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## INTRODUCTION

GLOBAL FUND SELECTION SICAV (the "**Fund**") has been incorporated under Part II of the Luxembourg law of 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investments. The Fund has been registered on the list of Luxembourg investment funds, however, this registration does not require any Luxembourg authority to approve or disapprove either the adequacy or accuracy of the Prospectus or the portfolio of securities held by the Fund. Any indication to the contrary is unauthorised and unlawful.

**The issue of this Prospectus ("Prospectus") and the offering of Shares in the Fund may be restricted in certain jurisdictions. Anyone who receives this Prospectus should inquire about any such restrictions and comply with them. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer or solicitation in a jurisdiction where to do so is unlawful or where the person making the offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or where a person receiving the offer or solicitation may not lawfully do so. It is the responsibility of any person in possession of this Prospectus and of any person wishing to apply for Shares to inform oneself of and to observe all applicable laws and regulations of the countries of his nationality, residence, ordinary residence or domicile.**

Any information or communication from distributors, sellers or other persons not listed in the Prospectus is to be regarded as unauthorised and therefore irrelevant.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Shares in the Fund are offered on the basis of the information and data contained in the Prospectus or the documents to which the Prospectus relates, including the latest annual report and, if applicable, any subsequent semi-annual report and other information or data in this context are not permitted. If in doubt about the content of the Prospectus, please consult a broker, a bank clerk, solicitor, accountant or other professional investment adviser.**

This Prospectus is based on information, law and practice currently in force in Luxembourg (which may be subject to change) at the date hereof. The Fund cannot be bound by an out of date Prospectus when it has issued a new Prospectus, and investors should check with the Administrative Agent that this is the most recently published Prospectus.

The investors' attention is drawn to the fact that any investor will only be able to fully exercise his/her/its investor rights directly against the Fund, notably the right to participate in general meetings of the Shareholders, if the investor is registered himself and in his/her/its own name in the Shareholders' register of the Fund. In cases where an investor invests in the Fund through an intermediary investing into the Fund in his/her/its own name but on behalf of the investor, it may not always be possible for the investor to exercise certain Shareholder rights directly against the Fund. Investors are advised to take advice on their rights.

The provisions of the Fund's articles of incorporation are binding on each of its Shareholders (who are taken to have notice of them).

The value of the Shares may fall as well as rise and a Shareholder on transfer or redemption of Shares may not get back the amount he/she/it initially invested. Income from the Shares may

fluctuate in money terms and changes in rates of exchange may cause the value of Shares to go up or down. The levels and basis of, and reliefs from taxation may change. There can be no assurance that the investment objectives of any Sub-Fund will be achieved.

**Investors should read and consider the section entitled "Risk Factors" before investing in the Fund.**

In Luxembourg, there is the possibility of launching a Fast Track process (cf. Association of the Luxembourg Fund Industry website), which allows the creation of side pockets for not only short-term illiquid investments of a fund under certain, very limited circumstances.

The Board reserves the right in exceptional cases to apply for this Fast Track process for such investments, in order to safeguard the investors' interests.

In this Prospectus, EURO stands for the common currency of the EU Member States participating in the European Economic Union.

**Restrictions**

The Articles give powers to the Board to impose such restrictions as it may think necessary for the purpose of ensuring that no Shares in the Fund are acquired or held by any person in breach of the law or the requirements of any country or governmental authority or by any person in circumstances which in the sole opinion of the directors might result in the Fund incurring any liability or taxation or suffering any other disadvantage which the Fund may not otherwise have incurred or suffered (such persons being referred to as the "**Prohibited Persons**"). The Board may prohibit the acquisition by, the transfer to, or compulsorily redeem all Shares held by any such persons.

