture. Any such deficiency or default will reduce the value of the Fund's investment in any such issuer. Moreover, to the extent that any losses are suffered with respect to investment securities, such losses will be borne in the first instance by holders of the equity tranche, and then the more junior tranches (in the order of priority among such tranches), before being borne by the more senior classes of notes or loans issued by the CLO issuer.

# No Control Over Event of Default Remedies

If an event of default occurs under the indenture, loan agreement or other document governing an investment, the holders of a majority of the most senior class of outstanding notes or loans issued by such investment generally will be entitled to determine the remedies to be exercised under the indenture, loan agreement or other governing document. These remedies may include the sale and liquidation of the assets underlying the investment and could be adverse to the interests of the Fund. Depending on the seniority of the notes or loans held by the Fund, the Fund may have no rights under the indenture, loan agreement or other document governing an investment and may not be able to exercise any remedies following an event of default as long as any more senior notes or loans are outstanding, nor will the Fund receive any payments after an event of default until the more senior notes or loans and certain other amounts have been paid in full.

# **Minority Position**

The Fund is expected to hold non-controlling interests in CLO issuers and therefore in such case would have limited voting power in respect to such interests and the underlying assets and a limited ability to influence the management of any such investment. For example, one or more holders of CLO equity may control the vote of the CLO equity in the underlying CLO, which typically includes the ability to cause the underlying CLO to optionally redeem (following the expiry of applicable non-call periods) its CLO securities and to make other material decisions that may affect the value of the CLO debt tranches, which could adversely impact returns to the Shareholders.

## **Optional Redemption or Prepayment of Securities**

An optional redemption of the secured notes issued by a CLO could require the CLO manager to liquidate the assets underlying the investment prior to the expected maturity of the secured notes or loans, which could adversely affect the realised value of the collateral sold and could result in an elimination or reduction in the amount distributable with respect to the investment, which could adversely impact returns to the Shareholders. In any such event, the CLO manager may be required to aggregate collateral to be sold together in one block transaction, which could possibly result in a lower realised value for such collateral and reduce distributions to the Fund as holder of such investment.

# Mandatory Redemption or Prepayment in Case of Failure of the Coverage Tests

If any coverage tests are not met for any of the secured notes issued by a CLO, then proceeds that would otherwise be available for reinvestment or for payment to the holders of equity or debt tranches of such CLO will instead be used to redeem or prepay one or more classes of such secured notes to the extent necessary to restore the applicable coverage test to the minimum required level or cause such secured notes to be redeemed in full. The full or partial redemption or prepayment of such secured notes of equity or debt tranches of equity or debt tranches of such CLO (the latter of which may include the Fund), which could adversely impact the returns to the Shareholders.

# Portfolio Ramp-Up

For a certain period of time after the closing of a CLO, the CLO manager will continue to purchase assets for the vehicle. Any inability of the Issuer to acquire assets that satisfy the "eligibility criteria"

specified for such CLO may adversely affect the timing and amount of distributions on the equity and debt tranches of such CLO. There is no assurance that the CLO manager will be able to acquire assets that satisfy the eligibility criteria. In addition, as a result of acquiring assets, the timing of cash flows may differ from the model portfolio provided to investors (including the Fund), decreasing or increasing expected returns on the equity and debt tranches of the CLO.

# **Reinvestment Risk**

As part of the ordinary management of its portfolio, a CLO will typically generate cash from asset repayments and sales and reinvest those proceeds in substitute assets, subject to compliance with its investment guidelines and certain other conditions. The earnings with respect to such substitute assets will depend on the quality of reinvestment opportunities available at the time. The need to satisfy the investment guidelines of such CLO and identify acceptable assets may require the CLO manager to purchase substitute assets at a lower yield than those initially acquired or require that the sale proceeds be maintained temporarily in cash, either of which may reduce the yield that the CLO manager is able to achieve. The investment guidelines may incentivise a CLO manager to buy riskier assets than it otherwise would, which could result in additional losses. Either of the foregoing could reduce the return to the Fund and have a negative effect on the fair value of the Fund's assets, thereby reducing or eliminating any returns to the Shareholders.

# Illiquidity in the Financial Markets

Events in the collateralised debt obligation (including CLO), leveraged finance and fixed income markets have occasionally contributed to a severe liquidity crisis in the global credit markets in recent years. The financial markets have experienced, at times, substantial fluctuations in prices for leveraged loans and reduced liquidity for such obligations. During periods of reduced liquidity and higher price volatility, a CLO manager's ability to acquire or dispose of assets at a price and time that the CLO manager deems advantageous may be severely impaired. As a result, in periods of rising market prices, the CLO manager may be unable to participate in price increases fully to the extent that it is unable to acquire desired positions quickly; and the CLO manager may be unable to dispose fully and promptly of positions in declining markets, which may exacerbate losses suffered by holders of debt and equity tranches of a CLO.

In addition, lower liquidity levels experienced in recent years adversely affected the primary market for a number of financial products, including leveraged loans, and a return to such lower liquidity levels in the future may reduce opportunities for a CLO manager to purchase new issuances of underlying investments for the CLOs it manages. There has been an increase in primary leveraged loan market activity since the recent financial crisis, but there can be no assurance that such increase will persist or that the primary leveraged loan market will not return to its previous lower liquidity levels or cease altogether for a period of time. In addition, the ability of private equity sponsors and leveraged loan arrangers to effectuate new leveraged buy-outs and the ability of CLO managers to purchase such related loan assets may be partially or significantly limited, including as a result of high prices charged by sellers in potential leveraged buy-out transactions and of the increased scrutiny placed by U.S. federal banking regulators on the participation of banks in highly leveraged credit facilities. The impact of another liquidity crisis on the global credit markets could adversely affect the management flexibility of CLO managers in relation to the portfolio of underlying investments, which may adversely impact the Fund.

# **Loan Participations**

The Fund may invest in floating rate commercial loans arranged through private negotiations between a corporation or other type of entity and one or more financial institutions ("**Lender**"). Such investment is expected to be in the form of participations in, or assignment of, the loans ("**Participations**"). The Participations shall be liquid and will provide for interest rate adjustments at least every 397 days. They are subject to the risk of default by the underlying borrower and in certain circumstances to the credit

risk of the Lender if the Participation only provides for the Fund having a contractual relationship with the Lender, not the borrower. In connection with purchasing Participations, the Fund may have no right to enforce compliance by the borrower with the terms of the loan agreement relating to the loan nor any rights of set-off against the borrower. Thus, the Fund may not directly benefit from any collateral supporting the loan in which it has purchased Participations. The Fund will purchase such Participations only through recognised, regulated dealers.

