



PROSPECTUS

of

THE NORTHERN FUNDS

This document constitutes the Prospectus for the Northern Funds (the “Company”). The document has been prepared in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority (“FCA”)’s Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (the “Rules”) which forms part of the FCA Handbook and complies with the requirements of COLL 4.2.5R and FUND 3.2.2R.

This Prospectus is dated and valid as at 16 December 2022. This document replaces any previous prospectuses issued by the Company.

Copies of this Prospectus have been sent to the Financial Conduct Authority and the Depositary.

THE NORTHERN FUNDS

If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Prospectus you should consult your professional adviser authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

The authorised corporate director of the Company, Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited, (the “ACD”) has taken all reasonable care to ensure that the information contained in this document is, to the best of its knowledge and belief, in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything material to such information. The ACD accepts responsibility accordingly.

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

The distribution of this Prospectus and supplementary documentation and the offering of shares may be restricted in certain countries. Any person wishing to apply for shares should inform themselves as to the requirements within his own country for transactions in shares, any applicable exchange control regulations and the tax consequences of any transaction in shares.

The shares have not been and will not be registered under the 1933 Act or the securities laws of the United States. The shares may not be offered or sold directly or indirectly in the United States or to or for the account or benefit of any US Person or in a transaction not subject to the regulatory requirements of, the 1933 Act and any applicable state securities laws. Any re-offer or resale of any of the shares in the United States or to US Persons may constitute a violation of US law. The Company has not been and will not be registered under the 1940 Act and investors will not be entitled to the benefit of registration.

The shares have not been approved or disapproved by the US Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission or other regulatory authority, nor have any of the foregoing authorities passed upon or endorsed the merits of this offering or the accuracy or adequacy of these offering materials. Any representation to the contrary is unlawful. The shares are subject to restrictions on transferability and resale and may not be transferred or resold in the United States except as permitted under the 1933 Act and applicable state securities laws, pursuant to registration or exemption therefrom.

In order to ensure compliance with the restrictions referred to above, the Company is, accordingly, not open for investment by any US Persons or ERISA Plans except in exceptional circumstances and then only with the prior consent of the ACD. A prospective investor may be required at the time of acquiring shares to represent that such investor is a qualified holder and not a US Person or acquiring shares for the account or benefit, directly or indirectly, of a US Person or with the assets of an ERISA Plan. The granting of prior consent by the ACD to an investment does not confer on the investor a right to acquire shares in respect of any future or subsequent application.

This Prospectus does not constitute an offer or solicitation to anyone in any country in which such offer or solicitation is not lawful or authorised, or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

Purchases must be made on the basis of the information contained in the most recently published Prospectus and supplementary documentation, including the latest reports when issued, which are available from the registered office of the ACD. Investors should check with the ACD that this is the most recently published version of the Prospectus.

Obligations have been imposed on financial sector professionals to prevent the use of funds for money-laundering purposes. Within this context a procedure for the identification of subscribers is required. That is, the application form of a subscriber must be accompanied, in the case of individuals, by a copy of a passport or identification card and/or in the case of legal entities, a copy of its statutes and an extract from its commercial register (in the case of a non-UK entity any such copy must be certified to be a true copy by one of the following authorities: ambassador, consulate, notary, local police). Any such information provided is collected for money-laundering compliance purposes only. These specific requirements may be waived by the ACD where other suitable evidence is available which in its sole judgement allows the ACD to cover its obligations under money-laundering legislation. Please refer to the section entitled "Electronic Verification" under the paragraph 'General Information' for further details.

Neither the ACD nor any of its officers, representatives or advisers, shall be regarded as giving any advice, representation or warranty (express or implied) to any person in connection with the proposals contained in this Prospectus.

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DEFINITIONS

In this Prospectus the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

ACD the authorised corporate director holding office as such from time to time pursuant to the Rules and the ACD Agreement between the Company and the ACD, being Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited, and its successor or successors as authorised corporate director of the Company;

Act the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000;

Administrator the person to whom is delegated the administrative functions of the Company, being Northern Trust Global Services SE (UK branch);

AIF an alternative investment fund within the scope of the UK AIFM regime;

AIFM an alternative investment fund manager for the purposes of the UK AIFM regime;

AIFMD Alternative Investment Funds Manager Director (2011/61/EU);

AIFMD Level 2 Regulation has the meaning set out in the FCA Glossary;

Annual Accounting Date 31 March each year;

Approved Bank in relation to a bank account opened for the Company:

- (a) if the account is opened at a branch in the United Kingdom:
 - (i) the Bank of England; or
 - (ii) the central bank of a member state of the OECD; or
 - (iii) a bank; or
 - (iv) a building society; or
 - (v) a bank which is supervised by the central bank or other banking regulator of a member state of the OECD; or
- (b) if the account is opened elsewhere:
 - (i) a bank in (a); or
 - (ii) a bank which is regulated in the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands; or
 - (iii) a bank supervised by the South African Reserve Bank; or
 - (iv) a credit institution established in an EEA State and duly authorised by the relevant Home State regulator.

As such definition may be updated in the FCA Glossary from time to time;

Approved Derivative a derivative listed in the Schedule to this prospectus under the heading "Eligible Markets";

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| Approved Security | a security listed in the Schedule to this prospectus under the heading “Eligible Markets”; |
| Auditor | the auditor to the Company, being Grant Thornton UK LLP; |
| Business Day | any day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday on which banks are ordinarily open for business in the City of London; |
| CASS | the requirements relating to holding client assets and client money published by the FCA as part of the FCA Handbook, as amended or replaced from time to time; |
| COLL | the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook published by the FCA as part of their Handbook made under the Act as may be amended, supplemented, or replaced, from time to time; |
| CTA 2009 | the Corporation Tax Act 2009; |
| Custodian | The Northern Trust Company; |
| Data Protection Laws | All applicable laws relating to the processing, privacy and/or use of personal data including the following laws to the extent applicable in the circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the UK GDPR; (b) the Data Protection Act 2018; (c) any laws which implement any such laws; (d) any laws which replace, extend, re-enact, consolidate or amend any of the foregoing (whether or not before or after the date of this Prospectus); and (e) all final and binding guidance, guidelines and codes of practice issued by any relevant supervisory authority relating to such Data Protection Laws (in each case whether or not legally binding); |
| Depository | the person to whom is entrusted the safekeeping of all of the Scheme Property of the Company (other than certain Scheme Property designated by the Rules), being NatWest Trustee and Depository Services Limited and its successor or successors as depository; |
| Depository Agreement | the agreement between the Company, the ACD and the Depository regarding the appointment of the Depository; |
| EEA | the European Economic Area; |
| EEA State | a member state of the European Union and any other state which is within the EEA; |
| Eligible Institution | one of the eligible institutions as defined in the FCA Glossary; |
| ERISA Plan | (i) any retirement plan subject to Title I of the United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”); (ii) any individual retirement account or plan subject to Section 4975 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; or (iii) an entity whose assets include plan assets by reason of a plan’s investment in the entity (generally because 25% or more of a class of equity interests in the entity is owned by plans); |

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| EUWA | The European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018; |
| FATCA | the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (US); |
| FCA | the Financial Conduct Authority or any successor regulatory body; |
| FCA Glossary | the glossary giving the meanings of the defined expressions used in the FCA Handbook as amended from time to time; |
| FCA Handbook | the FCA's Handbook of rules and guidance, as amended from time to time; |
| FCA Rules | the rules contained in COLL and FUND but, for the avoidance of doubt, not including guidance or evidential requirements contained in either sourcebook; |
| Financial Instruments | as defined in the FCA Glossary; |
| Fund(s) | a sub-fund of the Company (being part of the Scheme Property of the Company which is pooled separately) to which specific assets and liabilities of the Company may be allocated and which is invested in accordance with the investment objective applicable to such sub-fund; |
| FUND | the Investment Funds Sourcebook published by the FCA as part of their Handbook made under the Act as it may be amended or replaced from time to time; |
| Fund Accountant | the person who provides fund accounting services, being Northern Trust Global Services SE (UK branch) and its successor or successors as fund accountant; |
| Home State | as defined in the FCA Glossary; |
| Interim Accounting Date | 30 September each year; |
| Investment Manager | each of the investment managers retained by the ACD pursuant to the FCA Rules as set out in Appendix III of the Prospectus for the each Fund; |
| Instrument of Incorporation | the instrument dated 22 June 2011 constituting the Company, as amended from time to time; |
| International Tax Compliance Regulations | The International Tax Compliance Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/878), as amended or re-enacted from time to time; |
| Non-UCITS retail scheme | an authorised fund which is not a UK UCITS, a qualified investor scheme or a long-term asset fund; |
| OEIC Regulations | the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228), as amended or re-enacted from time to time; |
| Register | the register of shareholders of the Company; |
| Registrar | the person who maintains the Register, being Northern Trust Global Services SE (UK branch), and its successor or successors as |

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| | registrar; |
| Rules | the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the Investment Funds Sourcebook (but, for the avoidance of doubt, not including guidance or evidential requirements contained in either) published by the FCA as part of the FCA Handbook and any other regulations that may be made under section 262 of the Act and for the time being in force; |
| Scheme Property | means the property of the Company or a Fund (as appropriate) to be held by the Depositary for safekeeping, as required by the FCA Handbook; |
| SDRT | stamp duty reserve tax; |
| UCITS | Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities. This will include a UCITS scheme or an EEA UCITS scheme, each as defined in the FCA Glossary; |
| UCITS Directive | The European Parliament and Council Directive of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) (No 2009/65/EC), as amended; |
| United Kingdom or UK | the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; |
| UK AIF | has the meaning set out in the FCA Glossary; |
| UK AIFM regime | meaning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the AIFMD regulation; (b) the AIFMD Level 2 regulation; and (c) all other UK law and regulation (including FUND) which, when made, implemented AIFMD in the UK; |
| “UK GDPR” | Regulation 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27th April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation) as it forms part of the law of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland by virtue of section 3 of the EUWA, and any statutory instruments that the UK government makes to amend deficiencies in retained EU law by virtue of section 8 of the EUWA (as may be amended from time to time) following the UK’s withdrawal from the EU; |
| UK UCITS | has the meaning set out in the FCA Glossary; |
| United States or US | the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any state of the United States, and the District of Columbia; |
| US Persons | a person who is in either of the following two categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a person included in the definition of “U.S.person” under Rule 902 of Regulation S under the Securities Act; or (b) a person excluded from the definition of a “Non-United States person” as used in the Commodity Futures Trading |

Commission (CFTC) Rule 4.7.

For the avoidance of doubt, a person is excluded from this definition of U.S. Person only if he or it is outside both the definition of "U.S. person" in Rule 902 and the definition of "Non-United States person" under CFTC Rule 4.7.

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| valuation point | the time at which the ACD values the shares in each Fund, being midday daily; |
| VAT | value added tax; |
| 1933 Act | the United States Securities Act of 1933 (as may be amended or re-enacted); and |
| 1940 Act | the United States Investment Company Act of 1940 (as may be amended or re-enacted). |

Headings used in this Prospectus are for convenience only and shall not affect their meaning or legal effect.

References in the main body of this Prospectus to **paragraphs** mean paragraphs in the main body of this Prospectus unless otherwise stated. Similarly, references in an Appendix to **paragraphs** mean paragraphs in the relevant Appendix unless otherwise stated.

References to the plural shall include the singular and vice versa.

Unless otherwise defined in the "Definitions" section above or elsewhere in this Prospectus, words or expressions defined in, or for the purposes of, the OEIC Regulations, the Act or the FCA Handbook shall bear the same meanings in this Prospectus.

References to statutes, statutory provisions or regulations (including any provision of the FCA Handbook) shall include those statutes, provisions, regulations, or provision of the FCA Handbook as amended, extended, consolidated, substituted or re-enacted from time to time and, in particular, references to Regulations and/or Directives of the European Union shall, where appropriate, include all domestic law and regulation enacted (or re-enacted) for the purpose of bringing such European Union law and regulation into domestic law and regulation.

DIRECTORY OF CONTACT DETAILS

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| ACD | Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited Exchange Building St John's Street Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1UP |
| Administrator, Registrar and Fund Accountant | Northern Trust Global Services SE (UK branch) 50 Bank Street Canary Wharf, London E14 5NT |
| <i>Dealing Office</i> | Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited Sunderland SR43 4AZ Tel: 0333 300 0375 |
| Auditor | Grant Thornton UK LLP 30 Finsbury Square London EC2P 2YU |
| Custodian <i>Principal place of business:</i> | The Northern Trust Company 50 South LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois USA |
| <i>Who may also act under this power through its London branch:</i> | 50 Bank Street Canary Wharf, London E14 5NT |
| Depository | NatWest Trustee and Depository Services Limited House A, Floor 0 Gogarburn 175 Glasgow Road Edinburgh EH12 1HQ |
| Investment Managers | Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited 15 Suffolk Street, London SW1Y 4HG www.stonehagefleming.com Troy Asset Management Limited 33 Davies Street, London W1K 4BP www.taml.co.uk |
| Investment Consultant | RF Trustee Co. Limited 14 Buckingham Street, London WC2N 6DF |
| The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) | 12 Endeavour Square London E20 1JN |

THE COMPANY

The Company is an open-ended investment company with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales. The registered number for the Company is IC 000900 and the FCA's product reference number for the Company is 542052.

The Company was authorised by the Financial Services Authority with effect from 22 June 2011 and was launched on 12 April 2012. The Financial Services Authority has now been superseded by the FCA and the Prudential Regulation Authority.

The Company is a Non-UCITS Retail Scheme and an "umbrella company" for the purposes of the OEIC Regulations. It is also a UK AIF for the purposes of FUND and the UK AIFM regime and has an unlimited duration.

The head office of the Company is Exchange Building, St John's Street, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1UP. This is the address where notices or other documents required or authorised to be served on it, can be served.

The maximum share capital of the Company is £10,000,000,000 and the minimum is £100. Shares in each Fund have no par value. The share capital of the Company at all times equals the net asset value of the Funds. The base currency of the each Fund is sterling.

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

The circumstances, and procedure to wind up the Company or terminate a Fund, are set out under paragraph titled 'Winding up of the Company or terminating a Fund'.

The investment objectives and policy of each Fund are set out at Appendix III. Indication of any limitations on any investment policy is set out at 'Investment Powers and Limits' below.

The Funds of the Company are segregated portfolios of assets and, accordingly, the assets of a Fund belong exclusively to that Fund and shall not be used to discharge directly or indirectly, the liabilities of, or claims against, any other person or body, including the Company, or any other Fund, and shall not be available for any such purpose.

Whilst the Instrument of Incorporation of the Company provides for segregated liability between Funds, the concept of segregated liability is relatively new. Accordingly, where claims are brought by local creditors in foreign courts or under foreign law contracts, it is not yet known how those foreign courts will react to the segregated liability provisions.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE COMPANY

The Company is an umbrella scheme and therefore different Funds may be formed as the ACD may from time to time determine. Each Fund will be a Non-UCITS retail scheme.

As at the date of this Prospectus, two Funds are available for investment. Details of these Funds are set out in Appendix III. The names of these Funds, and the FCA product reference numbers, are below:

| Fund | FCA product reference number (PRN) |
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| The Northern Lights Fund | 950337 |
| The Northern Star Fund | 950338 |

PERFORMANCE DATA

Historical performance figures are set out in Appendix IV.

AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR

Registered office, share capital and regulatory status

The Authorised Corporate Director (meaning the authorised fund manager for the purposes of COLL) of the Company (the “ACD”) is Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited, whose registered office is Exchange Building, St John’s Street, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1UP. The ACD is also the AIFM for the purposes of the UK AIFM regime.

The ACD is Thesis Unit Trust Management Limited, a private company limited by shares, incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 1985 on 6 February 1998 with company number 3508646.

The ACD is regulated by the FCA and as such is authorised to carry on regulated activities in the UK.