**United States:** The Shares have not been registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 (the "**1933 Act**"), and the Fund has not been registered under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "**1940 Act**"). The Shares may not be offered, sold, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States, its territories or possessions or to US Persons (as defined hereafter) except to certain qualified U.S. institutions in reliance on certain exemptions from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1940 Act and with the consent of the Fund. Neither the Shares nor any interest therein may be beneficially owned by any other US Person. The Articles of Incorporation allow the Fund to restrict the sale and transfer of Shares to US Persons and the Fund may compulsorily redeem Shares held by a US Person or refuse to register any transfer to a US Person as it deems appropriate to ensure compliance with the 1933 Act and the 1940 Act or any other applicable United States legislation defining/expanding the scope of the definition of US Person (including but not limited to FATCA).

The term "US Person" shall have the same meaning as in (i) Regulation S of the 1933 Act, as amended; (ii) as defined in CFTC rule 4.7 and/or (iii) as defined in any other applicable law, regulation or rule (including but not limited to FATCA). The Board may further define the term "US Person".

Investors are informed that personal data (i.e. any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person) (the "**Personal Data**") provided in connection with an investment in the Fund (the "**Data Controller**") will be processed by the Fund and the Management Company, the Central Administration Agent, the Registrar & Transfer Agent, the Depositary Bank, the Paying Agent or the approved statutory auditor, and their affiliates and agents including the Global Distributor and Distributors, if any (together the "**Entities**") in accordance with data protection law applicable in Luxembourg (including, but not limited to (i) the amended Law of 2 August 2002 on the protection of persons with regard to the processing of Personal Data (ii) Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of Personal Data and on the free movement of such data (the "**General Data Protection Regulation**"), as well as (iii) any law or regulation relating to the protection of Personal Data applicable to them) (together the "**Data Protection Laws**").

The Entities may act as data processors on behalf of the Data Controller or as controllers in pursuing their own purposes of (i) offering and managing investments and performing the related services (ii) developing and processing the business relationship with the Processors, and (iii) if applicable direct or indirect marketing activities. The Entities shall declare that, in the event of any sub-processing of such processing they will oblige their sub-contractor (the "**Authorised Third Party**") to respect the same level of protection of Personal Data.

Such arrangements will not relieve the Entities of their obligations of protection, notably in the event of the transfer of personal data outside the European Economic Area ("**EEA**").

Subscribers may refuse to communicate their Personal Data to the Data Controller and the Entities and consequently prevent it from using such data. However, this might result in the impossibility for these persons to become Investors of the Fund. Failure to provide relevant Personal Data requested in the course of their relationship with the Fund may prevent an Investor from exercising its rights in relation to its Units and maintaining its holdings in the Fund. This failure may also need to be reported by the Fund, the Management Company and/or the Administrator to the relevant Luxembourg authorities to the extent permitted and/or required by applicable law.

## **1. Personal data collected**

Personal data processed but is not limited to, the name, signature, address, transaction history of each Investor, e-mail address, bank and financial data, data concerning personal characteristics and data concerning source of wealth, or record of any telephone conversation (including for record keeping).

## **2. Purpose of processing your personal data.**

In most cases, Personal Data provided by Investors are processed notably in order to:

- (i) update the Fund's register of Investors,
- (ii) process subscriptions, redemptions, and conversions of Units as well as the payment of dividends to Investors,
- (iii) ensure controls in terms of late trading and market timing operations, and record keeping as proof of a transaction or related communication

- (iv) comply with the applicable rules regarding the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing.
- (v) meet the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the Fund for direct marketing purposes relating to the Fund's products and services, to conduct surveys (including developing commercial offers)

**3. Based on specific lawful ground, your personal data may be processed in these ways for the following reasons**

The Data Controller and the Entities collect, store, process, and use, electronically or by other means, the Personal Data provided by Investors in order to fulfil their respective legal obligations. In this respect, in application of the legal obligations including the ones under applicable company law, anti-money laundering legislation, FATCA regulations as well as legislation for the purpose of application of the standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information developed by OECD, the information on the subscribers identified as subject to reporting as defined by these laws will be included in an annual declaration to the Luxembourg tax authorities. If applicable, they will be informed thereof by the Administrator at the very least before the declaration is sent and in sufficient time to exercise their data protection rights (within 1 month or extended period of two other months if necessary).