# Transparency

The Fund's investments in CLO vehicles and other investments may be riskier and less transparent to the Investment Manager, the Fund and the Shareholders than direct investments in the underlying companies. An investment in the Fund requires a high degree of sophistication due to the complex investments and potential conflicts of interest related to the Fund's investment in the investments, including those managed by the Investment Manager, as well as the evolving regulatory environment related to CLOs. There may be less information available to the Investment Manager regarding the underlying debt investments held by certain CLO vehicles than if the Fund had invested directly in the debt of the underlying companies. In particular, the CLO manager may have no obligation to keep the Investment Manager or the Fund (or other holders of investments) informed as to matters relating to the collateral obligations, with limited exceptions.

In addition, the accounting and tax implications of the Fund's investments are complicated and may result in higher distributable earnings taxable as ordinary income in the initial years of an investment in a CLO issuer and a capital loss at maturity, while for other reporting purposes the totality of cash flows are reflected in a constant yield to maturity.

# **Highly Volatile Markets**

Price movements of Fund's investments may be highly volatile and influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal and monetary programs and policies of governments, and national and international political and economic events and policies. In addition, governments from time to time intervene, directly and by regulation, in markets that impact the price of structured credit investments, such as CLO securities. The value of the Fund's investments may be affected by changes in government regulations and tax policies.

# GENERAL RISKS OF UNDERLYING INVESTMENTS HELD BY CLOS.

# Below Investment-Grade Assets Involve Particular Risks

The assets underlying a CLO will consist primarily of non-investment grade loans or interests in noninvestment grade loans or bonds or interests in non-investment grade bonds, which are subject to liquidity, market value, credit, interest rate, reinvestment and certain other risks. These assets underlying the CLOs may have a greater than normal risk of future defaults, delinquencies, bankruptcies or fraud losses. There can be no assurance that the assets will perform, the obligors will pay as expected, or, if defaulted, that the underlying assets will be able to be foreclosed upon and liquidated in a cost effective manner or have sufficient value to retire the related debt in full.

## Lender Liability Considerations

A number of judicial decisions in the United States have upheld the right of borrowers to sue lenders or bondholders on the basis of various evolving legal theories (collectively, "lender liability"). Generally, lender liability is founded on the premise that a lender has violated a duty (whether implied or contractual) of good faith, commercial reasonableness and fair dealing, or a similar duty owed to the borrower or has assumed an excessive degree of control over the borrower resulting in the creation of a fiduciary duty owed to the borrower or its other creditors or shareholders.

# **Insolvency Considerations**

Various laws enacted for the protection of creditors may apply to the assets underlying a CLO and could adversely impact the returns of the investments that are expected to be held by the Fund.

## **Prepayment Considerations**

The loans and bonds underlying a CLO are generally prepayable in whole or in part at any time at the option of the obligor thereof at par plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon. Prepayment rates are influenced by changes in interest rates and a variety of factors beyond the Fund's control and consequently cannot be accurately predicted. Early prepayments give rise to increased reinvestment risk, as the CLO manager might realise excess cash from prepayments earlier than expected. If the CLO manager is unable to reinvest such cash in a new investment with an expected rate of return at least equal to that of the investment repaid, the income to the Fund and the fair value of the Fund's investment in the CLO may be reduced.

# **Risks of Leverage**

The obligors of the assets underlying most CLOs typically have higher levels of leverage than the obligors of investment-grade loans or bonds, which increases risks to investors, such as the Fund. Therefore, the market value of the Fund's investments would be anticipated to be significantly affected by, among other things, changes in the market value of the underlying CLO assets, changes in the distributions on such assets, defaults and recoveries on such assets, capital gains and losses on such assets, prepayments on such assets and the availability, prices, interest rates and exchange rates of assets and other risks associated with the assets.

# **Risk of Sale or Replacement**

The senior secured loans and bonds underlying the investments may be sold and replacement assets purchased within the parameters set out in the relevant indenture or credit agreement governing each such investment, and the Fund may not be able to control the amendment, modification or waiver of those parameters once the applicable CLO has been established. Certain assets underlying the investments may be sold at a loss.

# Credit Ratings are Not a Guarantee of Quality

Credit ratings of assets represent the rating agencies' opinions regarding their credit quality and are not a guarantee of quality. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold assets and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency. In the event that a rating assigned to any corporate debt obligation is lowered for any reason, no party is obligated to provide any additional support or credit enhancement with respect to such corporate debt obligation. Rating agencies attempt to evaluate the safety of principal and interest payments and do not evaluate the risks of fluctuations in market value; therefore, ratings may not fully reflect the true risks of an investment. Also, rating agencies may fail to make timely changes in credit ratings in response to subsequent events, so that an obligor's current financial condition may be better or worse than a rating indicates. Consequently, credit ratings of any corporate debt obligation should be used only as a preliminary indicator of investment quality and should not be considered a completely reliable indicator of investment quality. Rating reductions or withdrawals may occur for any number of reasons and may affect numerous assets at a single time or within a short period of time, with material adverse effects upon the corporate debt obligation. It is possible that many credit ratings of assets included in or similar to the particular corporate debt obligation will be subject to significant or severe adjustments downward.

# **Ratings of Senior Secured Obligations**

There can be no assurance (for example due to change in regulation or otherwise) that rating agencies will continue to assign such ratings utilising the same methods and standards utilised today despite the fact that such senior secured loans or bonds might still be performing fully to the specifications set forth in the applicable financing documentation. Any change in such methods and standards could result in a significant rise in the number of lowly-rated obligations underlying the Fund's CLO and other investments, which could cause the issuer of such investments to fail to satisfy par value tests (or other similar tests), which failure could lead to the early amortisation of some or all of the investments and/or the reduction of the leverage associated with such investments.

# **Counterparty Risk**

Some of the markets in which an issuer of investments may effect transactions are "over-the-counter" or "inter-dealer" markets. The participants in such markets are typically not subject to credit evaluation and regulatory oversight as are members of "exchange-based" markets. This exposes such issuer (and through such issuer, the Fund) to the risk that a counterparty will not settle a transaction in accordance with its terms and conditions because of a dispute over the terms of the contract (whether or not bona fide) or because of a credit or liquidity problem, thus causing the issuer to suffer a loss. Such "counterparty risk" is accentuated for contracts with longer maturities where events may intervene to prevent settlement, or where the issuer has concentrated its transactions with a single or small group of counterparties. The issuers are not restricted from dealing with any particular counterparty or from concentrating any or all of its transactions with one counterparty. Moreover, the CLO manager's evaluation of the issuers' counterparties may prove insufficient.

# **Concentration Risk**

A CLO will seek to invest in a portfolio of assets. However, each portfolio may have a limited number of industries, borrowers or other similar categories or different Issuers may have overlapping exposures to such industries, borrowers or other categories such that the Fund is more concentrated than it otherwise would be.

# **Other Risks Relating to Collateral**

The Fund will be subject to other risks associated with the assets underlying a CLO, including risks relating to changes in the market value of the assets; changes in the distributions on the assets; defaults and recoveries on the assets; capital gains and losses on the assets; the availability, prices and interest rates of assets; and exchange rate and other risks associated with the collateral.