The directors of the ACD are:

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| S R Mugford | Finance Director |
| D W Tyerman | Chief Executive Officer |
| S E Noone | Client Service Director |
| D K Mytnik | Non-Executive Director |
| V R Smith | Non-Executive Director |
| G Stewart | Independent Non-Executive Director |
| C J Willson | Independent Non-Executive Director |
| N C Palios | Non-Executive Chair |

D W Tyerman and S R Mugford also hold directorships of other companies within the Thesis group and perform senior management roles within these companies, particularly Thesis Asset Management Limited, which acts as an investment manager for some authorised funds operated by the ACD.

D K Mytnik, V R Smith and N C Palios also hold non-executive directorships of other companies within the Thesis group. They and C J Willson and G Stewart are not engaged in other business activities that are of significance to the Company.

Share Capital

It has a share capital of £5,673,167 issued and paid up.

Delegation

The ACD is responsible for managing and administering the Company's affairs in compliance with the Rules. The ACD may delegate its management and administration and investment management functions, but not responsibility, to third parties (including associates) subject to the Rules.

The ACD has delegated to the Investment Managers the function of managing and acting as the investment managers for the investment and reinvestment of the assets of the Funds. The ACD has also delegated administration, registration services, fund accounting and transfer agency functions to Northern Trust Global Services SE, UK branch.

The ACD will cover at all times the risks outlined below of loss or damage caused by any relevant person through the negligent performance of activities for which the ACD has legal responsibility by maintaining an amount of own funds, and will comply with the qualitative requirements addressing such risks, in each case, in accordance with the UK AIFM regime and the FCA Rules. In addition, the ACD holds significant professional indemnity insurance against liability arising from professional negligence which is appropriate to the risks covered, and will comply with the qualitative requirements addressing such risks, in each case, in accordance with the UK AIFM regime and the FCA Rules.

The risks which are specifically covered by this approach include, without being limited to, risks of:

- a) loss of documents evidencing title of assets of the Company;
- b) misrepresentations or misleading statements made to the Company or its investors;
- c) acts, errors or omissions resulting in a breach of:
 - legal and regulatory obligations;
 - duty of skill and care towards the Company and its investors;
 - fiduciary duties;
 - obligations of confidentiality;
 - the terms of the Instrument of Incorporation;
 - terms of appointment of the ACD by the Company;
- d) failure to establish, implement and maintain appropriate procedures to prevent dishonest, fraudulent or malicious acts; and
- e) improperly carried out valuation of assets or calculation of share prices.

Terms of appointment

The appointment of the ACD has been made under an agreement between the Company and the ACD, as amended from time to time (the "ACD Agreement"). Copies of the ACD Agreement are available to shareholders on request to the ACD. Pursuant to the ACD Agreement, the ACD manages and administers the affairs of the Company in accordance with the Rules, the Instrument of Incorporation and this Prospectus. The ACD Agreement incorporates detailed provisions relating to the ACD's responsibilities. It also excludes the ACD from liability to the Company or

any shareholder for any error of fact, law or judgment or any action lawfully taken or omitted to be taken by the ACD, the investment performance or profitability of the Company or the success or failure of the investment objective and policy of a Fund, the taxation consequences of the retention, purchase or sale of any investment or anything properly and reasonably done by the ACD on the instructions of the Depositary unless arising as a direct consequence of the negligence, wilful default, breach of duty or bad faith of the ACD in the performance of its duties and obligations under the ACD Agreement. Any liability for defaults of a person to whom it has delegated certain functions is also limited to the extent permitted by the Rules.

The Company has agreed to indemnify the ACD (for itself and its delegates) against claims and expenses that arise in respect of their duties, except where there is fault on its or their part of the kind referred to above or to the extent that it is a liability which has been recovered from another person or the ACD's insurers.

The ACD Agreement will continue unless and until terminated by either party (without compensation) by giving not less than three months' written notice prior or earlier upon certain breaches or the insolvency of a party.

The ACD is entitled to the fees, charges and expenses detailed or referred to in this Prospectus. Investors buy and redeem Shares through the ACD who nets them to reduce the number of Shares issued/cancelled by the Company. When carrying out deals in Shares, the ACD acts as principal but does not profit from this activity.

The Company has no directors other than the ACD. The ACD also acts as authorised fund manager to other regulated collective investment schemes. Details of these schemes, as at the date of this Prospectus, are set out in Appendix II.

THE INVESTMENT MANAGERS

General

The ACD has appointed:

1. Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited a private limited company incorporated in England and Wales with number 04027720; and
2. Troy Asset Management Limited a private limited company incorporated in England and Wales with number 03930846,

as Investment Managers to provide investment management services to the ACD. The applicable Investment Manager for each Fund is set out at Appendix III. Each of the Investment Managers is authorised and regulated by the FCA. The addresses of the Investment Managers' registered offices are set out in the 'Directory' at the front of this Prospectus. The principal activity of each Investment Manager is the provision of fund and investment management services. Each of the Investment Managers may only sub-delegate its functions with the prior consent of the ACD. Each Investment Manager is required to comply with its own execution policy. A copy of each Investment Manager's execution policy is available on request from the ACD or may be available on the relevant Investment Manager's website listed in the 'Directory'.

Each of the Investment Managers has authority to make decisions on behalf of the ACD on a discretionary basis in respect of day to day investment management of the relevant Funds

including authority to place purchase orders and sale orders with brokers and preparation of a report half yearly for inclusion in the relevant Fund's Report for circulation to shareholders.

Terms of appointment

The appointment of each Investment Manager has been made under an agreement between the ACD and each respective Investment Manager. The Investment Management Agreements each contain provisions to the following effect:

- a) the ACD will indemnify the Investment Manager against certain losses incurred by the Investment Manager but, in the absence of fraud, the ACD's liability will be limited to the assets of the Company available to meet such a claim;
- b) the Investment Manager will be liable for certain losses suffered by the ACD or the Company;
- c) the Investment Manager shall not be liable for any non-performance of its obligations due to causes beyond its control; and
- d) the agreement is governed by English law and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

(Please refer to the 'General Information' paragraph for further details of the legal implications of the Investment Management Agreements).

The Investment Managers have discretion to enter into foreign exchange hedging transactions and borrowings on behalf of the relevant Fund. Each Investment Manager may appoint an affiliate of any existing service provider or any other third party to act as a counterparty in the execution of foreign exchange transactions in connection with the currency hedging activities of the relevant Fund and/or to implement the currency hedging strategy.

The Investment Management Agreements can be terminated by either party (without compensation) by giving not less than 3 months' written notice prior or earlier upon certain breaches or the insolvency of a party.

The Investment Managers' fees and expenses will be paid by the relevant Fund out of the ACD's annual charge as set out in this Prospectus.

THE INVESTMENT CONSULTANT

The ACD has appointed RF Trustee Co. Limited as investment consultant to the Funds. The Investment Consultant is a Trust Corporation as defined by the Public Trustee Act, 1906 and is authorised and regulated by the FCA. The address of the Investment Consultant's registered office is set out in the 'Directory' at the front of this Prospectus. The principal activity of the Investment Consultant is the provision of trustee and related services. The Investment Consultant may only sub-delegate its functions with the prior consent of the ACD.

The Investment Consultant will provide services to the ACD in relation to reviewing and advising on asset allocation and monitoring investment manager performance. The fees payable to the Investment Consultant are set out in the paragraph 'Investment Consultant's fees and expenses'.

DEPOSITARY

The Depositary of the Company is NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited, a private limited company registered in England and Wales with company number 11194605.

The ultimate holding company of the Depositary is NatWest Group plc, which is incorporated in Scotland.

The Depositary's registered office is at 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA. The Depositary's head office address is 440 Strand, London WC2N 5LR. The address of its office which handles matters relating to the Company is set out in the Directory in this Prospectus.

The principal business activity of the Depositary is the provision of trustee and depositary services.

The Depositary is established in the UK and authorised and regulated by the FCA to act as a depositary of a UK UCITS or a UK AIF.

Duties of the Depositary

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

Terms of Appointment

The appointment of the Depositary has been made under the terms of the Depositary Agreement between the Company, the ACD and the Depositary.

The Depositary Agreement provides that the Depositary be engaged to maintain the safe custody of the Scheme Property and to fulfil other duties required in the OEIC Regulations, COLL and FUND.

Under the Depositary Agreement the Depositary has the power to appoint sub-custodians and may include in such appointment powers to sub-delegate. The Depositary has delegated custody of the Scheme Property to The Northern Trust Company (the 'Custodian'). Contact details for the Custodian are set out in the Directory. The Custodian has, in turn, sub-delegated the custody of assets in certain markets in which the Company may invest to various sub-delegates ("sub-custodians").

Under the Depositary Agreement the Depositary will be liable to the Company for any loss of Financial Instruments held in custody or for any liabilities incurred by the Company as a direct result of the Depositary's fraud, negligence or negligent or intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations under the Depositary Agreement or the UK AIFM regime.

However, where the event which led to the loss of a Financial Instrument is not the result of the Depositary's own act or omission (or that of its sub-custodian), the Depositary is discharged of its liability for the loss of a Financial Instrument where the Depositary can prove that the Depositary could not have reasonably prevented the occurrence of the event which led to the loss despite adopting all precautions incumbent on a diligent depositary as reflected in common industry practice and despite rigorous and comprehensive due diligence. The ACD will inform investors without delay of any changes with respect to the Depositary's liability.

The Depositary Agreement provides that the Depositary will be indemnified by the Company in respect of any liabilities suffered or incurred by the Depositary in the proper performance of its obligations and duties under the Depositary Agreement except in the case of fraud or negligent breach of the Depositary Agreement or of any applicable laws.

The Depositary Agreement may be terminated on six months' notice by the Company, the Depositary or the ACD or earlier on certain breaches or the insolvency of a party. However, termination of the Depositary Agreement will not take effect, nor may the Depositary retire voluntarily, until the appointment of a new Depositary has taken place.

Other than to exercise the rights of lien or set off over the Scheme Property in relation to unpaid fees and expenses in relation to the proper performance of services under the Depositary Agreement or sub-custody agreement and unless otherwise agreed by the ACD on behalf of the Company, the Depositary shall not be entitled to, and no sub-custodian of the Depositary shall be authorised by the Depositary to, transfer or re-use for its own purpose and benefit any of the Scheme Property it has been entrusted with.

Details of the fees payable to the Depositary are set out in the paragraph titled 'Depositary's Fees and Expenses'.

Conflict of interest

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

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

As the Depositary operates independently from the Company, Shareholders, the ACD and the Custodian, the Depositary does not anticipate any conflicts of interest arising between it and any of the aforementioned parties and has confirmed that it is not aware of any conflict of interest arising from its delegation of custody of the Scheme Property to the Custodian. Should any such conflict arise, the Depositary shall notify the ACD and take necessary steps to address the conflict.

The Depositary is under no obligation to account to the ACD, the Company or the Shareholders for any profits or benefits it makes or receives that are made or derived from or in connection with its role as depositary.

ADMINISTRATOR, REGISTRAR AND FUND ACCOUNTANT

On behalf of the Company the ACD has appointed Northern Trust Global Services SE, UK branch to act as:

- as Administrator, to provide certain administration services to the Company; and
- as Registrar, to act as registrar to the Company.

The Register is kept and maintained by the Registrar located at 50 Bank Street, London, E14 5NT. The Register may be inspected at this address during normal business hours by any shareholder or any shareholder's duly authorised agent.

The ACD has also delegated the functions of fund accountancy and transfer agency to Northern Trust Global Services SE (UK branch). The address, for the UK branch office of Northern Trust Global Services SE, is set out in the 'Directory' at the front of this Prospectus:

The duties of the Registrar and Administrator include:

- maintaining the Register of the Company;
- receiving and processing requests for subscriptions for, or redemptions of, shares in the Funds;
- administering the payment of distributions to shareholders in the Funds;
- dealing with certain regulatory reporting requirements on behalf of the Company and the ACD;
- maintaining the accounting records of the Company;
- assisting in calculating the net asset value of the Company, as well as to provide fund accounting services in respect of the Company.

In line with the regulations that govern such operational outsourcing, the ACD retains responsibility for all work performed on its behalf and investors' rights are not affected by this delegation.

There are no conflicts of interest arising through delegation of these functions by the ACD.

AUDITOR

The auditor for the Company is Grant Thornton UK LLP whose address is set out in the 'Directory' at the front of this Prospectus.

The duties of the Auditor are to carry out an annual audit of the Company and to issue a report including the following statements:

- whether, in the Auditor's opinion, the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant Statement of Recommended Practice, the rules in COLL, and the Instrument of Incorporation;

- whether, in the auditor’s opinion, the accounts give a true and fair view of the net revenue and the net capital gains or losses on the Scheme Property of the Company for the annual accounting period in question and the financial position of the Company as at the end of that period;
- whether the Auditor is of the opinion that proper accounting records for the Company have not been kept or whether the accounts are not in agreement with those records;
- whether the Auditor has been given all the information and explanations which, to the best of his knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of this audit; and
- whether the Auditor is of the opinion that the information given in the report of the ACD for that period is consistent with the accounts.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Conflicts

Conflicts may arise between the interests of the ACD and its permitted delegates in certain circumstances, for example, where there is likelihood that:

- the delegate and an investor in a company are members of the same group or have any other contractual relationship, if the investor controls the delegate or has the ability to influence its actions (in such cases the likelihood of conflict is likely to increase the greater the extent of such control);
- the delegate makes a financial gain, or avoids a financial loss, at the expense of the Company or the investors in the Company;
- the delegate has an interest in the outcome of a service or an activity provided to the ACD or the Company;
- the delegate has a financial or other incentive to favour the interest of another client over the interests of the Company or the investors in the Company;
- the delegate receives or will receive from a person other than the ACD an inducement in relation to the collective portfolio management activities provided to the ACD and the Company in the form of monies, goods or services other than the standard commission or fee for that service.

The ACD has a policy and procedures in place to monitor the conflicts of interest that may arise in the context of its delegation of certain of its functions. To the extent any actual conflicts of interest are determined to have arisen, the ACD will manage such conflicts to minimise any impact on the investment performance, and will also seek to prevent them from reoccurring. Certain activities may be required to be modified or terminated to minimise conflicts of interest which may be identified from time to time.

ACCOUNTS

Annual accounts for each Fund will be prepared and audited by the Auditor as at 31 March in each year (the “**Annual Accounting Date**”). Interim accounts will be prepared as at 30 September in each year (the “**Interim Accounting Date**”) but will not be audited. The Company’s quarterly

accounting dates are 30 June and 31 December in each year. No accounts or reports are produced as at these dates, which serve to assist the ACD in determining the quarterly distributions referred to under the 'Determination and Distribution of Income' section. The ACD has the right to change or create additional accounting dates.

Long reports will be prepared annually and half yearly. Long reports will be published, and made available, within four months of the Annual Accounting Date. Long reports will be available (free of charge), on request from the ACD, or available for inspection by the public at the address of the ACD's place of business (please refer to the 'Directory' for details).

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The objective of the each Fund is set out at Appendix III

INVESTMENT POWERS AND LIMITS

Permitted types of Scheme Property

A. Collective Investment Schemes

Each Fund must not invest in units in a collective investment scheme (a "second scheme") unless the second scheme meets each of the requirements in paragraphs 1 to 5 below:

1. the second scheme:
 - (a) be a UK UCITS scheme or satisfies the conditions necessary for it to enjoy the rights conferred by the UCITS Directive as implemented in the EEA; or
 - (b) is a Non-UCITS retail scheme (as defined by the FCA Rules); or
 - (c) is a recognised scheme (as defined by the FCA Rules); or
 - (d) is constituted outside the UK and the investment and borrowing powers of which are the same or more restrictive than those of a Non-UCITS retail scheme; or
 - (e) is a scheme not falling within (a) to (d) and in respect of which no more than 20% in value of the Scheme Property (including any transferable securities which are not Approved Securities) is invested;
2. the second scheme operates on the principle of the prudent spread of risk;
3. the second scheme is prohibited from having more than 15% in value of the property of that scheme consisting of units in collective investment schemes;
4. the participants in the second scheme must be entitled to have their units redeemed in accordance with the scheme at a price:
 - related to the net value of the property to which the units relate; and
 - determined in accordance with the scheme; and
5. where the second scheme is an umbrella, the provisions in (2) to (4) and COLL 5.6.7 R (Spread: general) apply to each sub-fund as if it were a separate scheme.