Record keeping as proof of a transaction or related communication in the event of a disagreement and to enforce or defend the Controller's and Entities' interests or rights in compliance with any legal obligation to which they are subject. Such recordings may be produced in court or other legal proceedings and permitted as evidence with the same value as a written document and will be retained for a period of 5 years starting from the date of the recording. The absence of recordings may not in any way be used against the Controller and Entities).

Investors acknowledge and accept that the Fund, the Management Company and/or the Administrator will report any relevant information in relation to their investments in the Fund to the Luxembourg tax authorities (*Administration des Contributions Directes*) which will exchange this information on an automatic basis with the competent authorities in the United States of America or other permitted jurisdictions as agreed in the FATCA Law, the CRS Law or similar laws and regulations in Luxembourg or at EU level.

The Data Controller and the Entities may use the Personal Data to regularly inform Investors about other products and services that the Data Controller and the Entities believe to be of interest to the Investors, unless the Investors have indicated to the Data Controller and the Entities in writing that they do not wish to receive such information.

The Data Controller and the Entities may also transfer the Personal Data of Investors to entities located outside the European Union that may not have developed a suitable level of data protection legislation. Where personal data is transferred outside the EEA, the Data Controller will ensure that the transfer is subject to appropriate safeguards or is otherwise permitted under applicable law. For example, the country to which the personal data is transferred may be approved by the European Commission, the recipient may have agreed to model contractual clauses approved by the European Commission that oblige them to protect the personal data.

#### **4. Based on specific lawful ground, the Fund is entitled to process your personal data in these ways for the following reasons**

Upon written request, the Data Controller shall also allow Investors to access to their Personal Data provided to the Fund.

The Investor has the right to:

- access his/her Personal Data;
- correct his/her Personal Data where it is inaccurate or incomplete or object to the processing of his/her Personal Data;
- ask for erasure of his/her Personal Data;
- ask for Personal Data portability under certain conditions.

Insofar as Personal Data is not provided by the data subject him/herself, his/her representatives and/or authorized signatories confirm having informed and, where applicable, secured his/her consent to the transmission to and processing by the various parties referred to above (including in countries outside the European Union) of such Personal Data.

The Fund will accept no liability with respect to any unauthorised third party receiving knowledge of and/or having access to the Investors' Personal Data, except in the event of gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Fund.

Attention of Investors is drawn to the fact that information relating to the processing of Personal Data (the "**Personal Data Protection Policy**") is subject to update and/or modification.

#### **5. Contact information & exercise of rights**

The investor may exercise these rights by writing to Mr. Markus Lackner, Member of the Board, 11, Rue Aldringen, L-1118 Luxembourg.

In addition, the investor has a right to file a complaint with the Luxembourg data protection authority, the "*Commission nationale pour la protection des données*" (CNPD), if the investor has concerns about the processing of his or her personal data.

Below are the contact details of the "*Commission nationale pour la protection des données*":

Address: 1, avenue du Rock'n'Roll, L-4361 Esch-sur-Alzette

Telephone: (+352) 26 10 60 -1

Fax. : (+352) 26 10 60 - 29

Website: <https://cnpd.public.lu/en.html>

Web-form: <https://cnpd.public.lu/en/droits/faire-valoir/formulaire-plainte.html>

Additional information on data protection is available upon request.

The Fund will retain the Investor's personal data only for as long as necessary for the relevant processing activity and/or for as long as is necessary to comply with all relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

## **Solvency II**

The Fund may, upon request and within a delay which shall not be less than 48 hours after the latest publication of the Net Asset Value, communicate the composition of the portfolio of the Fund to professional investors who are subject to the obligations deriving from Directive 2009/138/CE (Solvency II).

The information so transmitted shall be considered as strictly confidential and shall be used only for the purpose of calculating prudential requirements in connection with such Directive. They may under no circumstances entail prohibited practices such as “market timing” or “late trading” from Shareholders having been provided with such information.