# MARKET RISKS OF UNDERLYING INVESTMENTS HELD BY CLOS

# **Interest Rate Risks**

The fair value of the Fund's investments may be significantly affected by changes in interest rates. The Fund's investments in leveraged loans and bonds through CLOs are sensitive to interest rate levels and volatility. Although such investments are generally structured to mitigate the risk of interest rate mismatch, there may be some difference between the timing of interest rate resets on the liabilities and assets of a CLO, which could have a negative effect on the amount of funds available to be distributed to holders of such securities. Furthermore, in the event of a significant rising interest rate environment and/or economic downturn, asset defaults may increase and result in credit losses that may adversely affect the Fund's cash flow, fair value of its assets and operating results.

# LIBOR Basis Risk

The loans underlying CLOs, and the debt issued by CLOs, typically bear interest at a floating rate based on the London Inter-Bank Offer Rate, or "LIBOR", which is intended to reflect the rate that banks in London charge to lend funds in a specified currency to one another for a specified period of time. LIBOR varies depending on the currency and the borrowing period involved. Most CLO debt securities in the U.S. bear interest at a rate tied to three-month USD LIBOR, whereas many of the loans that are held by these CLOs give their borrowers the right to choose the interest period with reference to which LIBOR will be determined. Where the spread between one-month USD LIBOR and three-month USD LIBOR has been increasing, with three-month USD LIBOR being more expensive, borrowers who have had the option have increasingly been choosing to price their loans based on one-month LIBOR. Since CLO liabilities are generally tied to three-month LIBOR, this development has resulted in a reduction in the interest paid to CLOs relative to the interest that is payable by them to the holders of their debt securities and, consequently, a reduction in the returns to holders of their equity tranches. There can be no assurance that this trend will not continue, and that the spread between one-month and three-month LIBOR will not increase further.

# LIBOR Floor Risk

Many floating rate loans include a "LIBOR floor" or minimum interest rate to which the loan's spread or margin is added, to calculate the loan's overall interest rate. In recent years, while LIBOR was at historically low levels, holders of the equity tranches of CLOs benefited from the fact that, while many of the loans held by the relevant CLO issuer paid interest subject to a LIBOR floor (i.e. at a rate greater than actual LIBOR), the liabilities of the CLO paid interest at rates calculated based on actual LIBOR, without the inclusion of a LIBOR floor. The difference between actual LIBOR and the LIBOR floors applicable to a given CLO's investments thus increased the "excess spread" (i.e. the difference between the interest rate collected on such investments and the interest payable on the debt obligations of the applicable CLO) available to the holders of equity tranches of such CLO. Recently, the level of LIBOR has increased such that actual LIBOR levels are now higher than the LIBOR floor applicable to many floating rate loans. As a result, the returns on the Fund's investments in the equity tranches of CLOs may be lower than the returns on similar investments would have been at a time when LIBOR was lower.

# LIBOR Fluctuation Risk

From time to time, LIBOR has experienced high volatility. The historical level of LIBOR should not be taken as an indication of its future levels and of the impact of such levels on the returns of the Fund's investments in the equity tranches of CLOs. In addition, although many floating rate loans held by CLOs include LIBOR floor arrangements, there is no requirement for loans underlying CLO investments to have LIBOR floors, and issuers of new loans may decrease the level of LIBOR floors or cease to include LIBOR floors in new issue loans altogether.

# **Other LIBOR Risks**

Syndicated commercial debt typically has borne interest at a floating rate based on LIBOR. However, findings of manipulation with respect to the calculation of LIBOR decreased the confidence of the market in LIBOR and led market participants to look for alternative, non-LIBOR based investments, such as fixed rate loans or bonds or floating rate loans based on non-LIBOR benchmarks.

In a speech on July 27, 2017, Andrew Bailey, the then Chief Executive of the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom ("the FCA"), announced the FCA's intention to cease sustaining LIBOR from the end of 2021. On March 5, 2021, the FCA announced that certain LIBOR settings (all Euro, Swiss franc, sterling and yen LIBOR tenors and one-week and two-month U.S. dollar LIBOR) would permanently cease to be published immediately after 31 December 2021. Publication of the 1-month, 3-month, 6-month and 12-month U.S. dollar LIBOR settings would permanently cease immediately after 30 June 2023. Notwithstanding the fact that many U.S. dollar LIBOR settings will remain available until 30 June 2023, the Federal Reserve Board, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation released a statement on 30 November 2020 that (i) encouraged banks to cease entering into new contracts that use U.S. dollar LIBOR as a reference rate as soon as practicable and in any event by 31 December 2021, (ii) indicated that new

contracts entered into before 31 December 2021 should either utilise a reference rate other than U.S. dollar LIBOR or have robust fallback language that includes a clearly defined alternative reference rate after the discontinuation of U.S. dollar LIBOR and (iii) stressed that failure to prepare for disruptions to U.S. dollar LIBOR could undermine banks' safety and soundness. As a result, it is likely that an increasing number of new issue U.S. dollar debt instruments will be closed using, and an increasing number of existing U.S. dollar debt instruments will be amended to provide for, a benchmark reference rate other than LIBOR. Transition away from LIBOR as a benchmark reference for interest rates may affect the cost of capital and may require amending or restructuring debt instruments and related hedging arrangements for the Fund and its portfolio investments, and may impact the liquidity and/or value of floating rate instruments based on LIBOR that are held or may be held by the Fund in the future, which may result in additional costs or adversely affect the Fund's liquidity, results of operations and financial condition. Additionally, the automated systems used to administer loans and other debt securities in which the Fund may invest may have been developed based on LIBOR, and there may be operational difficulties as and when LIBOR is phased out. Industry participants continue to consider alternatives to LIBOR.

On 3 April 2018, the New York Federal Reserve Bank began publishing its alternative rate, the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR"). The Bank of England followed suit on 23 April 2018 by publishing its proposed alternative rate, the Sterling Overnight Index Average ("SONIA"). Both SOFR and SONIA significantly differ from LIBOR - both in the actual rate and how they are calculated – and therefore it is unclear whether and when markets will adopt either of these rates as a widely accepted replacement for LIBOR. Furthermore, it is not possible to predict the changes that will ultimately be made to benchmark rates, the effect of any such changes and any other reforms to benchmark rates that may be enacted in the United Kingdom, United States and elsewhere and the effect of any perceived manipulation of benchmark rates. In connection with the adoption of SOFR, SONIA, or another benchmark as a replacement for LIBOR in a debt instrument's documentation, the interest rate (or method for calculating the interest rate) applicable to that debt instrument may also be modified to account for differences between LIBOR and the applicable replacement benchmark used to calculate the rate of interest payable in respect of that instrument, and such modification may be based on the recommendations of the Loan Syndications and Trading Association, the Alternative Reference Rates Committee (or such successor organization, as applicable), or a governmental body for the applicable replacement benchmark rate (if any) or may be based on a determination of an industry-accepted spread adjustment for the replacement of the relevant LIBOR rate with the relevant replacement benchmark rate. These matters may result in a sudden or prolonged increase or decrease in reported benchmark rates, benchmark rates being more volatile than they have been in the past and/or fewer debt instruments utilising given benchmark rates as a component of interest payments. These matters may adversely affect the value of the Fund and its investments.