Not more than 35% in value of each Fund's property may be invested in the units of any one collective investment scheme.

Subject to the restrictions above, investment may be made in other collective investment schemes managed by the ACD or an associate of the ACD, provided that the ACD makes good to the Fund certain amounts specified in COLL 5.2.16R.

Where a substantial proportion of a Fund's assets are invested in other collective investment schemes the maximum level of management fees that may be charged to the Fund, and to the other collective investment scheme in which it invests, should not exceed 2.5% per annum plus VAT (if applicable).

B. Cash and near cash

Each Fund is also permitted to hold cash or "near cash" (meaning certain liquid instruments which can be converted to cash at relatively short notice). Cash and near cash may be held for the purposes of pursuing the relevant Fund's investment objectives, redemption of units, the efficient management of the Fund in accordance with its investment objectives, or for other purposes which may be reasonably regarded as ancillary to the relevant Fund's investment objectives.

C. Government and public securities

1. The following applies in respect of transferable securities or approved money-market instruments ("such securities") that are issued or guaranteed by:
 - a. the UK or an EEA State;
 - b. a local authority of the UK or an EEA State;
 - c. a non-EEA State; or
 - d. a public international body to which the UK or one or more EEA States along.
2. **Up to 35% in value of the Scheme Property of each Fund may be invested in such securities issued or guaranteed by any one issuer. Subject to this restriction, there is no limit on the amount of the property of the relevant Fund which may be invested in such securities or such securities issued by any one issuer or of any one issue.**
3. **In relation to such securities:**
 - a. **issue, issued and issuer include guarantee, guaranteed and guarantor;**
 - b. **an issue differs from another if there is a difference as to repayment date, rate of interest, guarantor or other material terms of the issue.**
4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 under 'Spread: General' and subject to paragraph 3.a. and 5 under 'Spread: General' in applying the 20% limit in paragraph 3.a. under 'Spread: General' with respect to a single body, such securities issued by that body shall be taken into account.

5. Notwithstanding the foregoing and except where the investment policy of a Fund is inconsistent with this, up to 100% of the property of the Fund may be invested in such securities issued by one of the following:
 - a. the government of the UK: and
 - b. the governments of Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden and the governments of Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland and the United States of America.
6. If a Fund may invest more than 35% in value of the Scheme Property in such securities issued by any one body, this is provided that:
 - a. the ACD has before any such investment is made consulted with the Depositary and as a result considers that the issuer of such securities is one which is appropriate in accordance with the investment objectives of the relevant Fund;
 - b. no more than 30% in value of the Scheme Property consists of such securities of any one issue;
 - c. the Scheme Property of the relevant Fund includes such securities of at least six different issues issued by that issuer or another issuer.

D. Immovable property

The Investment Manager may cause each Fund to invest in immovable property, but currently has no intention to do so. However, where a Fund is to invest in immovable property, it must do so on the following terms:

1. An immovable held by a Fund must:
 - a) be situated in Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, or Sweden (each an “EEA State” and together, “EEA States”), or Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, the UK or the USA; and
 - b) if situated in England and Wales or in Northern Ireland, be a freehold or leasehold interest; or if situated in Scotland be any interest or estate in or over land or heritable right including a long lease; or
 - c) if situated elsewhere, be equivalent to any of the interests mentioned in 1(b) above, or if no such equivalent interest is available in the jurisdiction, be an interest that grants beneficial ownership of the immovable to the relevant Fund and provides as good a title as any of the interests in 1(b).
2. The ACD must have taken reasonable care to determine that the title to the immovable is a good marketable title.
3. The ACD must:

- a) have received a report from an appropriate valuer which:
 - i) contains a valuation of the immovable (with and without any relevant subsisting mortgage); and
 - ii) states that, in the appropriate valuer's opinion, the immovable would, if acquired for the relevant Fund, be capable of being disposed of reasonably expeditiously at that valuation; or
 - b) have received a report from an appropriate valuer as required by paragraph 2(a) above and stating that:
 - i) the immovable is adjacent to or in the vicinity of another immovable included in the Scheme Property or is another legal interest as defined in 1(b) or (c) in an immovable that is already included in the Scheme Property of the relevant Fund; and
 - ii) in the opinion of the appropriate valuer, the total value of the immovable would at least equal the sum of the price payable for the immovable and the existing value of the other immovable.
4. The immovable must:
- a) be bought or agreed by enforceable contract to be bought within six months after receipt of the report of the appropriate valuer under 3;
 - b) not be bought if it is apparent to the ACD that the report in 3 could no longer reasonably be relied upon; and
 - c) not be bought at more than 105% of the valuation for the relevant immovable in the report in 3.
5. Any furniture, fittings or other contents of any building may be regarded as part of the relevant immovable.
6. An appropriate valuer must be a person who:
- a) has knowledge of and experience in the valuation of immovables of the relevant kind in the relevant area;
 - b) is qualified to be a standing independent valuer of a Non-UCITS retail scheme or is considered by the Company's standing independent valuer to hold equivalent qualifications;
 - c) is independent of the ACD, the Investment Managers and the Depositary; and
 - d) has not engaged himself or any of his associates in relation to the finding of the immovable for the relevant Fund or the finding of a Fund for the immovable.
7. The following limits apply in respect of immovables held as part of the property of a Fund:
- a) not more than 15% in value of the Scheme Property of a Fund may consist of any one immovable (adjacent immovables or immovables in the vicinity of each other are treated

as one immovable); this limit is increased to 25% in value once the immovable has become included in the Scheme Property of a Fund;

- b) the income receivable from any one group in any accounting period must not be attributable to immovables comprising more than 25%, or in the case of a government or public body more than 35% of the value of the Scheme Property in relation to a Fund;
 - c) not more than 20% in value of the Scheme Property of a Fund is to consist of immovables that are subject to a mortgage and any mortgage must not secure more than 100% of the value of the immovable (on the assumption the immovable is not mortgaged);
 - d) the aggregate value of:
 - i) mortgages secured on immovables under 7(c) above;
 - ii) the borrowing of a Fund under the relevant Fund's borrowing powers; and
 - iii) any transferable securities that are not Approved Securities must not at any time exceed 20% of the value of the Scheme Property
 - e) not more than 50% in value of the Scheme Property is to consist of immovables which are unoccupied and non-income producing or in the course of substantial development, redevelopment or refurbishment; and
 - i) no option may be granted to a third party to buy any immovable comprised in the Scheme Property of a Fund unless the value of the relevant immovable does not exceed 20% of the value of the Scheme Property of a Fund together with, where appropriate, the value of investments in: unregulated collective investment schemes; and
 - ii) any transferable securities which are not Approved Securities.
8. An overseas immovable may be held by each Fund through an intermediate holding vehicle in accordance with the Rules provided that shareholders are adequately protected. Any investment in an intermediate holding vehicle for the purposes of holding an overseas immovable shall be treated as if it were a direct investment in that immovable. An intermediate holding vehicle must be wholly owned by the relevant Fund or another intermediate holding vehicle or series of intermediate holding vehicles wholly owned by the Fund, unless and to the extent that local legislation or regulation relating to the intermediate holding vehicle holding the immovable requires a proportion of local ownership.
9. The ACD will ensure that any immovable property in a Fund is insured against the usual commercial risks.

E. Derivatives and forward transactions

There is no upper limit on the use of transactions in derivatives or forward transaction for each Fund but they must satisfy the following conditions:

A transaction in a derivative must:

1. (a) be in an Approved Derivative; or

- (b) be in a future, an option or a contract for differences which must be entered into with a counterparty that is acceptable in accordance with the Rules, must be on approved terms as to valuation and close out and must be capable of valuation;
2. have the underlying consisting of any or all of the assets listed in chapter 5.6.4 (5) or 5.2.20(2)(f) – (i) of the Rules; and
3. be effected on or under the rules of an eligible derivatives market; must not cause a Fund to diverge from its investment objectives; must not be entered into if the intended effect is to create the potential for an uncovered sale of one or more transferable securities, money market instruments, units in collective investment schemes, or derivatives, and must be with an eligible counterparty or an approved bank.

Use of derivatives must be supported by a risk management process maintained by the relevant Investment Manager which should take account of the investment objectives and policy of the relevant Fund and the Rules.

A transaction in derivatives or forward transaction is to be entered into only if the maximum exposure, in terms of the principal or notional principal created by the transaction to which the scheme is or may be committed by another person, is covered under 1;

1. Exposure is covered if adequate cover from within the property of each Fund is available to meet its total exposure, taking into account the value of the underlying assets, any reasonably foreseeable market movement, counterparty risk, and the time available to liquidate any positions.
2. Cash not yet received into the property of a Fund, but due to be received within one month, is available as cover for the purposes of 1.
3. Property the subject of a stock lending transaction is only available for cover if an Investment Manager has taken reasonable care to determine that it is obtainable (by return or re-acquisition) in time to meet the obligation for which cover is required.
4. The exposure relating to derivatives held in each Fund may not exceed the net value of its Scheme Property.

The exposure to any one counterparty in an OTC derivative transaction must not exceed 10% in value of the Scheme Property of each Fund. Transactions in OTC derivatives must comply with chapter 5.6.15 of the Rules.

Where a Fund invests in derivatives, the exposure to the underlying assets must not exceed the spread limits set out in chapters 5.6.7 and 5.6.8 of the Rules save that, subject to prudent spread of risk, where a Fund invests in an index based derivative (provided the relevant index's composition is sufficiently diversified, the index is a representative benchmark for the market to which it refers and is published in an appropriate manner) the underlying constituents of the index do not have to be taken into account for the purposes of complying with those spread limits. Where a transferable security or money market instrument embeds a derivative, this must be taken into account for the purposes of calculating any limits.

Each Fund may use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management. The use of derivatives in this manner is not expected to increase the risk profile of the relevant Fund. "Efficient portfolio management" is an investment technique where derivatives are used for

one or more of the following purposes: reduction of risk, reduction of cost or generation of additional income at a level of risk which is consistent with the relevant Fund's risk profile and the risk diversification rules appearing in the Rules.

Investors may obtain on request information relating to the quantitative limits applying in the risk management of each Fund, the risk management methods which are used in relation to the Fund and any recent developments in the risk and yields of the main categories of investments held in the Fund.

F. Transferable securities

A Fund may invest in transferable securities and approved money-market instruments provided they are:

- (i) admitted to or dealt in on a regulated market; or
- (ii) dealt in on a market in the UK or an EEA State which is regulated, operates regularly and is open to the public; or
- (iii) admitted to or dealt in on a market which the ACD and the Depositary determine to be appropriate, the market is included in the list of eligible markets in the schedule and the Depositary has taken reasonable care to determine that adequate custody arrangements can be provided for the investment dealt in on that market and all reasonable steps have been taken by the ACD in deciding whether that market is eligible; or
- (iv) for an approved money-market instrument not admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market where the issue or the issuer is regulated for the purpose of protecting investors and savings and the instrument is issued or guaranteed in accordance with the Sourcebook; or
- (v) recently issued transferable securities provided that the terms of issue include an undertaking that application will be made to be admitted to an eligible market and the admission is secured within a year of issue.

G. Spread: General

1. Not more than 20% in value of the Scheme Property of each Fund is to consist of transferable securities which are not Approved Securities (aggregated with the value of the Scheme Property which can be invested in unregulated collective investment schemes as set out in paragraph 1 (e) under 'A. Collective Investment Schemes' above).
2. This paragraph does not apply in respect of a transferable security or an approved money-market instrument to which paragraph C applies.
3. The specific limits are set out as follows:
 - a. Not more than 20% in value of the Scheme Property of each Fund is to consist of deposits with a single body;
 - b. Not more than 10% in value of the Scheme Property of each Fund is to consist of transferable securities or money market instruments issued by any single body

(except that the limit of 10% is raised to 25% in value of the Scheme Property of each Fund in respect of covered bonds);

- c. Not more than 10% in value of the Scheme Property of each Fund is to consist of gold;
 - d. Not more than 35% in value of the Scheme Property of each Fund is to consist of the units of any one collective investment scheme.
4. In applying the limit under paragraph b above, certificates representing certain securities are to be treated as equivalent to the underlying securities.
 5. For the purposes of this paragraph "Spread: General", companies included in the same group for the purposes of consolidated accounts as defined in Directive 83/349/EEC, or in the same group in accordance with international accounting standards, are regarded as a single body.

H. Borrowing powers

Each Fund may, subject to the Rules, borrow money from an eligible institution or an Approved Bank on the terms that the borrowing is to be repayable out of the Scheme Property of the relevant Fund, but will not do so except on a temporary basis.

Borrowing will be on a temporary basis and will not be persistent and in any event will not exceed three months without the prior consent of the Depositary, which may be given only on such conditions as appear appropriate to the Depositary to ensure that the borrowing does not cease to be on a temporary basis. Borrowing may be made from the Depositary or an associate of it at a normal commercial interest rate.

Borrowing may not, on any Business Day, exceed 10% of the value of the Scheme Property of each Fund.

These borrowing restrictions do not apply to "back to back" borrowing to be cover for transactions in derivatives and forward transactions.

ELIGIBLE MARKETS

A list of eligible securities markets and eligible derivatives markets on which the Company may deal appears in the Schedule at the end of this Prospectus.

RISK FACTORS

- Collective investment schemes should be regarded as long term investments.
- The value of the shares in each Fund is based upon the value of the underlying investments.
- The value of those investments and the income from them and consequently the value of the shares and the income from them, can go down as well as up and are not guaranteed.
- Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance.

- Each Fund may invest in currencies other than sterling. As a result, exchange rate changes may cause the value of overseas investments to rise or fall, and the value of the shares to go up or down.
- Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.
- Each Fund may have significant exposure to investments in smaller companies, in which there may be no established market for the shares, or the market may be highly illiquid. Because of this potential illiquidity, the Funds may not be appropriate for all shareholders, including those who are not in a position to take a long-term view of their investment.
- Investment in emerging markets may involve a higher than average risk. Each shareholder should consider whether or not investment in a Fund is either suitable for or should constitute a substantial part of that investor's portfolio. Companies in emerging markets may not be subject:
 - to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and disclosure requirements comparable to those applicable to companies in major markets; or
 - to the same level of government supervision and regulation of stock exchanges as countries with more advanced securities markets.

Accordingly, certain emerging markets may not afford the same level of investor protection as would apply in more developed jurisdictions. Substantial government involvement in, and influence on, the economy may affect the value of securities in certain emerging markets. The reliability of trading and settlement systems in some emerging markets may not be equal to that available in more developed markets, which may result in delays in realising investments.

- Lack of liquidity and efficiency in certain of the stock markets or foreign exchange markets in certain emerging markets may mean that from time to time an Investment Manager may experience more difficulty in purchasing or selling holdings of securities than it would in a more developed market.
- **Each Fund may use derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management. The use of derivatives in this manner is not expected to increase the risk profile of the Funds.**
- If a Fund invests in over-the-counter derivatives, there is increased risk that a counterparty may fail to honour its contract. In the event an Investment Manager uses such instruments, it is of the view that it has the necessary expertise to control and manage the use of derivatives.
- Each Fund may, subject to the Rules, invest in unregulated collective investment schemes. These types of schemes are not subject to the same restrictions on investment powers or on how they are run as regulated schemes and therefore may be considered higher risk.
- These unregulated schemes may include hedge funds which may be illiquid, i.e. difficult to sell, and may also borrow to meet their objectives. **This borrowing is likely to lead to volatility in the value of the Scheme Property, meaning that a relatively small movement either down or up in the value of a Fund's total assets will result in a magnified movement in the same direction of a Fund's net asset value.**

- Each Fund may, subject to the Rules, invest in warrants. A warrant is a time-limited right (but not an obligation) to subscribe for shares, debentures, loan stock or government securities and is exercisable against the original issuer of the underlying securities. A relatively small movement in the price of the underlying security results in a disproportionately large movement, unfavourable or favourable, in the price of the warrant. The prices of warrants can therefore be highly volatile.
- Legal and regulatory (including taxation) changes could adversely affect the Company. Regulation (including taxation) of investment vehicles such as the Company is subject to change. The effect of any future legal or regulatory (including taxation) change on the Company is impossible to predict but could be substantial and have adverse consequences on the rights and returns of shareholders.
- Under the OEIC Regulations, each fund is a segregated portfolio of assets and those assets can only be used to meet the liabilities of, or claims against, that fund. Whilst the provisions of the OEIC Regulations provide for segregated liability between funds, the concept segregated liability is relatively new. Accordingly, where claims are brought by local creditors in foreign courts or under foreign law contracts, it is not yet known whether a foreign court would give effect to the segregated liability and cross-investment provisions contained in the OEIC Regulations. Therefore, it is not possible to be certain that the assets of a fund will always be completely insulated from the liabilities of another fund of the Company in every circumstance.
- The Depositary may delegate the function of safekeeping of Financial Instruments to the Custodian, who may in turn appoint a custody agent. The Depositary or Custodian may hold Financial Instruments in fungible accounts (meaning the assets are interchangeable) or omnibus accounts (resulting in accounts being combined). The use of omnibus accounts gives rise to a potential risk that there could be a shortfall in the Financial Instruments held in such an account should the total of the Financial Instruments be less than the aggregate entitlement of the Fund. It is expected that such risks will be mitigated by the Custodian's trade matching and reconciliation processes, however in the event of an irreconcilable shortfall, the affected clients would bear the risk of any shortfall on a pro-rata basis and the Fund may not recover all of its Financial Instruments.
- Infectious diseases that pose significant threats to human health may be highly disruptive to global economies and markets. The economic and market disruptions caused by infectious diseases could significantly impact the value of the Scheme Property of the relevant Fund and the value of distributions paid to Shareholders.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SHARES

Shares will be issued in larger and smaller denominations. There are one thousand smaller denomination shares to each larger share. Smaller denomination shares represent what, in other terms, might be called fractions of a larger share and have proportionate rights. The shares will not be listed.

As at the date of this Prospectus, the classes of share available, and the terms attaching to them, are as set out in Appendix III. The ACD may subsequently issue further classes of share with the approval of the FCA, the Depositary and in accordance with the Instrument of Incorporation. References to "shares" are to all classes of shares unless specific classes of share are specified.

Each share class will be charged with the liabilities, expenses, costs and charges of the Fund attributable to that share class.

When more than one share class is available, shareholders are entitled (subject to certain restrictions) to switch all or part of their shares in one class for shares of a different class. Details of this switching facility and the restrictions are set out below under the heading "Switching" and the charge for doing so is set out at Appendix III below under the heading "Switching Charge".

Share certificates are not issued to shareholders. The Register is the sole evidence of the title. Details of the Register are available from the Administrator on request.

Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

Shares in each Fund are not listed, or dealt on, any investment exchange.

DEALING IN SHARES

Shares normally may be bought, sold, converted and switched on any Business Day between 9:00am and 5:00pm. Transfers of title to shares may, at the discretion of the ACD, be effected on the authority of an electronic communication. Please refer to the paragraph 'Electronic Communications' for further details.

Price publication

The most recent prices will appear daily on the Trustnet website at www.trustnet.com and can also be obtained by telephone on 01483 783 900.

For reasons beyond the control of the ACD, these may not necessarily be the current prices.

The cancellation price last notified to the Depositary is available from the ACD upon request.

Deals will be executed at a forward price (that is, the next price calculated by reference to the valuation point next following the ACD's agreement to sell, or as the case may be, to redeem the Shares in question).

Shares are single priced.

In the case of a large deal (that, is a transaction, or a series of transactions in one dealing period, by any person to buy, sell or exchange shares at total value of £15,000 or more) the ACD reserves the right to quote a special price within the limits of a formula laid down in the Rules.

Suspension of dealing

The ACD may, with the agreement of the Depositary, or must if the Depositary so requires, temporarily suspend the issue, cancellation, sale and redemption of shares in a Fund, if the ACD or the Depositary is of the opinion that there is good and sufficient reason to do so having regard to the interests of the shareholders.

The ACD and the Depositary must ensure that the suspension is only allowed to continue for as long as is justified having regard to the interests of shareholders. The ACD or the Depositary (as appropriate) will immediately inform the FCA of the suspension and the reasons for it and will

follow this up as soon as practicable with written confirmation of the suspension and the reasons for it to the FCA and the regulator in each EEA State where the Fund is offered for sale.

The ACD will notify shareholders as soon as is practicable after the commencement of the suspension, including details of the exceptional circumstances which have led to the suspension, in a clear, fair and not misleading way and giving shareholders details of how to find further information about the suspension.

Where such suspension takes place, the ACD will publish on its website (or by other means) sufficient details to keep shareholders appropriately informed about the suspension, including, if known, its possible duration.

During the suspension none of the obligations in chapter 6.2 of the Rules (Dealing) will apply but the ACD will comply with as much of chapter 6.3 of the Rules (Valuation and Pricing) during the period of suspension as is practicable in light of the suspension.

Suspension will cease as soon as practicable after the exceptional circumstances leading to the suspension have ceased but the ACD and the Depositary will formally review the suspension at least every 28 days and will inform the FCA of the review and any change to the information given to shareholders.

The ACD may agree during the suspension to deal in shares in which case all deals accepted during and outstanding prior to the suspension will be undertaken at a price calculated at the first valuation point after the restart of dealings in shares.

In addition, the FCA Rules may require the ACD to temporarily suspend the issue, cancellation, sale and redemption of Shares in certain circumstances (for example, where a Fund is invested in other authorised funds which are themselves suspended).

Buying shares

The minimum initial investment for each class of shares in each Fund and the minimum value of subsequent purchases in each Fund is set out in Appendix III. The ACD reserves the right to waive these minima at its discretion. There is no maximum investment.

Shares may be bought through intermediaries or direct from the ACD. Investors may purchase shares by sending a completed application form or clear written instructions to the ACD:

- a) by post to the 'dealing office' address specified in the Directory; or
- b) by the means of electronic communication (in accordance with the procedures set out in the Electronic communications paragraph); or
- c) by obtaining an application form by telephoning the ACD's Customer Enquiry Line on 0333 300 0375.

The ACD reserves the right to have cleared funds before investing. A contract note will be issued to confirm the transaction and will be despatched on the next Business Day after the deal is executed.

Investors buy and redeem Shares through the ACD who nets them to reduce the number of Shares issued/cancelled by the Company. When carrying out deals in Shares, the ACD acts as principal but does not profit from this activity.

Selling shares

The minimum value of any holding of shares in each Fund and the minimum value of shares in each Fund which may be sold is set out in Appendix III. The ACD reserves the right to waive these minima at its discretion.

The ACD will buy back shares from shareholders free of commission, at not less than the price applicable at the time instructions are received, as calculated in accordance with the Rules. Shares may also be sold back through an authorised intermediary who may charge commission.

Instructions for the sale of shares may be made by sending clear written instructions to the ACD:

- a) by post to the address specified in the Directory; or
- b) by the means of electronic communication (in accordance with the procedures set out in the Electronic communications paragraph); or
- c) by telephoning 0333 300 0375 (asking for the Dealing Line). The ACD has the right to establish facilities for recording telephone calls made or received on these telephone lines.

A contract note will be issued to confirm the transaction and will be despatched on the next Business Day after the deal is executed. Payment is made on the day which is the latest to occur of (i) four Business Days after the valuation point immediately following receipt of the request to redeem the shares and (ii) four Business Days after the ACD has received properly completed documentation. Payment of redemption proceeds will not be made to the extent that the ACD has not yet received the purchase monies in respect of the shares being redeemed from the redeeming shareholder.

Redemption proceeds will be payable only to one or more of the registered shareholders. The ACD reserves the right, at all times, to require a form of renunciation to be completed. If this is necessary it will be issued with the contract note. The ACD also reserves the right to send repurchase proceeds by cheque to the registered address. If so requested, and after consultation with the Depositary, the ACD may arrange for cancellation of shares to be effected by the transfer of Scheme Property to the shareholder. This option may be exercised by the ACD in any instance in which a shareholder may request the redemption of a number of shares that represent 5% or more of a Fund.

Electronic communications

The ACD will accept instructions to transfer or renunciation of title to shares on the basis of an authority communicated by electronic means and sent by the shareholder, or delivered on their behalf by a person that is authorised by the FCA or regulated in another jurisdiction by an equivalent supervisory authority, subject to prior agreement between the ACD and the person making the communication as to:

- a) the electronic media by which such communications may be delivered; and
- b) how such communications will be identified as conveying the necessary authority; and

- c) assurance from any person who may give such authority on behalf of the investor that they will have obtained the required appointment in writing from the shareholder.

Switching shares

A shareholder in a Fund may switch all or some of his or her shares (“**Old Shares**”) for shares of another Fund or another class (“**New Shares**”). The number of New Shares issued will be determined by reference to the respective prices of New Shares and Old Shares at the valuation point applicable at the time the Old Shares are repurchased and the New Shares are issued. Switches may also be made through an intermediary who may charge commission.

Switching may be effected either by telephone to the ACD on 0333 300 0375 (asking for the Dealing Line) or in writing to the ACD and the shareholder may be required to complete a switching form (which, in the case of joint shareholders must be signed by all the joint shareholders). Shares may, at the discretion of the ACD, be bought on the authority of an electronic communication. Please refer to the paragraph ‘Electronic Communications’ for further details. A switching shareholder must be eligible to hold the shares into which the switch is to be made. A contract note will be issued to confirm the transaction and will be despatched on the next Business Day after the deal is executed.

The ACD may at its discretion charge a fee on the switching of shares between classes. These charges are set out in Appendix III.

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

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

Please note that, under current tax law, a switch of shares in one Fund for shares in another Fund is treated as a redemption and will, for persons subject to United Kingdom taxation, be a realisation for the purposes of United Kingdom taxation on chargeable gains, although a switch of shares in a Fund for shares of another class in the same Fund will not normally be deemed to be a realisation for the purpose of United Kingdom taxation on chargeable gains.

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

Share Class Conversion

A shareholder in a Fund may at any time convert all or some of his or her shares of one class (“**Old Class Shares**”) for shares of another class in same Fund (the “**New Class Shares**”). The number of New Class Shares issued will be determined by reference to the respective prices of New Class Shares and Old Class Shares at the Valuation Point applicable at the time the Old Class Shares are redeemed and the New Class Shares are issued.

Conversion may be effected either by telephone to the ACD on 0333 300 0375 (asking for the Dealing Line) or in writing to the ACD and the shareholder may be required to complete a conversion form (which, in the case of joint shareholders must be signed by all the joint shareholders). Shares may, at the discretion of the ACD, be bought on the authority of an electronic communication. Further details are available from the ACD on request. A converting shareholder must be eligible to hold the shares into which the conversion to be made. A contract note will be issued to confirm the transaction and will be despatched on the next Business Day after the deal is executed.

The ACD may at its discretion charge a fee on the conversion of shares between classes. These charges are set out in Appendix III.

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

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

The ACD may also, in its sole discretion, convert some or all of the Old Class Shares held by any Shareholder to New Class Shares, provided that the conversion does not materially prejudice any such Shareholder. The ACD will provide the Shareholder with 60 days' prior notice of any such conversion.

Please note that, under current tax law, a conversion of shares, between different classes in the same Fund will not be deemed to be a realisation for the purposes of capital gains taxation. A shareholder who converts their shares to a different share class will not be given a right by law to withdraw from or cancel the transaction.

Restrictions, compulsory transfer and redemption

The ACD may from time to time impose such restrictions as it thinks necessary for the purpose of ensuring that no shares in a Fund are acquired or held by any person in circumstances ("**relevant circumstances**") which constitute a breach of the law or governmental regulation (or any interpretation of a law or regulation by a competent authority) of any country or territory or which would (or would if other shares were acquired or held in like circumstances) result in a Fund incurring any liability to taxation or suffering any other adverse consequence (including a requirement to register under any securities or investment or similar laws or governmental regulation of any country or territory). In this connection, the ACD may, inter alia, reject at its discretion any application for the purchase, sale, transfer or switching of shares.

If it comes to the notice of the ACD that any shares ("**affected shares**") have been acquired or are being held, beneficially or otherwise, in any relevant circumstances or if it reasonably believes this to be the case, the ACD may give notice to the holder(s) of the affected shares requiring (at the discretion of the ACD) either:

- the switching of the shares to any other class which the shareholder is still eligible to hold;
- the transfer of such shares to a person who is qualified or entitled to own them; or
- that a request in writing be given for the redemption or cancellation of such shares in accordance with the Rules.

If any person upon whom such a notice is served does not within thirty days after the date of such notice switch his shares to a class which he is still eligible to hold, transfer his affected shares to a person qualified to own them, or give such a request or establish to the satisfaction of the ACD (whose judgement is final and binding) that he (and, if any, the beneficial owner) is qualified and entitled to own the affected shares, he shall be deemed upon the expiration of that thirty day period to have given a request in writing for the switching, redemption or cancellation (at the discretion of the ACD) of all the affected shares in accordance with the Rules.

A person who becomes aware that he is holding or owns affected shares in any relevant circumstances, shall forthwith, unless he has already received a notice as aforesaid, either switch all his affected shares into a class he is still eligible to own, transfer all his affected shares to a person qualified to own them, or give a request in writing for the redemption or cancellation of all his affected shares in accordance with the Rules.

In specie redemptions

Where a shareholder requests the redemption or cancellation of shares, the ACD may, at its discretion, give written notice to the shareholder before the proceeds would otherwise become payable that, in lieu of paying such proceeds in cash, the ACD will transfer to that shareholder property attributable to the Fund having the appropriate value.

The ACD will select the property to be transferred in consultation with the Depositary. The Depositary must take reasonable care to ensure that the property transferred would not be likely to result in any material prejudice to the interests of shareholders.

The ACD may retain out of the property to be transferred property or cash of a value equivalent to any stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax to be paid to the redemption of the shares.

Issue of shares in exchange for in specie assets

The ACD may arrange for each Fund to issue shares in exchange for assets other than cash, but will only do so where the Depositary has taken reasonable care to determine that the relevant Fund's acquiring of those assets in exchange for the shares concerned is not likely to result in any material prejudice to the interests of shareholders or potential shareholders.

The ACD will ensure that the beneficial interest in the assets is transferred to each Fund with effect from the issue of the shares.

The ACD will not issue shares in a Fund in exchange for assets the holding of which would be inconsistent with the investment objective of the Fund.

Client money rules

The FCA Handbook contains provisions (known as the "Client Money Rules") designed to safeguard client money in the hands of authorised persons. However, the CASS rules also provide that money need not be treated as client money in respect of a delivery versus payment

transaction, for the purpose of settling a transaction in relation to units in a regulated collective investment scheme such as the Company, provided that:

- (a) The ACD receives the money from a client in relation to the ACD's obligation to issue shares in the fund in accordance with COLL; or
- (b) The money is held in the course of redeeming shares, where the proceeds are paid to the client within the timeframe specified in COLL.

Where money is received in either of the circumstances set out in (a) or (b) above, the ACD must cease to operate the exemption if, by close of business on the Business Day following receipt of the money, it has not paid it over to the Depositary or the client or, if direct issues and cancellations of Shares by the Company are permitted, to the Company, as applicable.

In order to facilitate management of the Company, the ACD makes use of the delivery versus payment exemption on the issue of shares in respect of money received other than in the form of cheques. Money received in other payments forms for the issue of shares is, therefore, not protected under the Client Money Rules until the delivery versus payment exemption period has expired. Money received by the ACD in the form of redemptions, cheques or other remittances is paid directly into a client money account maintained by the ACD with an Approved Bank, as defined in the FCA Rules, and protected in line with the Client Money Rules. No interest is payable by the ACD on moneys credited to this account.

Money deposited into an account with a third party may have a security interest, lien or right of set-off in relation to the money, to the extent permitted by the Client Money Rules.

In certain circumstances (and subject to the rules in COLL), if the ACD has lost touch with an investor, the ACD will be permitted to pay the investor's client money balance to a registered charity after six years. The ACD will not do so until reasonable efforts have been made to contact the investor. The investor will still be entitled to recover this money from the ACD at a later date irrespective of whether the ACD has paid the money to charity.