No assurance can be given that loans, securities and other contracts currently utilising a LIBOR benchmark will not transition to a replacement benchmark prior to the cessation of that LIBOR benchmark. In addition, investments in debt instruments issued after 31 December 2021 will be based on a benchmark other than LIBOR. This will likely (over time) create a mismatch between the benchmark rates used in determining the interest rate for the debt obligations of the CLOs in which the Fund invests, on the one hand, and the benchmark rates used by the loans and securities held by such CLOs. In particular, the governing documents of the debt obligations of CLOs may specify that such debt obligations bear interest based on a LIBOR benchmark unless and until certain benchmark replacement events occur (for example, in the event that interest payable in respect of a certain percentage of the underlying investments of such CLOs becomes based on a non-LIBOR benchmark). Prior to the occurrence of such a benchmark replacement event, however, a material portion of the underlying investments of such CLO(s) may become based on one or more non-LIBOR benchmark(s). If, during such time, the rate of any such replacement benchmark (including any spread adjustment) falls relative to LIBOR, the interest collected on the underlying investments of the applicable CLO(s) could be reduced by a greater percentage than the interest payable on its debt obligations, resulting in a reduction of the cash flows that would otherwise be available to make distributions to the Fund, as a holder of the equity tranches of such CLO(s). There may also be a timing mismatch in calculating the interest payable on such debt obligations and underlying investments, as replacement benchmarks applicable to underlying investments may adjust more frequently or less frequently, or on different dates, than the LIBOR benchmark applicable to the debt obligations. Such mismatches could result in the issuer or the borrower (as applicable) under such CLO collecting amounts of interest proceeds which are insufficient to make payment on the debt obligations, or that result in reduced payments to the holder of the equity tranche, of such CLO. Additionally, a shift in the financing markets away from LIBOR-based loans and bonds may make it more difficult for CLO issuers to satisfy certain investment conditions set forth in a CLO's offering documents.

# TAXATION

Any change in the Fund's tax status or in taxation legislation could affect the value of the investments held by the Fund and could affect the return to investors. Potential investors and Shareholders should note that the statements on taxation, which are set out in the Prospectus are based on advice which has been received by the Directors regarding the law and practice in force in the relevant jurisdiction as at the date of the Prospectus. As is the case with any investment, there can be no guarantee that the tax position or proposed tax position prevailing at the time an investment is made in the Fund will endure indefinitely. The attention of potential investors is drawn to the tax risk associated with investing in the Fund. See section headed "*Taxation of the ICAV*" in the Prospectus.

# **DIVIDEND POLICY**

Shares may be Accumulating or Distributing Shares, as indicated in Schedule I. The Directors reserve the right to change the dividend policy of any Class at their discretion on not less than one month's prior notice to Shareholders of the relevant Class and this Supplement will be updated to reflect any such change.

## Accumulating Shares

The ICAV does not intend to make distributions in respect of Accumulating Shares. The ICAV intends to automatically re-invest all earnings, dividends and other distributions of whatever kind as well as realised capital gains pursuant to the investment objective and policies of the Fund for the benefit of the Shareholders.

## Distributing Shares

If sufficient proceeds are available in respect of the Distributing Shares, the Directors intend to make a distribution to Shareholders of those Classes of substantially the whole of the income of the Fund, as attributable to those Classes. The payment of dividends is subject to compliance with all anti-money laundering procedures.

In order to maximise distributions, the Fund intends to charge fees and expenses to the capital, rather than to the income of the Fund. See section headed "*Funds that charge fees and expenses to capital*" under "*Fees and Expenses*" for more information on the effect of this approach.

Dividends, if declared, will generally be declared quarterly at the end of February, May, August and November, or more frequently at the discretion of the Directors and will generally be paid within 30 days of a dividend declaration.

Dividends which are not claimed or collected within six years of payment shall revert to and form part of the assets of the Fund.

# SUBSCRIPTIONS AND REDEMPTIONS

# **Eligible Investors**

Subject to the "*Transfer of Shares*" section of the Prospectus, applications will be accepted only for persons that are (i) not U.S. Persons (as defined under Regulation S of the 1933 Act); (ii)(A) "accredited investors" (as defined in Rule 501(a) of Regulation D under the 1933 Act) in reliance on the private placement exemption from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act provided by Section 4(2) thereof and Regulation D thereunder, and (B) "qualified purchasers" as defined in Section 2(a)(51) of the 1940 Act, as amended; or (iii) "qualified institutional buyers" as defined in Rule 144A promulgated under the 1933 Act.

The ICAV and the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV reserve the right to reject in whole or in part any application for Shares. Applications for Shares will not be deemed complete until all antimoney laundering procedures have been completed. Where an application for Shares is rejected, the subscription monies will be returned to the applicant within fourteen (14) days of the date of such application in accordance with local anti-money laundering and similar laws at the applicant's cost and risk and no interest or other compensation will be payable in respect of such returned monies.

# Valuation Day

While a Net Asset Value per Share will be calculated on each Valuation Day, subscriptions and redemptions will only be processed in respect of a Dealing Day.

## **Subscriptions and Subscription Price**

Monies subscribed for each Class during and after the relevant initial offer period should be in the denominated currency of the relevant Class. The minimum initial investment for each Class is set out in Schedule I to this Supplement, unless otherwise determined by the ICAV.

# Initial Offer

For the unlaunched Share Classes, the initial offer period shall be the period of six months from the next Business Day following the date of this Supplement or such earlier or later date as the Directors may determine in accordance with the requirements of, and notify to, the Central Bank (the "Initial Offer Period"). During the Initial Offer Period, cleared funds representing the Initial Offer Price must be received by the ICAV from subscribers by the end of the Initial Offer Period for the relevant Class.

During the Initial Offer Period, Shares will be issued in respect of the unlaunched Share Classes at the Initial Offer Price of USD/GBP/Euro/CHF 1,000; DKK/SEK/CNY 10,000; and JPY/ILS 100,000; depending on the relevant Class Currency or in respect of Shares which may be launched by way of a merger at a price referable to the latest available net asset value per Share of the merging fund immediately prior to the merger.

## Subsequent Offer

After the relevant Initial Offer Period, all Share Classes will be issued on each Dealing Day at the relevant Net Asset Value per Share for the applicable Class on the terms and in accordance with the procedures described herein. The Net Asset Value per Share on subscription may also be described as the Subscription Price. The Net Asset Value per Share shall be rounded naturally as appropriate to the nearest four (4) decimal places.