VALUATION

The price of a share in each Fund is calculated by reference to the net asset value the each Fund. The net asset value per share is currently calculated at the valuation point. The ACD may at any time during a dealing day revalue a Fund if it considers it desirable to do so.

The price per share at which shares are sold is the sum of the net asset value of a share and any preliminary charge. The price per share at which shares are redeemed is the net asset value per share less any applicable redemption charge. In addition, there may be, for both purchases and sales, a dilution levy, as described below.

The property of each Fund will be valued in accordance with the provisions set out in Appendix I, for the purpose of determining prices at which shares may be sold and redeemed by the ACD. Where no appropriate price is quoted or obtainable, the property of each Fund will be valued at a price which, in the opinion of the ACD and the Depositary, is a fair and reasonable mid-market price for that security adjusted to take account of dealing sizes and other relevant factors.

The ACD may make a permanent change to the time for the valuation point after having given notice to the Depositary and unit holders in writing. The ACD reserves the right to revalue the property of each Fund at any time at its discretion.

Where permitted and subject to the Rules, the ACD may, in certain circumstances (for example where a significant event has occurred since the closure of a market) substitute a price with a more appropriate price which in its opinion reflects a fair and reasonable price for that investment.

Hard-to-value assets

Where the ACD has reasonable grounds to believe that the price obtained is unreliable or the most recent price available does not reflect the ACD's best estimate of the value of the relevant investment at the relevant Valuation Point or no price or no recent price exists, the ACD may use a price which, in the opinion of the ACD, reflects a fair and reasonable price for that investment (the fair value price). In calculating any value, the ACD shall be entitled to rely on any valuations provided or attributed to any asset or liability by an Investment Manager.

The circumstances which may give rise to a fair value price being used include:

- (a) no recent trade in the security concerned; or
- (b) the occurrence of a significant event since the most recent closure of the market where the price of the security is taken.

In (b), a significant event is one that means the most recent price of a security or a basket of securities is materially different to the price that it is reasonably believed would exist at the Valuation Point had the relevant market been open.

In determining whether to use such a fair value price, the ACD will include in its consideration:

- (a) the type of authorised fund concerned;
- (b) the securities involved;
- (c) the basis and reliability of the alternative price used; and
- (d) the ACD's policy on the valuation of Scheme Property as disclosed in the Prospectus.

DILUTION LEVY

The basis on which the Scheme Property of each Fund is valued for the purpose of calculating the issue and redemption price of shares as stipulated in the Rules and the Instrument of Incorporation is summarised above and in Appendix I. The actual cost of purchasing or selling investments for each Fund may be higher or lower than the mid-market value used in calculating the share price - for example, due to dealing charges, or through dealing at prices other than the mid-market price. Under certain circumstances (for example, large volumes of deals) this may have an adverse effect on the shareholders' interest in the Fund. In order to prevent this effect, called "dilution", the ACD has the power to charge a "dilution levy" on the sale and/or redemption of shares. As a dilution levy is not currently charged (except on large deals, as defined below), the cost of purchasing or selling investments for a Fund subsequent to shareholder dealing will be borne by the relevant Fund with a consequent effect on future growth of that Fund. If the ACD decides in the future to charge a dilution levy on all deals (and not just on large deals), it will be calculated by reference to the costs of dealing in the underlying investments of the relevant Fund, including any dealing spreads, commission and transfer taxes.

If charged, the dilution levy will be paid into the relevant Fund and will become part of its property.

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

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

- where over a dealing period a Fund has experienced a large level of net sales or redemptions relative to its size;
- on large deals. For these purposes, a “**large deal**” means a deal worth 3% or more of the size of a Fund;
- where the ACD considers it necessary to protect the interests of the shareholders.

It is not possible to predict accurately whether dilution will occur at any point in time. Based on future projections, the ACD expects that the vast majority of sales and/or redemptions of Shares will be ‘large deals’ and that a dilution levy may be charged on the majority of deals. If a dilution levy is required then, based on historical data, the estimated rate or amount of such levy will be 0.8% but subject to a maximum of 1% of net asset value. If a dilution levy is not charged then this may restrict the future growth of the Funds.

Except in relation to large deals, the ACD has no plans at present to introduce a dilution levy on the purchase or sale of shares. The ACD may alter its dilution policy either by shareholder consent pursuant to the passing of a resolution to that effect at a properly convened meeting of shareholders and by amending this Prospectus or by giving the shareholders notice and amending the Prospectus 60 days before the change to the dilution policy is to take effect.

Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (“SDRT”)

Details of stamp duty reserve tax are set out under the paragraph titled ‘Taxation – taxation of the Company’.

ACD’S CHARGES

Preliminary charge

The Instrument of Incorporation for the Company permits the ACD to include in the price of shares a preliminary charge. As at the date of this Prospectus, the preliminary charge for each class of share in each Fund is set out in Appendix III.

Annual charge

In addition, the ACD is entitled to an annual charge (referred to in this Prospectus as a “periodic charge”) payable out of the property of the each Fund. This accrues and is reflected in the price of

shares in each Fund daily and is payable monthly in arrears. The annual charge is calculated on the mid-market net asset value of each Fund. The charge is calculated daily as at the first valuation point (12.00 pm) on the last day of the daily accrual period. The charge is paid to the ACD on the last calendar day of each month. The current level of the annual charge is set out in Appendix III.

Redemption charge

The ACD is permitted to make a charge on redemption of shares but does not, currently, make a charge. The ACD will give Shareholders at least 60 days' notice of any material increases in fees.

Details of a redemption charge (if applicable) are set out in Appendix III. Both the preliminary charge and the redemption charge may be waived at the discretion of the ACD.

Shares will be deemed to be redeemed in the order in which they were purchased for the purposes of making a charge on redemption.

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

INVESTMENT MANAGERS' FEES AND EXPENSES

The Investment Managers' fees and expenses are paid out of the ACD's annual charge. Research costs will be paid for by the Investment Managers out of this fee and shall not be borne by the Company.

INVESTMENT CONSULTANT'S FEES AND EXPENSES

The Investment Consultant's fee is paid by the ACD out of its annual charge at a rate of 0.1% per annum of the value of the property of the relevant Fund for its services as described in the section headed "The Investment Consultant".

DEPOSITARY'S FEES AND EXPENSES

The Depositary is paid a monthly periodic fee (plus VAT) from the Scheme Property of the Company in remuneration for its services.

The Depositary's fee is calculated on the value of the Scheme Property of the Funds in accordance with the Depositary Agreement and the Rules, and payable out of each Fund in accordance with the Rules. For this purpose, the value of a Fund is inclusive of the issues and cancellations which take effect as at the relevant valuation point.

The Depositary's fee shall accrue daily, and shall be calculated by reference to the value of the Funds at the first valuation point on the first Business Day and shall end immediately before the next valuation point in each month. The Depositary's fee is payable on, or as soon as practicable after, the end of the month in which it accrued.

The current fees payable are:

0.0275% p.a. on the first £50 million value of the Scheme Property of each Fund;

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| 0.025% p.a. | on the next £50 million value of the Scheme Property of each Fund; |
| 0.020% p.a. | on the next £100 million value of the Scheme Property of each Fund; |
| 0.015% p.a. | thereafter |

The annual fee is subject to a minimum fee of £7,500, applicable to each Fund. VAT (at the standard rate) is added to these fees.

Transaction and Custody Charges

In addition to the above periodic fees, the Depositary shall also be entitled to be paid transaction charges and derivative and custody charges in relation to transaction handling and derivative transaction handling and safekeeping of Scheme Property as follows:

| Item | Range / Fees |
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| Transaction Charges | £7.50 to £180.00 |
| Derivative transaction Charges | £20 (if applicable) |
| Custody Charges | up to 0.9% of the value of the holding involved subject to a minimum aggregate custody charge of £7,500 per annum |

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

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

Where relevant, the Depositary may make a charge for (or otherwise benefit from) providing services in relation to: distributions, the provision of banking services, holding money on deposit, lending money, or engaging in stock lending or derivative transactions in relation to each Fund and may purchase or sell or deal in the purchase or sale of the Scheme Property, provided always that the services concerned and any such dealing are in accordance with the provisions of the Rules.

The Depositary will also be entitled to payment and reimbursement of all costs, liabilities and expenses properly incurred in the performance of, or arranging the performance of, functions conferred on it by the Depositary Agreement, the Rules or by the general law.

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

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

In each case such payments, expenses and disbursements may be payable to any person (including the ACD or any associate or nominee of the Depositary or of the ACD) who has had the relevant duty delegated to it pursuant to the Rules by the Depositary.

Global custody is delegated by the Depositary to The Northern Trust Company.

EXPENSES PAYABLE OUT OF THE PROPERTY OF EACH FUND

In addition, the following fees and expenses may be paid out of the property of each Fund:

- The fees and expenses payable to a standing independent valuer (to the extent that one is required to be appointed).
- Broker's commission (excluding costs for research), fiscal charges, valuation fees, registration fees and any other disbursements which are necessarily incurred in effecting transactions for the Fund and normally shown on contract notes, confirmation notes and difference accounts as appropriate.
- Any costs incurred in modifying the Instrument of Incorporation, including costs incurred in respect of meetings of shareholders or classes of shareholders convened for purposes which include the purpose of modifying the Instrument of Incorporation, where the modification is necessary to implement, or necessary as a direct consequence of, any change in the law, or is expedient having regard to any change in the law made by or under any fiscal enactment and which the ACD and the Depositary agree is in the interest of shareholders or to remove from the Instrument of Incorporation any obsolete provisions.
- Any costs incurred in respect of meetings of shareholders or classes of shareholders convened on a requisition by shareholders not including the ACD or an associate of the ACD.
- The cost of updating the Prospectus each year including the ACD's and each Investment Manager's costs, printing costs, FCA fees and fees for legal and professional advice.
- The costs of, or associated with, publishing any documents or materials for the Company.
- Interest on permitted borrowings of the Funds and charges incurred in effecting or terminating such borrowings or in negotiating or varying the terms of such borrowings.
- The costs to the Company of maintaining any policies of insurance.
- Costs (including, but not limited to, survey costs, costs of obtaining environmental reports, Stamp Duty Land Tax and marketing costs) incurred in buying or selling immovable property.
- Payments properly required for the management, maintenance, repair, refurbishment, development or redevelopment of immovable property owned or leased by a Fund.
- Costs incurred in connection with: buying-in a leasehold interest; restructuring leasehold interests of a Fund; project funding; and payments to property consultants in respect of any immovable property.

- Costs incurred in connection with: re-letting any vacant premises; undertaking rent reviews; renewing leases; action as a result of tenant's breach of covenant or eviction of squatters; issuing notices to tenants.
- Taxation and duties payable in respect of the property of the Funds, the Instrument of Incorporation or the issue of shares and any SDRT charged in accordance with Schedule 19 of the Finance Act 1999.
- The fees of the Auditor payable (including Value Added Tax thereon) and any proper expenses of the Auditor.
- The fees of the FCA in respect of each Fund, or any corresponding periodic fees of any regulatory authority in a country or territory outside the UK in which shares in the Fund may be marketed.
- The fees of the maintenance of the Register.
- The administration fees and charges of each Fund, including:
 - the annual fee of 0.04% of the net asset value of each Fund's assets up to the value of £50,000,000, 0.03% of the net asset value of all assets between £50,000,000 and £100,000,000 and 0.02% of the net asset value of all assets over £100,000,000, subject to a minimum fee of £25,000 per annum, payable to Northern Trust Global Services SE, UK Branch for performing the fund accounting function.
 - the annual fee of £4,630 payable to Northern Trust Global Services SE (UK branch) for performing the transfer agency function.
- The fees for the publication of the share price of each Fund.
- The cost of dispatching payments to shareholders and third parties.
- Any reasonable general disbursements relating to postage and communication costs incurred in the proper performance of the transfer agent's duties relating to the Funds, which are currently carried on by the Registrar.
- Any fees or costs associated with any CASS related support activity incurred by the Registrar.
- The fees associated with the provision of legal, tax, or other professional services incurred by the ACD regarding the Fund's assets.

ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES PAYABLE OUT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE FUND

Part or all of the expenses payable out of the Scheme Property of each Fund, including the ACD's current annual management charge for each Fund may be charged to the capital account of each Fund. Refer to Appendix III for details.

The amount charged to capital will increase the distributable income of the relevant Fund by that amount and reduce the capital by a similar amount. **This practice may result in capital erosion or constrain capital growth.**

The ACD may vary the proportions of the expenses and its annual management charge which are charged to the capital account, subject to FCA approval. It is intended that each Fund's expenses will be allocated 75% to capital and 25% to income (except those charges and expenses relating directly to the purchase and sale of investments).

DETERMINATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME

Shares go "ex-distribution" on the Annual Accounting Date and Interim Accounting Date. Distributions will be paid direct to shareholders or their bank or building society accounts after deduction of tax. Shares purchased after the "ex-distribution" date will not be entitled to the distribution in question. Distribution dates for each Fund are set out in Appendix III. If a distribution date is not a Business Day, the payment will be made on the next Business Day. The ACD has the right to create additional or change income distribution dates.

Distribution amounts are calculated by dividing the total amount of income that has accrued in the income account(s) since the last accounting date, by the number of shares in issue; taking account of equalisation.

Any distribution payment which remains unclaimed after a period of six years from the date of payment will be transferred to and become part of the Fund's capital property. Thereafter neither the shareholder nor any successor will have any right to it except as part of the capital property.

Income equalisation

The Instrument of Incorporation allows for income equalisation. Part of the purchase price of a share reflects the relevant share of accrued income received or to be received by the relevant Fund. This capital sum is returned to a shareholder with the first allocation of income in respect of a share issued during an accounting period.

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

There is an option for shareholders to reinvest their distributions in further shares. Shareholders can choose for this reinvestment to be automatic.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Annual general meetings of the Company are not held. Resolutions of the Company will be voted on at extraordinary general meetings.

SHAREHOLDERS' VOTING RIGHTS

At meetings of shareholders, on a show of hands every shareholder who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by one of its officers as its representative has one vote. On a poll, every shareholder who is present in person or by proxy has one vote for every complete undivided share (and a further part of one vote proportionate to any fraction of an undivided share), represented by the shares which he or she holds. A shareholder entitled to more than one vote need not, if he or she votes, cast all his votes or cast all his votes in the same way. In order to be carried, any resolution must be passed by a majority consisting of 75% or

more of the total number of votes cast for and against that resolution (except for a resolution to remove the ACD, which may be carried by a majority of shareholders).

In the case of joint shareholders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, is accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint shareholders and for this purpose seniority is determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register.

On a poll, votes may be given either personally or by proxy. A person appointed to act, as a proxy need not be a shareholder.

The ACD and each Investment Manager are entitled to receive notice of and attend any meeting of shareholders but are not entitled to vote or be counted in the quorum, except where the ACD holds shares on behalf of, or jointly with, a person who, if himself the sole registered shareholder would be entitled to vote, and from whom the ACD has received voting instructions. Associates of the ACD are entitled to be counted in a quorum and, if they hold shares on behalf of a person who would have been entitled to vote if he had been a registered shareholder and they have received voting instructions from that person, may vote in respect of such shares pursuant to such instructions.

As provided for by the Rules, shareholders will receive at least 14 days' notice of a shareholders' meeting.

The above provisions, unless the context requires otherwise, apply to class meetings and meeting of Funds, as they apply to general meetings of shareholders.

NOTICES TO SHAREHOLDERS

Any notice or document to be served on a shareholder will be duly served if it is:

- a) delivered to the shareholder's address as appearing in the Register; or
- b) delivered by using an electronic medium in accordance with the paragraph 'Electronic communications'.

Any notice or document left at a registered address, or delivered other than by post, is deemed to have been served on that day.

Any document or notice to be served on, or information to be given to a shareholder, must be in legible form. For this purpose any form is legible form which:

- a) is consistent with the ACD's knowledge of how the recipient of the document wishes or expects to receive the document;
- b) is capable of being provided in hard copy by the ACD;
- c) enables the recipient to know or record the time of receipt; and
- d) is reasonable in the context.