See the section entitled "Anti-Dilution Levy" for details of the anti-dilution levy that may apply to subscriptions in certain circumstances. Subscription monies must be paid in the Class Currency and must be paid by wire transfer to the bank account specified in the Application Form.

Applications for Shares should be made by written application using the Application Form available from the Administrator. Application Forms, duly completed together with all supporting documentation in relation to money laundering prevention checks, should be sent to the Administrator, in accordance with the instructions contained in the Application Form, prior to the Subscription Cut-Off Time (3.00 pm (Irish time) on the Business Day two Business Days before the relevant Dealing Day). Application Forms may be sent by facsimile or by email to the Administrator. Subsequent purchases of Shares, following an initial subscription pursuant to a properly completed Application Form, may be made by completing and submitting an additional Application Form to the Administrator. Additional Application Forms may be sent by facsimile or by email to the Administrator.

Applications for shares will not be deemed to be complete until all anti-money laundering procedures have been completed.

During the Initial Offer Period, cleared funds representing the Initial Offer Price must be received by the ICAV from subscribers other than Existing Investors. After the Initial Offer Period, cleared funds representing the subscription monies must be received by the ICAV by 5:00 pm (Irish Time) on the Business Day two Business Days following the relevant Dealing Day (the "Subscription Settlement Time") or within such other period as may be permitted by the Directors. If cleared funds representing the subscription monies are not received by the ICAV by the Subscription Settlement Time, or such other time as is determined by the Directors from time to time, the Directors reserve the right to reject the subscription and / or cancel the provisional allotment of Shares, as appropriate. In such an event the investor will indemnify the ICAV, the Investment Manager, the Administrator and any of their respective affiliates for any and all claims, losses, liabilities or damages (including attorneys' fees and other related out-of-pocket expenses) suffered or incurred by any such person as a result of the investor not remitting the amount of its subscription by the due date for such subscription or otherwise failing to comply with the terms of such Application Form. In the event that the Directors decide not to cancel a provisional allotment of Shares notwithstanding that cleared funds have not been received by the ICAV by the relevant Subscription Settlement Time, the Directors reserve the right to charge interest on such subscription monies at prevailing interest rates. In addition, upon the failure of a Shareholder to pay subscription monies by the date due, the Directors may, in their sole discretion, redeem any Shares held by the Shareholder in the ICAV and apply the redemption proceeds in satisfaction of the Shareholder's liabilities to the ICAV, the Investment Manager or any of their respective affiliates pursuant to the indemnity described above. Please see the "Mandatory Redemption of Shares, Dividend Policy and Withholdings and Deductions" sections of the Prospectus.

The ICAV may, in its sole discretion, reject any subscription in whole or in part without reason. Shares will be issued on the terms and in accordance with the procedures described in the Prospectus.

## **Redemptions and Redemption Price**

If applications for redemption on any Dealing Day exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, or such higher percentage as the Directors may determine in their sole discretion in respect of any Dealing Day (the "**Gate Amount**"), the ICAV may (i) reduce all such applications for redemption pro rata (in accordance with the size of the applications for redemption so that Shares redeemed on such Dealing Day, in aggregate, represent only the Gate Amount) and (ii) defer applications for redemption in excess of the Gate Amount to subsequent Dealing Days, subject to any Gate Amount applicable on any such Dealing Day. On the Dealing Day following the application of a Gate Amount, all redemption requests will be dealt with on a pro rata basis should the gate continue to apply. Except at the sole discretion of the ICAV, any such deferred application for redemption may not be revoked.

Shareholders may request that Shares be redeemed on any Dealing Day by completing and applying for redemption to the Administrator prior to the Redemption Cut-Off Time (3.00 pm (Irish time) on the Business Day five Business Days before the relevant Dealing Day) in accordance with the procedures set out in the Prospectus. The Net Asset Value per Share on redemption may also be described as the

Redemption Price. The Net Asset Value per Share shall be rounded naturally as appropriate to the nearest four (4) decimal places. An application for redemption received after the relevant Redemption Cut-Off Time will be held over until the next applicable Dealing Day, unless the Directors determine in their sole discretion, in exceptional circumstances and where such applications for redemption are received before the earliest relevant Valuation Point, to accept such applications for redemption on the relevant Dealing Day.

Shares will be redeemed at the Redemption Price, subject to any applicable fees associated with such redemption. See below under "*Anti-Dilution Levy*" for details of the anti-dilution levy that may apply to redemptions in certain circumstances. Subject to any provisions contained herein, Redemption Proceeds will be paid in full (on the basis of unaudited data) in the applicable Class Currency of the Shares being redeemed normally within five Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day and in any event will not exceed ten (10) Business Days following the Redemption Cut-Off Time providing all required anti-money laundering documentation has been received by the Administrator. All payments will be made by transfer to the bank account previously designated by Shareholders for such purpose.

The Administrator is regulated by the Central Bank, and must comply with the measures provided for in the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing) Acts 2010 and 2018, which are aimed towards the prevention of money laundering. In order to comply with these anti-money laundering regulations, the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV will require from any subscriber or Shareholder a detailed verification of the identity of such subscriber or Shareholder, the identity of the beneficial owners of such subscriber or Shareholder, the source of funds used to subscribe for Shares, or other additional information which may be requested from any subscriber or Shareholder for such purposes from time to time.

The ICAV and the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV reserve the right to request such information as is necessary to verify the identity of an applicant and where applicable, the beneficial owner.

The subscriber recognises that the ICAV and the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV, in accordance with their anti-money laundering ("AML") procedures, reserves the right to prohibit the movement of any monies if all due diligence requirements have not been met, or, if for any reason feels that the origin of the funds or the parties involved are suspicious. In the event that the movement of monies is withheld in accordance with the Administrator's AML procedures, the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV will strictly adhere to all applicable laws, and shall notify the Fund as soon as professional discretion allows or as otherwise permitted by law.

No redemption payment may be made to a Shareholder, or transfer of Shares completed, until the Application Form and all documentation required by the ICAV and the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV, including any document in connection with any anti-money laundering procedures have been completed, sent to and received by the Administrator acting on behalf of the ICAV.

# FEES AND EXPENSES

Investors should refer to the "Fees and Expenses" section of the Prospectus for details of certain fees and expenses payable in respect of the ICAV and the Fund. The following additional fees and expenses apply in respect of the Fund.

## Management Fee

The Manager shall be paid a fee (the "Management Fee") out of the assets of the Fund, calculated and accrued on each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears, of an amount up to 0.0825% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund (plus VAT, if any), subject to an annual minimum fee up to  $\notin$ 42,000 (plus VAT, if any). The Manager is also entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund reasonable and properly vouched expenses.

## **Investment Management and Distribution Fee**

## Class A Shares

The Investment Manager will receive an annual investment management and distribution fee (the "**Investment Management and Distribution Fee**") out of the assets of the Fund at the rate of 0.70% per annum of its Net Asset Value (plus VAT, if any) for the provision of investment management and distribution services in respect of the Class A Shares.

## Class B and Class C Shares

The Investment Manager will receive an annual Investment Management and Distribution Fee out of the assets of the Fund at the rate of 0.50% per annum of its Net Asset Value (plus VAT, if any) for the provision of investment management and distribution services in respect of the Class B or Class C Shares.

The Investment Management and Distribution Fee in respect of the Class B and Class C Shares and the Class C Performance Fee (as defined below) have been set at a rate intended to attract assets into the Fund. Existing shareholders and prospective investors will be notified when the Class B and Class C Share Classes are closed for further subscription.

#### General

The Investment Manager may, in its sole discretion, and without recourse or cost to the Fund or to the ICAV, rebate all or part of its Investment Management and Distribution Fee (including where relevant its Class C Performance Fee (as defined below)) to certain Shareholders.

The Investment Management and Distribution Fee shall be accrued at each Valuation Point and shall be paid monthly in arrears together with any reasonable disbursements and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by it.

## **Performance Fee**

#### Class A and Class B Shares

No performance fee is paid to the Investment Manager with respect to the Class A Shares or the Class B Shares.

#### Class C Shares

The Investment Manager may receive a performance fee in respect of the Class C Shares equal to 15% of the excess of its Net Asset Value per Share (after the deduction of the Investment Management and Distribution Fee and all other payments and expenses but before the deduction of (i) any accrued Performance Fee and (ii) any dividends paid during the Performance Period) at the end of a Performance Period over the High Water Mark in respect of the Fund (the "Class C Performance Fee"). The calculation of excess performance net of all costs but without deducting the Class C Performance Fee is considered by the ICAV to be in the best interests of Shareholders.

## Class C Performance Fee - General

The Class C Performance Fee shall not be payable unless the Net Asset Value per Share exceeds the High Water Mark and such Class C Performance Fee is payable only on an increase of the Net Asset Value over the High Water Mark.

The Class C Performance Fee (if any) will accrue on each Dealing Day. The Class C Performance Fee accrued on each Dealing Day will be determined by calculating the Class C Performance Fee that would be payable if that day was the last day of the current Performance Period. The Class C Performance Fee will be payable by the Fund to the Investment Manager annually in arrears, normally within 14 calendar days of the end of each Performance Period.

The Class C Performance Fee, if any, is calculated using the Initial Offer Price as the starting price for the initial calculation of the Class C Performance Fee and following the closure of the Initial Offer Period, using the Net Asset Value per Share (after the deduction of the Investment Management and Distribution Fee and all other payments and expenses but before the deduction of any (i) accrued Class C Performance Fee and (ii) any dividends paid during the Performance Period) at the end of each Performance Period (with respect to each Class) including, for the avoidance of doubt the net realised and unrealised gains and losses. As a result, a Class C Performance Fee may be paid on unrealised gains which may subsequently never be realised. There is no repayment of any Class C Performance Fee already paid if the Net Asset Value per Share subsequently falls back below the High Water Mark even if an investor redeems its holding.

The calculation of the Class C Performance Fee is verifiable and is not open to the possibility of manipulation. The calculation of the Class C Performance Fee shall be verified by the Depositary.

## Deemed End of Performance Period

Shares redeemed other than at the end of a Performance Period will be treated as if the date of redemption was the end of the Performance Period and the above provisions shall apply.

If the Investment Management and Distribution Agreement is terminated other than at the end of a Performance Period, the date of termination will be deemed to be the end of the Performance Period and the above provisions shall apply. Any Class C Performance Fee payable to the Investment Manager shall be paid as soon as reasonably practicable after the date of termination.

## Class C Performance Fee - Equalisation

The Class C Performance Fee is calculated on a Share by Share basis so that each Share is effectively charged a performance fee that equates precisely with that Share's performance. This method of calculation ensures that: (i) all holders of Class C Shares have the same amount of capital per Class C Share at risk in the Fund and (ii) all Class C Shares have the same Net Asset Value per Class C Share.

In order to achieve this, the Fund operates equalisation whereby a subscription for Class C Shares following the Initial Offer Period or on any Dealing Day following the first day in any Performance Period will include an equalisation adjustment. If such subscription for Class C Shares is at a time when the Net Asset Value per Class C Share has not yet reached the High Water Mark, certain adjustments will be made to reduce inequities that could otherwise affect the subscriber or the Investment Manager.

Where the High Water Mark has been reached, the equalisation adjustment will be the difference between the Net Asset Value per Class C Share before the accrual of any Class C Performance Fee and the Net Asset Value per Class C Share after the accrual of the Class C Performance Fee. This difference will be adjusted at the end of the Performance Period in the following manner:

(i) if the performance fee per Share calculated (at the end of a Performance Period) in respect of a Class C Share subscribed for on a Dealing Day (other than the first Dealing Day in that Performance Period) is less than the performance fee accrued in respect of a Class C Share in issue at the start of the Performance Period, the difference per Share multiplied by the number of Class C Shares subscribed for by the holder of that Class C Share on that Dealing Day will be applied to subscribe for additional Class C Shares to be issued to that Shareholder; and (ii) if the performance fee per Class C Share calculated (at the end of a Performance Period) in respect of a Class C Share subscribed for on a Dealing Day (other than the first Dealing Day in that Performance Period) is greater than the performance fee per Share accrued in respect of a Class C Share at the start of the Performance Period, such number of Class C Shares held by the holder of that Share as having aggregate Net Asset Value equal to the difference per Share of the relevant Class C Shares multiplied by the number of the Class C Shares subscribed for by the holder of that Class C Share will be redeemed at the Net Asset Value per Class C Share and the amount so redeemed shall be paid as a Class C Performance Fee to the Investment Manager.

Sample Class C Performance Fee calculations are set out at Schedule II.

## **Administration Fees**

The Administrator shall be entitled to receive (with value added tax thereon, if applicable) an annual fee which will not exceed 0.095% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of \$13,500 per month. Any increase over the maximum provided amount will be notified to Shareholders in advance. The Administrator shall also be entitled to receive an annual fee of \$15,000 for preparation of the financial statements. Such fees will accrue on each Dealing Day based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund as per the previous Business Day and be payable monthly in arrears. The fees and charges of the Administrator are subject to variation and renegotiation from time to time.

The Administrator shall also be entitled to be reimbursed for its reasonable and properly vouched outof-pocket expenses, payable out of the assets of the Fund (with value added tax thereon if applicable).

## **Depositary Fees**

The Depositary shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund (with value added tax thereon, if applicable) an annual fee which will not exceed 0.04% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of up to \$50,000 per annum. Such fees will accrue on each Dealing Day based on the Net Asset Value of the Fund as per the previous Business Day and be payable monthly in arrears.