The ACD must obtain the prior approval of shareholders by extraordinary resolution for any proposed change to the Company or a Fund that is a fundamental change. This is a change or event which:

- a) changes the purpose or nature of the Company or a Fund;
- b) may materially prejudice a shareholder;
- c) alters the risk profile of the Company or a Fund; or
- d) introduces a new type of payment out of Fund property.

The ACD must give prior written notice to shareholders of any proposed change which constitutes a significant change. This is a change or event which is not fundamental, but which:

- a) affects a shareholder's ability to exercise his rights in relation to his investment;
- b) would reasonably be expected to cause the shareholder to reconsider his participation in the Company or a Fund;
- c) results in any increased payments out of Fund property to the ACD, or an associate of the ACD; or
- d) materially increase other types of payment out of Fund property;
- e) the notice period must be a reasonable length and must not be less than 60 days.

The ACD must inform shareholders in an appropriate manner and timescale of any notifiable changes that are reasonably likely to affect, or have affected, the operation of a Fund. This is a change or event, other than a fundamental or significant change, which a shareholder must be made aware of unless the ACD concludes the change is insignificant. The appropriate manner and timescale of notification will depend on the nature of the change or event. An appropriate manner of notification could include the information being included in the next long form report of the Fund.

WINDING UP THE COMPANY OR TERMINATING A FUND

The Company must not be wound up except as an unregistered company under Part V of the Insolvency Act 1986 or under the Rules. A Fund must not be terminated, except under the Rules or by being wound up under Part V of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as modified by regulation 33C of the OEIC Regulations) as an unregistered company.

Where the Company is to be wound up, or a Fund is to be terminated, under the Rules, such winding up or termination may only be commenced when (a) effect has been given, under regulation 21 of the OEIC Regulations, to proposals to wind up the affairs of the Company, or to make alterations to the Company's instrument of incorporation and prospectus that would be required if a Fund was to be terminated, and (b) a statement has been prepared, delivered to the FCA under COLL 7.3.5 R (solvency statement), and received by the FCA prior to satisfaction of the condition in (a) above.

The Company must not be wound up, or a Fund terminated under the Rules, if there is a vacancy in the position of the ACD at the relevant time.

Subject to the above and below steps to wind up the Company or terminate a Fund must be taken:

- a) if an extraordinary resolution to that effect is passed by shareholders; or

- b) when the period (if any) fixed for the duration of the Company or a particular Fund by the Instrument of Incorporation expires, or an event (if any) occurs on the occurrence of which the Instrument of Incorporation provides that the Company is to wound up or the Fund is to be terminated (for example, if the share capital of the Company is below its prescribed minimum); or
- c) on the date of effect stated in any agreement by the FCA to a request by the ACD for the winding up of the Company, or a request to terminate a Fund; or
- d) on the effective date of a duly approved scheme of arrangement which is to result in the Company, or a Fund, ceasing to hold any scheme property; or
- e) (in the case of a fund that is an umbrella) on the date on which all of its sub-funds fall within d) above or have otherwise ceased to hold any scheme property, despite that the fund may have assets and liabilities that are not attributable to any particular sub-fund.

On the occurrence of any of the above:

- regulations 6.2 (Dealing), 6.3 (Valuation and Pricing) and 5 (Investment and Borrowing Powers) of the Rules will cease to apply to the Company or the particular Fund;
- the Company will cease to issue and cancel shares in the Company or the relevant Fund and the ACD shall cease to sell or redeem shares or arrange for the Company to issue or cancel them for the Company or the relevant Fund;
- no transfer of a share shall be registered and no other change to the Register shall be made without the sanction of the ACD;
- where the Company is being wound up, the Company shall cease to carry on its business except in so far as it is beneficial for the winding up of the Company;
- the corporate status and powers of the Company and, subject to the provisions of paragraphs above, the powers of the ACD shall remain until the Company is dissolved.

The ACD shall, as soon as practicable after the Company or a Fund falls to be wound up or terminated, realise the assets and meet the liabilities of the Company or the Fund and, after paying out or retaining adequate provision for all liabilities properly payable and retaining provision for the costs of winding up or termination, arrange for the Depositary to make one or more interim distributions out of the proceeds remaining (if any) to shareholders proportionately to their rights to participate in the Scheme Property of the Company or a Fund. When the ACD has caused all of the Scheme Property to be realised and all of the liabilities of the Company or the particular Fund to be realised, the ACD shall arrange for the Depositary to also make a final distribution to shareholders (if any Scheme Property remains to be distributed) on or prior to the date on which the final account is sent to shareholders of any balance remaining in proportion to their holdings in the Company or Fund.

As soon as reasonably practicable after completion of the winding up of the Company or termination of the particular Fund, the ACD shall notify the FCA.

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

Following the completion of the winding up of the Company or termination of the Fund, the ACD must prepare a final account showing how the winding up took place and how the Scheme Property was distributed. The Auditor shall make a report in respect of the final account stating their opinion as to whether the final account has been properly prepared. This final account and the Auditors' report must be sent to the FCA and to each shareholder within two months of the termination of the winding up.

As the Company is an umbrella company, any liabilities attributable or allocated to a particular Fund under the COLL Sourcebook shall be met first out of the property attributable or allocated to that particular Fund. Accordingly the assets of each Fund belong exclusively to that Fund and shall not be used to discharge directly, or indirectly, the liabilities of, or claims against, any other person or body, including the Company, or any other Fund, and shall not be available for any such purpose. Any liabilities, expenses, costs or charges which are not attributable to one Fund only and allocated in accordance with the FCA Rules, may be reallocated by the Directors, provided that such reallocation shall be done in a manner which is fair to the shareholders of the Company generally.

TAXATION

The following summary is based on current UK law and HM Revenue & Customs practice. It summarises the UK tax position of Investment Companies with Variable Capital ("ICVC") and Shareholders who are UK tax resident. However, it should not be regarded as definitive nor as removing the desirability of taking separate professional advice. Investors are advised to consult their professional tax adviser. Levels, and bases of, and reliefs from, taxation are subject to change in the future.

Taxation of the Funds

The Company is an ICVC and is structured as an "umbrella fund". Each Fund is treated as a separate fund and an Authorised Investment Fund for tax purposes.

Where a Fund makes distributions it will make dividend distributions except where over 60% of the Fund's property has been invested throughout the distribution period in interest paying and related investments, in which case it may make interest distributions. A Fund that makes interest distributions is referred to as a Bond Fund and a Fund that makes dividend distributions is referred to as an Equity Fund, which will make dividend distributions.

(i) Income

Each Fund is liable to corporation tax on its income after relief for management expenses (which include fees payable to the ACD and to the Depositary) at the basic rate of income tax.

Where a Fund is a Bond Fund, the gross amount of any interest distributions is an allowable expense for corporation tax purposes and no tax will actually be paid on that part of the income funding the interest distributions.

Dividend income received by each Fund from investments in UK resident and overseas companies should fall within an exemption from corporation tax. Dividend income received from foreign companies may be subject to withholding tax or other taxation in the foreign jurisdiction. The foreign tax suffered by a fund may normally be deducted

from the UK tax due on that income or treated as an expense in calculating the amount of that income subject to corporation tax.

(ii) Chargeable gains

Capital gains realised by each Fund on a disposal of its investments are exempt from corporation tax on chargeable gains. In the unlikely event that a Fund should be considered to be trading for tax purposes, any gains made by it would be treated as income and taxed accordingly.

Taxation of shareholders

(i) SDRT

SDRT is generally charged on any agreements to transfer shares of ICVCs (other than transactions handled by the fund manager) to third parties at a rate of 0.5% of the consideration.

No SDRT charge arises on the issue or surrender of shares in ICVCs. However, investors may be subject to a SDRT charge where shares in the Fund are surrendered and the investors receive assets from the Fund (rather than cash) which are not in proportion to each investor's share of the total assets held by the relevant Fund.

(ii) Income

For tax purposes, an ICVC is treated as distributing the whole of the income available for distribution in each of its distribution periods, whether actually distributed or accumulated by a fund. Distributions may be made as interest distributions or dividend distributions as set out below.

The distribution accounts of the Company for any of its distribution periods may show income available for distribution as either (a) an interest distribution or (b) a dividend distribution. The type of distribution that either actually takes or is deemed to take place depends on the source and composition of the income within the relevant Fund.

Where more than 60% of a Fund is invested in "qualifying investments" (broadly speaking interest paying investments, see further below) by the Company in respect of such Fund will make interest distributions. Where this is not the case, distributions made by a Fund will be a dividend distribution.

All shareholders will be sent tax vouchers stating the make-up of their distributions and showing their taxable income.

(a) Interest distributions

UK resident individuals

Interest distributions paid by the Company (save in respect of distributions to certain qualifying shareholders) are treated as yearly interest and, as such, are subject to income tax.

No income tax is required to be deducted at source from interest distributions with the result that shareholders will receive interest distributions gross of any tax.

Basic rate taxpayers are entitled to a personal savings allowance, higher rate taxpayers are entitled to a reduced personal savings allowance and additional rate taxpayers have no personal savings allowance.

Basic rate, higher rate and additional rate taxpayers will pay income tax (in the case of basic rate and higher rate taxpayers, the amount in excess of the applicable personal savings allowance) on any income distributions at the basic rate, the higher rate or the additional rate (as applicable).

UK corporate shareholders

If at any point in an accounting period of a UK corporate shareholder, a Fund fails to satisfy the "qualifying investment" test, shares held by the UK corporate shareholder in respect of such Fund are treated as if they were a holding of rights under a creditor loan relationship of the corporate shareholder, with the result that all returns on the shares in respect of such a corporate's accounting period (including gains, profits and losses) are rights under a creditor loan relationship and will be taxed or relieved as an income receipt or expense on a "fair value accounting" basis. Accordingly, such a corporate shareholder may, depending on its own circumstances, incur a charge to corporation tax on an unrealised increase in the value of its holding of shares (and, likewise, obtain relief against corporation tax for an unrealised reduction in the value of its holding of shares).

A Fund will fail to satisfy the "qualifying investments" test at any time when more than 60% of its assets by market value comprise government and corporate debt securities or cash on deposit or certain derivative contracts or holdings in other collective investment schemes which at any time in the relevant accounting period do not themselves satisfy the "qualifying investments" test, or other interest bearing securities.

Interest distributions paid to corporate shareholders may be paid without deduction of income at source.

(b) Dividend distributions

Dividend distributions paid by a Fund are treated as if they are dividends.

UK resident individuals

UK resident individuals liable to income tax at the basic, higher or additional rate will be taxed at the appropriate dividend rate on the receipt of dividend distributions subject to the availability of allowances and reliefs including the annual dividend allowance.

UK corporate shareholders

UK resident corporate shareholders must split their dividend distributions into franked and unfranked income portions according to the percentage split given on the tax

certificate. The unfranked portion is generally treated as an annual payment received after deduction of income tax at the basic rate, whereas the balance is treated as franked income – i.e. a dividend. Both annual payments and dividends are liable to corporation tax in the hands of UK corporate shareholders although the franked dividend portion should fall within an exemption from corporation tax.

Chargeable gains

UK resident individuals

Shareholders who are resident in the UK may be liable to UK taxation on capital gains arising from the sale or other disposal, including a redemption of shares in a Fund. An exchange of shares in one Fund for shares in any other Fund is treated as a disposal for capital gains tax purposes. Gains will be tax free if after deduction of allowable losses they fall within an individual's annual capital gains exemption.

Gains in excess of the annual exemption amount are taxed at the lower rate of capital gains tax to the extent that together with an individual's taxable income they do not exceed the upper limit of the basic rate income tax band and at the higher rate to the extent that they exceed that limit.

UK corporate shareholders

UK corporate shareholders (whose shares are not treated as creditor loan relationships) will be charged to corporation tax on any gains realised from sale or other disposal, including a redemption of shares in a Fund after the deduction of allowable losses (if any). An exchange of shares in one Fund for shares in any other Fund is treated as a redemption and sale, and will generally be a disposal for corporation tax purposes. Stamp Duty Reserve Tax

Generally, there will be no charge to SDRT when Shareholders surrender or redeem their Shares. However, where the redemption is satisfied by a non-pro rata in specie redemption, then a charge to SDRT may apply. Investors should consult their independent professional adviser for more information if they are in any doubt as to whether this affects them.

The ACD reserves the right to redeem the shares of any shareholder who jeopardises the tax status of the Company.

(A) Income equalisation – tax implications

The price of a share of a particular class is based on the value of that class' entitlement in the relevant Fund, including the income of the relevant Fund since the previous distribution or, in the case of accumulation shares, deemed distribution. In the case of the first distribution received or accumulation made in respect of a share, part of the amount, namely the equalisation payment, is treated as a return of capital and is not taxable as income in the hands of the shareholder. This amount is, however, in the case of income shares, deducted from the cost of the share in computing any capital gains. Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the relevant accounting period. It is calculated as

the average amount of income included in the issue price of all shares of the relevant class issued during the period.

(B) UK information reporting regime

Open-ended investment companies are required to report details of interest distributions paid to UK, and many non-UK investors. Dividend distributions and payments made to ISA investors are not within the scope of these rules but see the paragraphs dealing with “International Tax Compliance” below.

(C) Tax Elected Fund (“TEF”) regime

The ACD may, in the future, seek to elect the Company into the TEF regime if it considers that it would be advantageous for the majority of investors in the Company to do so. If the Company is elected into the TEF regime, the UK tax treatment of the Company and its investors would be different to that set out above.

(D) International Tax Compliance

The Company is required to comply with the International Tax Compliance Regulations. The International Tax Compliance Regulations transpose into UK law rules and obligations derived from international standards and inter-governmental agreements entered into by the UK which are aimed at increasing transparency and reducing tax evasion. The regulations include rules derived from the US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and the OECD Common Reporting Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information (CRS).

To be compliant with the International Tax Compliance Regulations the Company must collect information about each Shareholder’s tax residence and, in certain circumstances, provide information about Shareholders’ Shareholdings to HMRC. HMRC may in turn share this information with overseas tax authorities. Such tasks may be delegated to the Administrator.

Shareholders should note that:

- **they may be asked to provide additional information (including information regarding their tax residence) to the ACD or the Administrator to enable the Company to satisfy these obligations;**
- **the ACD or Administrator may report these details, along with information about a Shareholders’ holding, to HMRC; and**
- **HMRC may subsequently exchange this information with other governments or tax authorities in other jurisdictions.**

If a Shareholder fails to provide the information required by the Company to comply with its obligations to HMRC this may result in the ACD taking appropriate action against the Shareholder, including invoking the compulsory transfer and redemption provisions set out in this Prospectus. The Shareholder may also be liable for any penalties suffered by the ACD. The ACD may deduct the amount of any penalty from the Shareholder’s account.

ACD’S TRADING PROFITS

Investors buy and redeem Shares through the ACD who nets them to reduce the number of Shares issued/cancelled by the Company. When carrying out deals in Shares, the ACD acts as principal but does not profit from this activity.

NON-ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PROFITS

Neither the Company, the ACD, the Depositary, the Investment Manager (or any associate of the same) or the Auditors is liable to account to either each other or to Shareholders for any profits or benefits it makes or receives that are made or derived from or in connection with:

- (a) any transaction in the Scheme Property; or
- (b) the supply of services to the Company.

RISK PROFILE MANAGEMENT

The ACD, in consultation with the relevant Investment Manager, has adopted a risk management process in respect of each Fund enabling it to monitor and measure the risk of each Fund's portfolio and contribution of the underlying investments to the overall risk profile of each Fund.

The ACD operates a liquidity risk management policy with a view to ensuring that shareholders are able to realise their shares in accordance with this Prospectus and the requirements of the FCA Rules. This Prospectus provides information in relation to liquidity risk management, including the redemption rights of investors in normal and exceptional circumstances, and the existing redemption arrangements with investors.

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company is unable to meet its obligations as they fall due. Examples include insufficient cash to meet redemption requests or make margin payments requirements and the risk that a particular derivative position cannot be easily unwound or offset due to insufficient market depth or market disruption or that a Fund's financial obligations arising from the derivative activity (such as margin calls) will not be able to be met. It is controlled for through monitoring of the liquidity of all instruments used, including derivatives, in the context of the investment objectives and liquidity requirements of each scheme or client account. Cash positions are monitored and reported to ensure that each Fund has sufficient capacity to meet obligations arising from any derivative positions.