The Depositary will also be entitled to be reimbursed for its reasonably incurred and properly vouched out-of-pocket expenses, and transaction and account costs (at normal commercial rates), from the assets of the Fund. The Depositary is further entitled to be reimbursed from assets of the Fund for any reasonably incurred and properly valued sub-custodian fees and expenses, at normal commercial rates.

## **Establishment Costs**

The cost of establishing the ICAV and the Fund, including the expenses associated with obtaining authorisation from any authority (including, but not limited to, the Central Bank), filing fees, the preparation and printing of the Prospectus and this Supplement, marketing costs and the fees and expenses of legal counsel and other professionals involved in the establishment and initial offering of the ICAV will be borne by the Investment Manager. The Fund may, at the absolute discretion of the Directors, be allocated such portion of the establishment expenses of the ICAV, as the Directors consider to be fair in the circumstances.

## **Other Expenses**

Other than expenses of the initial notifications, registrations, filings and compliance which fall within establishment costs above, the Fund bears all other expenses relating to the Fund's operations, the details of which are set out in the Prospectus under the section entitled "*General*" within the section entitled "*Fees and Expenses*".

# **Voluntary Expense Cap**

## Class A Shares and Class B Shares

The Investment Manager has voluntarily agreed to cap the Management Fee, Administration Fees, Depositary Fees and the Fund's other expenses, as described above, at 0.30% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund and will pay any excess of such expenses over this amount; provided that any performance fee, litigation and other extraordinary expenses shall be excluded from such cap. Only those fees and expenses which are actually incurred up to this cap will be payable out of the assets of the Fund. In the event that the Investment Manager decides in the future to withdraw or amend this cap, Shareholders will be notified in advance.

# Class C Shares

The Investment Manager has voluntarily agreed to cap the Investment Management and Distribution Fee, Management Fee, Administration Fees, Depositary Fees and the Fund's other expenses (for the avoidance of doubt, excluding the Class C Performance Fee) with respect to the Class C Shares at no more than an effective rate of 0.25% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund; provided that any litigation and other extraordinary expenses shall be excluded. Only those fees and expenses which are actually incurred up to this cap will be payable out of the assets of the Fund.

## **Subscription and Redemption Charges**

There will be no Subscription Charge or Redemption Charge payable in respect of any Class of Shares in the Fund.

# Anti-Dilution Levy

On any Dealing Day where there are net subscriptions or net redemptions, the Directors may determine (based on such reasonable factors as it sees fit, including without limitation, the prevailing market conditions and the level of subscriptions or redemptions requested by Shareholders or potential Shareholders in relation to the size of the Fund) to add an anti-dilution levy to the Subscription Price on that Dealing Day or deduct an anti-dilution levy from the Redemption Proceeds, in each case not to exceed 5% of Net Asset Value of the Shares being issued or redeemed, in order to cover dealing costs and to preserve the value of the underlying assets of the Fund.

# **SCHEDULE I**

# SHARE CLASSES OFFERED BY THE FUND

Class	Currency	Distribution	Minimum	Minimum	Minimum
		Policy	Initial	Subsequent	Holding
			Investment	Investment	
USD Class A-1	USD	Accumulating	USD 1mm	USD 10,000	USD 1mm
USD Class A-2	USD	Distributing	USD 1mm	USD 10,000	USD 1mm
USD Class B-1	USD	Accumulating	USD 20mm	USD 10,000	USD 5mm
USD Class B-2	USD	Distributing	USD 20mm	USD 10,000	USD 5mm
GBP Class A-1	GBP	Accumulating	GBP 1mm	GBP 10,000	GBP 1mm
GBP Class A-2	GBP	Distributing	GBP 1mm	GBP 10,000	GBP 1mm
GBP Class B-1	GBP	Accumulating	GBP 20mm	GBP 10,000	GBP 5mm
GBP Class B-2	GBP	Distributing	GBP 20mm	GBP 10,000	GBP 5mm
GBP Class C	GBP	Distributing	GBP 50mm	GBP 50,000	GBP 50mm
Euro Class A-1	Euro	Accumulating	EUR 1mm	EUR 10,000	EUR 1mm
Euro Class A-2	Euro	Distributing	EUR 1mm	EUR 10,000	EUR 1mm
Euro Class B-1	Euro	Accumulating	EUR 20mm	EUR 10,000	EUR 5mm
Euro Class B-2	Euro	Distributing	EUR 20mm	EUR 10,000	EUR 5mm
YEN Class A-1	YEN	Accumulating	JPY100mm	JPY 1,000,000	JPY 100mm
YEN Class A-2	YEN	Distributing	JPY100mm	JPY 1,000,000	JPY100mm
YEN Class B-1	YEN	Accumulating	JPY 2bn	JPY 1,000,000	JPY 500mm
YEN Class B-2	YEN	Distributing	JPY 2bn	JPY 1,000,000	JPY 500mm
ILS Class A-1	ILS	Accumulating	ILS 100mm	ILS 1,000,000	ILS 100mm
ILS Class A-2	ILS	Distributing	ILS 100mm	ILS 1,000,000	ILS 100mm
ILS Class B-1	ILS	Accumulating	ILS 2bn	ILS 1,000,000	ILS 500mm
ILS Class B-2	ILS	Distributing	ILS 2bn	ILS 1,000,000	ILS 500mm
DKK Class A-1	DKK	Accumulating	DKK 10mm	DKK 100,000	DKK 10mm
DKK Class A-2	DKK	Distributing	DKK 10mm	DKK 100,000	DKK 10mm
DKK Class B-1	DKK	Accumulating	DKK 200mm	DKK 100,000	DKK 50mm
DKK Class B-2	DKK	Distributing	DKK 200mm	DKK 100,000	DKK 50mm
SEK Class A-1	SEK	Accumulating	SEK 10mm	SEK 10,000	SEK 10mm
SEK Class A-2	SEK	Distributing	SEK 10mm	SEK 100,000	SEK 10mm
SEK Class B-1	SEK	Accumulating	SEK 200mm	SEK 100,000	SEK 20mm
SEK Class B-2	SEK	Distributing	SEK 200mm	SEK 100,000	SEK 20mm
CHF Class A-1	CHF	Accumulating	CHF 1mm	CHF 10,000	CHF 1mm
CHF Class A-2	CHF	Distributing	CHF 1mm	CHF 10,000	CHF 1mm
CHF Class B-1	CHF	Accumulating	CHF 5mm	CHF 10,000	CHF 1mm
CHF Class B-2	CHF	Distributing	CHF 5mm	CHF 10,000	CHF 1mm
CNY Class A-1	CNY	Accumulating	CNY 5mm	CNY 5,000	CNY 5mm
CNY Class A-2	CNY	Distributing	CNY 5mm	CNY 5,000	CNY 5mm
CNY Class B-1	CNY	Accumulating	CNY 20mm	CNY 5,000	CNY 5mm
CNY Class B-2	CNY	Distributing	CNY 20mm	CNY 5,000	CNY 5mm

# **SCHEDULE II**

## SAMPLE PERFORMANCE FEE CALCULATIONS

The following are examples of how the Class C Performance Fee will be calculated. Investors should note that the examples below are included so that they may understand the methodology of the Class C Performance Fee calculation and should not be interpreted as an indication of future performance.