Stress tests on the portfolio are undertaken on a periodic basis, the frequency is dependent on a number of factors, e.g. portfolio composition and liquidity.

LEVERAGE

Each Fund may invest in instruments which are subject to leverage from time to time. Under the UK AIFM regime, the ACD must:

- a) set a maximum level of leveraging which it may employ on behalf of each Fund; and
- b) where the leverage arrangement allows the right to reuse collateral or the granting of a guarantee, set out the extent of that right or guarantee.

For each Fund, the ACD has set the following limits:

The Northern Lights Fund

| Derivative Type | Limits |
|---|---|
| Allowable on a 'substantial' basis | No |
| Unsecured cash borrowings | Not permitted |
| Secured cash borrowings | Up to 10% of the value of the Scheme Property for liquidity purposes only. ONLY for short-term use. |
| Convertible borrowings | Not permitted |
| Interest rate swaps | Not permitted |
| Contracts for differences | Not permitted |
| Futures contracts | Not permitted |
| Total return swaps | Not permitted |
| Forward agreements | Only as required; No greater than 40% of the net asset value of the portfolio. |
| Options | Only as required; No greater than 30% of the net asset value of the portfolio. |
| Repurchase arrangements | Not permitted |
| Reverse repurchase arrangements | Not permitted |
| Securities lending arrangements | Not permitted |
| Securities borrowing arrangements | Not permitted |
| Credit default swaps | Not permitted |
| MAXIMUM LEVEL OF LEVERAGE USING THE COMMITMENT METHOD** | 200% |
| MAXIMUM LEVEL OF LEVERAGE USING THE GROSS METHOD* | 300% |

The Northern Star Fund

| Derivative Type | Limits |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Allowable on a 'substantial' basis | No |
| Unsecured cash borrowings | Not permitted |
| Secured cash borrowings | Up to 10% of the value of the Scheme Property for liquidity purposes only. ONLY for short-term use. |
| Convertible borrowings | Not permitted |
| Interest rate swaps | Not permitted |

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| Contracts for differences | Not permitted |
| Futures contracts | Not permitted |
| Total return swaps | Not permitted |
| Forward agreements | Only as required; No greater than 40% of the net asset value of the portfolio. |
| Options | Only as required; No greater than 30% of the net asset value of the portfolio. |
| Repurchase arrangements | Not permitted |
| Reverse repurchase arrangements | Not permitted |
| Securities lending arrangements | Not permitted |
| Securities borrowing arrangements | Not permitted |
| Credit default swaps | Not permitted |
| MAXIMUM LEVEL OF LEVERAGE USING THE COMMITMENT METHOD** | 200% |
| MAXIMUM LEVEL OF LEVERAGE USING THE GROSS METHOD* | 300% |

Notes:

*Under the **gross method**, the exposure of each Fund is calculated as follows:

1. the value of any cash and cash equivalents which are highly liquid investments held in the base currency of the Fund that are readily convertible to an amount of cash, subject to an insignificant risk of change in value and which provide a return no greater than the rate of a three month high quality government bond is excluded;
2. derivative instruments are converted (using certain specified conversion methodologies) into the equivalent position in their underlying assets;
3. cash borrowings that remain in cash or cash equivalents and where the amounts payable are known are excluded;
4. exposures resulting from the reinvestment of cash borrowings, expressed as the higher of the market value of the investment realised or the total amount of cash borrowed are included; and
5. positions within repurchase or reverse repurchase transactions and securities lending or borrowing or other similar arrangements are included.

The maximum level of leverage for each Fund expressed as a ratio of a Fund's total exposure to its net asset value current ratio under the gross method is: **3:1**.

Under the **commitment method, the exposure of the Fund is calculated as follows:

1. derivative instruments are converted (using certain specified conversion methodologies) into the equivalent position in their underlying assets;
2. netting and hedging arrangements are applied, subject to specified conditions;
3. the exposure created through the reinvestment of borrowings where such reinvestment increases the exposure of the Fund is calculated;
4. derivative instruments used for currency hedging purposes are excluded.

The maximum level of leverage for a Fund expressed as a ratio of the Fund's total exposure to its net asset value current ratio under the commitment method is: **2:1**.

Use of Leverage

A Fund may use options, forwards and other derivative instruments for both the purpose of meeting the investment objective and hedging against either price or currency fluctuations. The ACD's ability to use these strategies may be limited by market conditions, regulatory limits and tax considerations. Use of these strategies involves certain special risks, including (i) imperfect correlation between movements in the securities or currency on which a futures or options contract is based and movements in the securities or currencies in the relevant Fund; (ii) the absence of a liquid market for any particular instrument at any particular time; and (iii) possible impediments to the ability to meet redemption requests or other short-term obligations because of the percentage of the relevant Fund's assets segregated to cover its obligations. Hedging strategies necessarily add costs to the Fund.

FAIR TREATMENT OF INVESTORS

The ACD ensures fair treatment of investors by its compliance with the applicable rules in COLL and FUND and with the rules contained in the FCA Handbook.

The ACD is required, under the FCA Handbook, to treat its customers fairly, when they become, remain or as they cease to be shareholders. The ACD complies with the rules in the FCA Handbook, and has adopted a series of policies and procedures (including a Conflict of Interest policy) which are designed to achieve this outcome.

The ACD and the relevant Investment Manager may in certain circumstances grant preferential treatment to investors. This may include, for example, access to certain share classes, a waiver or reduction of certain charges, the payment of rebates, or access to individuals within the ACD or an Investment Manager. If such rights are granted, this would typically be to investors who invest significant amounts in the Company. Such investors would not typically be legally or economically linked to the ACD.

Any shareholder may be granted preferential treatment in relation to the terms of its investment in a Fund by the ACD, an Investment Manager and/or any other service provider to the Company.

The ACD and/or the relevant Investment Manager may enter into side letters and/or other arrangements ("Side Arrangements") with shareholders, including those deemed to involve a significant or strategic relationship, that will result in the terms of an investment in the Company

being different to the terms applicable to other shareholders and/or provide the following preferential treatment:

a) **Disclosure / Reporting:**

- (1) notification of (A) certain 'key man' events and/or (B) certain changes to the organisation of the Company and/or (C) the issue of shares on more favourable terms to those described herein (as amended by the relevant side letter and/or other arrangement) and/or (D) certain other changes and/or other events, in each case that affects, or relates to, the Company and/or its service providers (including, but not limited to, an Investment Manager) or the relevant shareholder's investment in a Fund;
- (2) notification if holdings in a Fund by the relevant shareholder exceed specific levels; and/or
- (3) The provision of certain limited information relating to an Investment Manager and/or to a Fund's assets, including in order to allow the relevant shareholder to comply with the laws and regulations to which it is subject.

b) **Investor Liquidity terms:**

- (1) ensure that redemptions of shares are effected in full within a prescribed period of time in the event that redemptions are deferred (i.e. "gated") for any reason; and/or
- (2) permit transferability of shares where there is no change of beneficial ownership.

c) **Fees:**

- (1) rebate some or all of the periodic charge payable in respect of the relevant shareholder's shares.

d) **Side Arrangements:**

- (1) The ACD's Risk Management Policy deals with Side Arrangements.
- (2) The main conflict of interest with Side Arrangements is the potential for one or more investors to be advantaged over other investors by terms within their Side Arrangements. For example, the preferential early exit of one investor may reduce the portfolio liquidity, which might make withdrawals unavailable to other investors. Subsequently, it may be the case that other investors are actually disadvantaged. The ACD will give consideration as to whether the nature and scope of the provisions are consistent with treating all investors fairly.
- (3) Any Side Arrangement which contains 'material terms' will be fully considered before it is put in place. Examples of material terms would include preferential redemption rights, 'key man' provisions, redemption 'gate' waivers and portfolio transparency rights.

RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS

The UK AIFM regime requires the ACD to give details of legal instruments providing for the recognition and enforcement of judgments in England and Wales (which is the territory in which the Fund is established). The laws of England and Wales provide a number of legal mechanisms for the recognition and enforcement of judgments.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The price of shares, and any income from them, can go down as well as up, and shareholders may get back less than they invested. Exchange rates may also cause the value of underlying overseas investments to go down or up. Bonds with lower credit ratings may have a higher risk of defaulting, which may in turn adversely affect the Fund.

The ACD and the Investment Managers may carry out any transaction in which either of them has a material interest or which may involve a conflict with either of their duties to shareholders, but will not knowingly do so unless they are satisfied that each transaction is not precluded by law or the Rules and reasonable steps have been taken to ensure fair treatment of the shareholders at all times.

The main legal implications of the contractual relationship entered into for the purpose of investment in a Fund are as follows:

- a) By investing in a Fund through Electronic Communications, by telephone or by submitting an application form to the Administrator, the investor makes an offer to subscribe for shares which, once it is accepted by the ACD, or the Administrator on its behalf, has the effect of a binding contract to subscribe for shares.
- b) The provisions of the scheme documents made between the ACD and the Depositary by way of which the Company constituted, as the same may be amended from time to time are binding on each of the shareholder (who are taken to have notice of them) as if that shareholder was a party to it with effect on and from the date that any person has become a shareholder.
- c) The scheme documents and the application form are each made under and governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales. The scheme documents and each Fund's application form are each made under, are governed by, and shall be construed, in accordance with the laws of England and Wales. Each Fund, the ACD and shareholders will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales to settle any dispute or claim arising out of, or in connection with, a shareholder's investment in a Fund or any related matter.
- d) The scheme documents may be amended by agreement between the ACD and the Depositary.
- e) Absent a direct contractual relationship between a shareholder and the relevant service provider, shareholders generally have no direct rights against the relevant service provider and there are only limited circumstances in which a shareholder may potentially bring a claim against the relevant service provider. Instead, the proper claimant in an action in respect of which a wrongdoing is alleged to have been committed against the Company by the relevant service provider is, prima facie, the Company itself or the ACD acting on behalf of the Company, as the case may be.

- f) Each Investment Manager may hold or trade in securities and instruments of the same type as the securities and instruments held or traded in by the funds and fund managers; they may also utilise the same or similar strategies as those adopted by the fund managers. Each Investment Manager may therefore trade and compete with fund managers and funds on an arm's length basis. In addition, each Investment Manager may make investments in other funds managed or advised by it.

Data Protection

The personal details of each applicant for shares and each Shareholder will be held by the ACD and/or the Administrator as its agent in accordance with Data Protection Laws for the purposes of carrying out the ACD's agreement with each shareholder. This may include the transfer of such data to other members of the ACD's group and to other businesses providing services to the ACD (including their offices outside the UK), where the transfer is necessary for the provision of services in relation to the ACD's role as operator of the Company. The data protection laws and other laws of these countries may not be as comprehensive as those that apply within the UK. In these instances the ACD will take steps to ensure that your privacy rights are respected.

Shareholders have the right to access their personal data processed by the ACD together with (in certain circumstances) the right to object to the processing of such data for legitimate reasons.

A copy of the ACD's Privacy Notice relating to investors is available at www.tutman.co.uk or on request from compliance@tutman.co.uk.

Electronic Verification

The Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017, The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, the Senior Management Arrangements Systems & Controls Sourcebook and Joint Money Laundering Steering Group guidance notes (which are updated from time to time) state that the ACD must check your identity and the source of the money invested. The ACD may also request verification documents from parties associated with you. In some cases, documentation may be required for officers performing duties on behalf of bodies corporate. The checks may include an electronic search of information held about you (or your associated party) on the electoral roll and using credit reference agencies. The credit reference agency may check the details you (or your associated party) supply against any particulars on any database (public or otherwise) to which they have access and may retain a record of that information although this is only to verify identity and will not affect your (or your associated party's) credit rating. They may also use your (or your associated party's) details in the future to assist other companies for verification purposes. If you apply for Shares you are giving the ACD permission to ask for this information in line with the Data Protection Law. If you invest through a financial adviser they must fill an identity verification certificate on your behalf and send it to the ACD with your application.

Telephone calls

Telephone calls may be recorded for regulatory, training or monitoring purposes.

Recordings will be provided on request for a period of least five years from the date of such recording or, where requested by a competent regulatory authority, to a period of seven years where the ACD can identify the call. If you ask the ACD to send you a recording of a particular call the ACD may ask for further information to help identify the exact call to which your request relates.

Documents

Various documents, including copies of this Prospectus, the Instrument of Incorporation, the ACD Agreement and the most recent annual long reports are kept and may be inspected at and obtained from Exchange Building, St John's Street, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1UP. No charge will be levied for copies of the Instrument of Incorporation supplied in hard copy.

Future Disclosures

The following information will be made available to shareholders as part of the Company's annual report:

- the percentage of each Fund's assets which are subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature;
- the current risk profile of each Fund and the risk management systems employed by the ACD to manage those risks; and
- the total amount of leverage employed by each the Fund, as applicable.

Shareholders will also be provided with information regarding changes to:

- the maximum level of leverage which each Fund, or the ACD on the relevant Fund's behalf, may employ; or
- the rights for re-use of collateral under the Fund's leveraging arrangements; or
- any guarantee granted under the Fund's leveraging arrangements.

This information will be made available to shareholders, without undue delay following the occurrence of that change, usually by way of update to this Prospectus. Where required, such change will be preceded by notification to shareholders.

Complaints

Any complaint about the operation of the Company should be made initially to the ACD. If the ACD does not resolve the complaint satisfactorily, the shareholder may then refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR.

A copy of the complaints handling procedure is available from the ACD on request.

SCHEDULE

ELIGIBLE MARKETSEligible Securities Markets:

An “**approved security**” is a transferable security which is:

- admitted to the official listings in the UK or an EEA State (with the exception of Malta and Cyprus,); or
- traded on or under the rules of an “eligible securities market” (otherwise than by specific permission of the market authority)

A market is an “eligible market” if it is:

- a regulated market (as defined in the FCA Glossary);
- a market in the United Kingdom or an EEA State which is regulated, operates regularly and is open to the public; or
- a market which the ACD, after consultation with, and notification to, the Depositary, determines is appropriate for the purpose of investment of, or dealing in, the property of a Fund. In accordance with the relevant criteria in the COLL sourcebook, such a market must be regulated; operate regularly; be recognised as a market or exchange or as a self-regulating organisation by an overseas regulator; open to the public; be adequately liquid; and have adequate arrangements for unimpeded transmission of income and capital to, or to the order of, investors.

Detailed below are the additional eligible markets on which the Company is currently permitted to deal.

| | | |
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| Australia | - | ASX Group |
| Canada | - | Toronto Stock Exchange TSX Venture Exchange Montreal Exchange |
| Hong Kong | - | Hong Kong Stock Exchange |
| Japan | - | Tokyo Stock Exchange Osaka Securities Exchange Nagoya Stock Exchange Sapporo Securities Exchange Fukuoka Stock Exchange JASDAQ Securities Exchange Tokyo Financial Exchange Inc |
| Korea | - | Korea Composite Stock Price Index |
| Malaysia | - | Bursa Malaysia Securities |
| Mexico | - | Bolsa Mexicana de Valores (BMV) |
| New Zealand | - | New Zealand Stock Exchange (NZX) |
| Philippines | - | Philippines Stock Exchange |
| Poland | - | Warsaw Stock Exchange (WSE) |
| Singapore | - | Singapore Exchange (SGX) |
| Switzerland | - | SIX Swiss Exchange AG Virt-x |
| Thailand | - | Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) |

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|--------------------------|---|---|
| Turkey | - | Istanbul SE (ISE) |
| United Kingdom | - | The “When Issued Trading” Market |
| United States of America | - | NYSE Euronext |
| | - | The NASDAQ Stock Market |
| | - | The OTC Bulletin Board (OTCBB) operated by NASD |
| | - | The Chicago Stock Exchange (CHX) |

ELIGIBLE DERIVATIVES MARKETS

A market is an “eligible market” if it is:

- a regulated market (as defined in the FCA Glossary);
- a market in the United Kingdom or an EEA State which is regulated, operates regularly and is open to the public; or
- a market which the ACD, after consultation with, and notification to, the Depositary, determines is appropriate for the purpose of investment of, or dealing in, the property of a Fund. In accordance with the relevant criteria in the COLL sourcebook, such a market must be regulated; operate regularly; be recognised as a market or exchange or as a self-regulating organisation by an overseas regulator; open to the public; be adequately liquid; and have adequate arrangements for unimpeded transmission of income and capital to, or to the order of, investors.