## **Class C Shares**

Summary of Class C Performance Fee Terms:

- 15% Performance Fee
- No hurdle
- Equalization applies
- Crystallizes annually on last Dealing Day in each year (31 December in this example)

## Example 1- Positive Performance – Class C Performance Fee Payable

Investor X acquires one Share during the Initial Offer Period at USD 100. At the end of the initial Performance Period, the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Class C Performance Fee) is USD 105. There is a Class C Performance Fee accruable of USD 0.75 (15% of the USD 5 increase in value). Investor X's High Water Mark is now USD 105. The Class C Performance Fee will not be crystallized and payable until 31 December (the end of the Performance Period).

Investor Y acquires one Share in Year 2 at USD 101. At the end of the next Performance Period in Year 2, the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Class C Performance Fee) is USD 103. A Class C Performance Fee of USD 0.30 per Share is paid by Investor Y by the redemption of Shares (15% of the USD 2 increase in value). Investor Y's High Water Mark is now USD 103. Investor X pays no Class C Performance Fee in this Performance Period as their previous High Water Mark of USD 105 is higher than the closing Net Asset Value per Share of USD 103. The High Water Mark of USD 105 remains for Investor X. The Class C Performance Fee will not be crystallized and payable until 31 December (the end of the Performance Period).

Investor Z acquires one Share in Year 3 at USD 106. Investor Z receives an equalisation credit of USD 0.15 (15% of USD 106- USD 105) as the Net Asset Value per Share at which they acquired the Share is higher than the Fund's prevailing High Water Mark.<sup>10</sup> The equalisation credit of USD 0.15 per Share will be applied to subscribe for additional Shares to be issued to Investor Z.

At the end of the Performance Period in year 3, the Net Asset Value is USD 110 (before the Class C Performance Fee). Investor Z pays a Class C Performance Fee of USD 0.75 (15% of USD 110 – USD 105).

Investor X pays a Class C Performance Fee of USD 0.75 (15% of USD 110 - USD 105) as the Net Asset Value per Share is now above the High Water Mark.

Investor Y pays a Class C Performance Fee of USD 0.30  $(15\% \text{ of USD } 105 - \text{USD } 103)^{11}$  which represents an equalisation adjustment by the redemption of Shares to reach the High Water Mark.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> USD 105 is the Fund's High Water Mark.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>. USD 103 is Investor Y's High Water Mark from the previous period.

Investor Y then pays a balance of Class C Performance Fee in the same amount as Investor X at USD 0.75 (15% of USD 110 - USD 105).

The new High Water Mark for all investors is USD 110.

The Class C Performance Fee will not be crystallized and payable until 31 December (the end of the Performance Period).

#### *Example 2 – Negative Performance – No Class C Performance Fee Payable*

Investor X acquires one Share at Valuation Point 1 at USD 100.

At Valuation Point 2, the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Class C Performance Fee) has fallen to USD 90. The High Water Mark is USD 105 and, because the Net Asset Value per Share has fallen below this, there is no Class C Performance Fee accrued and payable resulting in a final Net Asset Value per Share of USD 90.

On 31 December (Valuation Point 3), the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Class C Performance Fee) has risen to USD 91. The High Water Mark is USD 105, and because the Net Asset Value per Share remains below the High Water Mark, there is no Class C Performance Fee accrued and payable resulting in a final Net Asset Value per Share of USD 91. The High Water Mark remains at USD 105.

Investor Y acquires one Share in Year 2 at USD 95. At the end of the next Performance Period in Year 2, the Net Asset Value per Share (before the Class C Performance Fee) is USD 90. As the Net Asset Value per Share is below the Net Asset Value per Share at which Investor Y acquired the Share, no Class C Performance Fee is payable in this period. Investor Y's High Water Mark is now USD 95. Investor X pays no Class C Performance Fee in this Performance Period as their previous High Water Mark of USD 105 is higher than the closing Net Asset Value per Share of USD 90. The High Water Mark of USD 105 remains for Investor X.

# Additional Information for Investors in the Federal Republic of Germany

This supplement (the "Country Supplement") forms part of, and should be read in conjunction with, the Prospectus of the ICAV dated 28 September 2021 (the "Prospectus"), the supplement in respect of the CIFC Long/Short Credit Fund dated 1 June 2022 and the supplement in respect of the CIFC Global Floating Rate Credit Fund dated 14 March 2022 (the "Sub-Fund Supplements"). Capitalised terms used in this Country Supplement shall bear the same meaning as in the Prospectus and Sub-Fund Supplements, unless the context otherwise requires.

# **Distribution Right Within Germany**

The ICAV has notified its intention to distribute shares in the Sub-Funds in the Federal Republic of Germany and has the right to do so since the completion of the notification process.

## **Facility Agent in Germany**

GerFIS - German Fund Information Service GmbH Zum Eichhagen 4 21382 Brietlingen Germany

acts as facility agent of the ICAV in the Federal Republic of Germany (the "German Facility Agent").

The Prospectus, the Sub-Fund Supplements, the relevant Key Investor Information Documents, the Instrument of Incorporation of the ICAV, the audited annual and semi-annual reports when available – each in paper form – as well as the subscription, redemption and any conversion prices (if applicable) are available and may be obtained free of charge at the office of the German Facility Agent.

In addition, the documents listed in section "MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION- Supply and Inspection of Documents" of the Prospectus are available for inspection at the office of the German Facility Agent during customary business hours.

## Publications

The subscription, redemption and any conversion prices (if applicable) of the Sub-Funds will be published on: <u>www.CIFC.com</u>. Any notices to Shareholders will be sent to the registered Shareholders by post or by email (subject to the consent of the Shareholder to receipt of notices by email in the Sub-Funds' application forms) and may also be obtained free of charge from the German Facility Agent. In the events enumerated in Sec. 298 (2) of the German Investment Code (Kapitalanlagegesetzbuch, KAGB)) an additional notice will be published in the Federal Gazette.

## Fees and Expenses

Information relating to the fees and expenses payable by investors in the Sub-Funds is set out in the section headed "**Fees and Expenses**" of the Prospectus and the section headed "**Fees and Expenses**" of the Supplements. The attention of investors and/or prospective investors relating to fees and expenses is set out therein. The fees and expenses payable to the German Facility Agent shall be at normal commercial rates.

## **Redemption of Shares, Payments to Shareholders**

The redemption of Shares and payments to Shareholders (redemption proceeds, any distributions and other payments) are effected through the entities maintaining the securities accounts of the Shareholders.

Date: 8 June 2022