Detailed below are the additional eligible markets on which the Company is currently permitted to deal.

- ASX Group
- CME Group Inc
- Hong Kong Stock Exchange
- New Zealand Futures and Options Exchange
- Osaka Securities Exchange
- NYSE Arca Equities
- Singapore Exchange (SGX)
- Tokyo Stock Exchange

APPENDIX I

VALUATION AND PRICING

- 1 Each Fund will be valued on a daily basis at the valuation point for the purpose of determining the price at which shares in each Fund may be purchased or redeemed.
- 2 There will only be a single price for any share as determined from time to time by reference to a particular valuation point.
- 3 The shares of each Fund will be priced in pounds sterling.
- 4 Each Fund will be valued on a net asset value basis to determine the price of the shares ('NAV price'). Except in circumstances where the application of a dilution levy applies shares will be redeemed at the NAV price and purchased at a price that includes a preliminary charge at the rate applying to the relevant Fund (see "ACD's Charges" and Appendix III).
- 5 Out of the preliminary charge, the ACD may pay commission to qualifying intermediaries, including an Investment Manager and its associates.
- 6 The net asset value of the property of each Fund shall be the value of its assets less the value of its liabilities determined in accordance with the following provisions which are set out in the Instrument of Incorporation.
- 7 All property of each Fund (including receivables) is to be included when valuing a Fund , subject to the following provisions:
 - 7.1 property which is not cash (or other assets dealt with in paragraphs 7.2 and 7.3 below) shall be valued as follows and the prices used shall (subject as follows) be the most recent prices which it is practicable to obtain:
 - (a) units or shares in a collective investment scheme:
 - (b) if a single price for buying and selling units or shares is quoted, at that price; or
 - (c) if separate buying and selling prices are quoted, at the average of the two prices provided the buying price has been reduced by a preliminary charge included therein and the selling price has been increased by an exit or redemption charge attributable thereto; or
 - (d) if, in the opinion of the ACD, the price obtained is unreliable or no recent traded price is available or if no recent price exists, at a value which, in the opinion of the ACD, is fair and reasonable;
 - 7.2 exchange-traded derivative contracts:
 - (a) If a single price for buying and selling the exchange-traded derivative contract is quoted, at that price; or
 - (b) If separate buying and selling prices are quoted, at the average of the two prices;

- 7.3 over-the-counter derivative contracts shall be valued in accordance with the method of valuation as shall have been agreed between the ACD and the Depositary;
- 7.4 any other investment:
- (a) if a single price for buying and selling the security is quoted, at that price; or
 - (b) if separate buying and selling prices are quoted, at the average of the two prices; or
 - (c) if, in the opinion of the ACD, the price obtained is unreliable or no recent traded price is available or if the most recent price does not reflect the ACD's best estimate of the value, at a value which, in the opinion of the ACD, is fair and reasonable; and
- 7.5 property other than that described above shall be valued at an amount which, in the opinion of the ACD, represents a fair and reasonable mid-market price;
- 7.6 cash and amounts held in current and deposit accounts and in other time-related deposits shall be valued at their nominal values;
- 7.7 in determining the value of the Scheme Property of each Fund, all instructions given to issue or cancel shares shall be assumed (unless the contrary is shown) to have been carried out (and any cash paid or received) and all consequential action required by the Rules or the Instrument of Incorporation shall be assumed (unless the contrary has been shown) to have been taken;
- 7.8 subject to paragraphs 7.9 and 7.10 below, agreements for the unconditional sale or purchase of property which are in existence but uncompleted shall be assumed to have been completed and all consequential action required to have been taken. Such unconditional agreements need not be taken into account if made shortly before the valuation takes place and, in the opinion of the ACD, their omission will not materially affect the final net asset amount;
- 7.9 futures or contracts for differences which are not yet due to be performed and unexpired and unexercised written or purchased options shall not be included under paragraph 7.8;
- 7.10 all agreements are to be included under paragraph 7.8 which are, or ought reasonably to have been, known to the person valuing the property assuming that all other persons in the ACD's employment take all reasonable steps to inform it immediately of the making of any agreement;
- 7.11 deduct an estimated amount for anticipated tax liabilities (on unrealised capital gains where the liabilities have accrued and are payable out of the property of the Funds; on realised capital gains in respect of previously completed and current accounting periods; and on income where liabilities have accrued) time including (as applicable and without limitation) capital gains tax, income tax, corporation tax and advance corporation tax, value added tax, stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax;
- 7.12 deduct an estimated amount for any liabilities payable out of the Scheme Property of each Fund and any tax thereon treating periodic items as accruing from day to day.

- 7.13 deduct the principal amount of any outstanding borrowings whenever payable and any accrued but unpaid interest on borrowings;
- 7.14 add an estimated amount for accrued claims for tax of whatever nature which may be recoverable;
- 7.15 add any other credits or amounts due to be paid into the Scheme Property of each Fund;
- 7.16 add a sum representing any interest or any income accrued due or deemed to have accrued but not received and any stamp duty reserve tax provision anticipated to be received; and
- 7.17 currencies or values in currencies other than base currency (as the case may be) the designated currency of the relevant Fund shall be converted at the relevant valuation point at a rate of exchange that is not likely to result in any material prejudice to the interests of shareholders or potential shareholders.

APPENDIX II

OTHER REGULATED COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES MANAGED BY THE ACD

Authorised Investment Companies with Variable Capital

Abaco Fund ICVC
Arch House Fund
Ariel Fund
Bryth ICVC
CP Investment Funds
Destiny Fund ICVC
Harroway Capital ICVC
Hawarwatza Fund
Libero Portfolio Fund
Lime Grove Fund
Meadowgate Funds
Scarp Fund
Skiwi Fund
The Ambrose Fund
The Astral Fund
The Capital Link Growth Fund
The Contact Fund
The Diversification Fund ICVC
The Dunnottar Fund
The Global Balanced Strategy Fund
The Global Multi Asset Fund
The Gulland Fund
The Hector Fund
The Juniper Fund
The Lockerley Fund
The Mazener Fund
The Motim Fund
The Oenoke Fund
The Ord Fund ICVC
The Overstone Fund
The Penare Fund
The Saint Martins Fund
The Staderas Fund
The Stratford Fund
The Sun Portfolio Fund
The TBL Fund
The TM Lancewood Fund
The TM Mitcham Fund
The Vinings Fund
The Wharton Fund
Thesis JDS Fund
TM Acer Fund
TM Balanced Growth Fund
TM Brown Advisory Funds
TM Brunsdon OEIC
TM Cerno Investment Funds
TM Cresswell Fund
TM CRUX Funds ICVC
TM CRUX OEIC
TM First Arrow Investment Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

BPM Trust
Eden Investment Fund
Elfynn International Trust
Glenhuntingley Portfolio Trust
Hawthorn Portfolio Trust
KES Diversified Trust
KES Equity Fund
KES Growth Fund
KES Income and Growth Fund
KES Strategic Investment Fund
Latour Growth Fund
Lavaud Fund
Mossylea Fund
Pippin Return Fund
The Darin Fund
The Delta Growth Fund
The Deribee Funds
The Eldon Fund
The Hall Fund
The HoundStar Fund
The Iceberg Trust
The Maiden Fund
The Norfolk Trust
The Notts Trust
The Palfrey Fund
The TM Stockwell Fund
The White Hill Fund
Thesis Headway Fund
Thesis Lion Growth Fund
Thesis PM A Fund
Thesis PM B Fund
Thesis Thameside Managed Fund
The TUTMAN B&CE Contracted-out Pension Scheme
TM Balanced Fund
TM Chainpoint Fund
TM Growth Fund
TM Hearthstone UK Residential Feeder Fund
TM Managed Fund
TM Masonic Charitable Foundation Investment Fund
TM New Court Fund
TM New Court Equity Growth Fund
TM New Institutional World Fund
TM Preservation Fund
TM Private Portfolio Trust
TM Stonehage Fleming Global Equities Fund
TM Stonehage Fleming Global Equities Fund II
TM Stonehage Fleming Global Equities Umbrella Fund

Authorised Investment Companies with Variable Capital

TM Hearthstone ICVC
TM Investment Exposures Fund
TM Investment Funds
TM Lime Fund
TM Neuberger Berman Investment Funds
TM Oak Fund
TM Optimal Funds
TM P1 Investment Funds
TM Redwheel Funds
TM Ruffer Portfolio
TM Stonehage Fleming Global Multi-Asset Umbrella Fund
TM Stonehage Fleming Investments Funds
TM Tellworth Investments Funds
TM Total Return Fund
TM UBS (UK) Fund
TM Veritas Investment ICVC
Trowbridge Investment Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

APPENDIX III

THE FUNDS

The Northern Lights Fund

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Type of sub-fund | Non-UCITS Retail Scheme |
| Investment Objective | To achieve a mixture of income and capital growth over a period of 5 years, net of fees. |
| Investment Policy | <p>Global exposure will be sought by investing in equities (between 35% and 85%) and fixed interest securities (between 10% and 60%) to be held directly or indirectly through collective investment schemes. The Fund can also invest in money market instruments, deposits and units in other collective investment schemes including regulated funds with hedge fund strategies. The Fund can also indirectly invest in venture capital, commodities, infrastructure and property, in accordance with the Fund's investment and borrowing powers in order to achieve the Fund's objective. Collective investment schemes may be managed by either the Manager or the Investment Managers. The Fund may at times hold high levels of cash or specific investment types due to market movements, as a short term measure in times of market stress. The Investment Managers may also make use of some derivative/option facilities where considered prudent for efficient portfolio management.</p> |
| Performance Comparator | <p>The Fund uses the ARC Balanced Asset Private Client Index as a benchmark for performance comparison purposes. The benchmark is not a target benchmark and the Fund is not constrained by it.</p> <p>The benchmark has been selected because its constituents are representative of the investments the Fund will make and it is therefore an appropriate comparator.</p> <p>The ACD reserves the right to change the benchmark following consultation with the Depositary and in accordance with the rules of COLL. A change could arise, for example, where the ACD determines that an alternative may be more appropriate. Shareholders will be notified of such a change through an update to the Prospectus and the change noted in the subsequent annual and half yearly reports.</p> |
| Investor Profile | The Fund is marketable to all retail investors; however, it is considered that it may be appropriate for investors who seek a mixture of income and capital growth for up to five years. |
| Name of Share(s) | Class A Sterling Income Class AX Sterling Income Class AY Sterling Income Class B Sterling Income |

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| | Class BX Sterling Income |
| | Class BY Sterling Income |
| Investment Manager(s) | Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited Troy Asset Management Limited |
| Charges taken from income/capital | 75% from capital and 25% from income (except those charges and expenses relating directly to the purchase and sale of investments) It should be noted that, where fees are charged to capital, this policy may result in capital erosion or constrain capital growth. |
| Final accounting date* | 31 March |
| Interim accounting date | 30 September |
| Income distribution dates | 31 May (Final), 31 August, 30 November (Interim), last day in February |

*The first final accounting date will be 31 March 2020.

| Share class available | Class A Sterling Income Class AX Sterling Income Class AY Sterling Income | Class B Sterling Income Class BX Sterling Income Class BY Sterling Income |
|---|---|---|
| Preliminary Charge** | 5% | 5% |
| Switching Charge** | Nil | Nil |
| Exit Charge ** | Nil | Nil |
| ACD's Annual Charge (out of which the Investment Managers' and Investment Consultant's annual fees will be paid.) | Up to 0.9% (currently 0.75%) per annum of the net asset value of the Fund | Up to 0.9% (currently 0.75%) per annum of the net asset value of the Fund |
| Minimum Investment** | £100,000 | £100,000 |
| Minimum Redemption** | £50,000 | £50,000 |
| Minimum Holding** | £100,000 | £100,000 |
| Minimum further investment | £50,000 | £50,000 |
| Performance fee | No | No |

** The ACD may waive these charges and minima at its discretion.

The Northern Star Fund

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Type of sub-fund | Non-UCITS Retail Scheme |
| Investment Objective | To achieve capital growth and generate income over a period of five years or more. The emphasis is on capital growth over income generation, net of fees. |
| Investment Policy | Global exposure will be sought by investing in equities (at least 50%) and fixed interest securities (between 5% and 40%). It is expected that investment in equities and fixed interest securities will be made indirectly through collective investment schemes, although the fund may also invest directly. Any exposure to unlisted securities will be up to a maximum of 10%. The Fund can also invest in money market instruments, deposits and units in other collective investment schemes including regulated scheme with hedge fund strategies. The Fund can also invest indirectly in venture capital, commodities, infrastructure and property, in accordance with the Fund's investment and borrowing powers in order to achieve the Fund's objective. The Fund may at times hold high levels of cash or specific investment types due to market movements, as a short term measure in times of market stress. The Investment Manager may also make use of some derivative/option facilities where considered prudent for efficient portfolio management. |
| Performance Comparator | <p>The Fund uses the ARC Steady Growth Private Client Index as a benchmark for performance comparison purposes. The benchmark is not a target benchmark and the Fund is not constrained by it.</p> <p>The benchmark has been selected because it is an aggregation of a large number of Sterling based multi-asset mandates in the industry with a similar level of volatility.</p> <p>The ACD reserves the right to change the benchmark following consultation with the Depositary and in accordance with the rules of COLL. A change could arise, for example, where the ACD determines that an alternative may be more appropriate. Shareholders will be notified of such a change through an update to the Prospectus and the change noted in the subsequent annual and half yearly reports.</p> |
| Investor Profile | The Fund is marketable to all retail investors; however, it is considered that it may be appropriate for investors who seek to achieve capital growth with an element of income generation over five years or more. |
| Name of Share(s) | Class A Sterling Income Class B Sterling Income |
| Investment Manager | Stonehage Fleming Investment Management Limited |
| Charges taken from income/capital | 75% from capital and 25% from income (except those charges and expenses relating directly to the purchase and sale of investments) It should be noted that, where fees are charged to capital, this policy may result in capital erosion or constrain capital growth. |
| Final accounting date | 31 March* |

Interim accounting date 30 September

Income distribution dates 31 May (Final), 31 August, 30 November (Interim), last day in February

*The first final accounting date will be 31 March 2022.

| | Class A Sterling Income | Class B Sterling Income |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| Preliminary Charge** | 5% | 5% |
| Switching Charge** | Nil | Nil |
| Exit Charge ** | Nil | Nil |
| ACD's Annual Charge | 0.71% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund | 0.71% per annum of the net asset value of the Fund |
| | Class A Sterling Income | Class B Sterling Income |
| Minimum Investment** | £100,000 | £100,000 |
| Minimum Redemption** | Nil | Nil |
| Minimum Holding** | £100,000 | £100,000 |
| Minimum further investment** | Nil | Nil |
| Performance fee | No | No |
| Eligible to hold in ISAs | Yes | Yes |

**The ACD may waive these charges and minima at its discretion.

APPENDIX IV

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE DATA

The below performance table shows the total annual return and the comparisons are representative of the **income shares** for The Northern Lights Fund. Performance information is over a five year period and shows the total annual return over a 12 month period up to 31 December in each year listed.

This performance information is net of subscription and redemption fees but does not include the effect of any preliminary charge that may be paid on the purchase of an investment.

| Fund | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) |
| The Northern Lights Fund – 'A' income shares | 6.53 | -6.47 | 14.27 | -1.80 | 11.26 |
| The Northern Lights Fund – 'B' income shares | 6.52 | -6.54 | 14.34 | -1.79 | 11.25 |

Source: these performance figures have been derived from information extracted through MorningStar.

Historical performance data for the Northern Star Fund is currently not available as the Fund has not yet launched.

These performance figures are presented as a matter of record and should be regarded as such. Performance is determined by many factors including the general direction and volatility of markets and may not be repeatable.

Investors should note that these figures refer to the past and past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results, growth or rates of return.