## **Official language**

The official version of this Prospectus and of the Articles is in English. However, the Board may translate these documents into other languages as may be required in certain jurisdiction where Shares are distributed. Unless contrary to local law in the concerned jurisdiction, in the event of any discrepancy between the English text and its translation in another language or ambiguity in relation to the meaning of any word or sentence in any translation, the English version shall prevail.



## DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

### 1. Definitions

The following definitions shall apply throughout this Placement Memorandum unless the context otherwise requires:

<b>AIFM Law</b>	The Luxembourg law of 12 July 2013 relating to alternative investment fund managers, as amended from time to time
<b>Articles</b>	The articles of incorporation of the Fund
<b>Board</b>	The board of directors of the Fund
<b>Business Day</b>	A full day on which banks are open for business in Luxembourg
<b>Class of Shares</b>	Any class of Shares issued by any Sub-Fund of the Fund
<b>Company Law</b>	The Luxembourg law of 10 August 1915 on commercial companies, as amended from time to time
<b>CSSF</b>	The <i>Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier</i> , the Luxembourg Supervisory Commission of the Financial Sector
<b>Directors</b>	The members of the board of directors of the Fund and any successors as may be appointed from time to time
<b>EU</b>	The European Union
<b>Euro or EUR</b>	The lawful currency of the European Union
<b>FATCA</b>	The US Foreign Tax Compliance Act.
<b>Financial Year</b>	The period of the Fund beginning on 1 January and ending on 31 December of each year
<b>Initial Offering Period</b>	First period during which investors will be offered to subscribe for Shares of a particular Sub-Fund
<b>Institutional Investor</b>	Investor which qualifies as an institutional investor within the meaning of the UCI Law

<b>Investment Advisor</b>	Any entity or person appointed from time to time by the Board (or, as applicable, the Investment Manager with the approval of the Board) to provide investment advisory services to a Sub-Fund as disclosed in the relevant Supplement
<b>Investment Manager</b>	Any entity or person appointed from time to time by the Board to manage a Sub-Fund as disclosed in the relevant Supplement
<b>Luxembourg</b>	The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
<b>Mémorial</b>	The <i>Mémorial C, Recueil des Sociétés et Associations</i> , the official journal of Luxembourg
<b>Net Asset Value or NAV</b>	The net asset value of the Fund, each Class and each Share as determined pursuant to the section “Determination of the Net Asset Value”
<b>Prospectus</b>	This prospectus and its supplements, as amended from time to time
<b>RCS</b>	The Register of Commerce and Companies of Luxembourg, <i>Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés, Luxembourg</i>
<b>Reference Currency</b>	EUR or any other currency in which a Sub-Fund may be denominated, as specified in the relevant Supplement
<b>RESA</b>	The Luxembourg <i>Registre Electronique des Sociétés et Associations</i> (electronic register of companies and associations), having replaced the <i>Mémorial</i> since 1 June 2016
<b>Share(s)</b>	Shares issued in any Sub-Funds and/or Classes pursuant to this Prospectus
<b>Shareholder</b>	A holder of Share(s) in the Fund
<b>Sub-Fund or Sub-Funds</b>	Any sub-fund of the Fund established by the Board in accordance with this Prospectus and the Articles
<b>Supplement</b>	A supplement forming an integral part of this Prospectus and detailing the terms and features of each Sub-Fund

<b>UCI</b>	An undertaking for collective investment within the meaning of the UCI Law
<b>UCI Law</b>	The Luxembourg law dated 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment, as amended from time to time
<b>UCITS Directive</b>	Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) as amended by Directive 2014/91/EU of 23 July 2014 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to UCITS as regards depositary functions, remuneration policies and sanctions
<b>USD</b>	The lawful currency of the United States of America
<b>US Person</b>	means any resident or person with the nationality of the United States of America or one of their territories or possessions or regions under their jurisdiction, or any other company, association or entity incorporated under or governed by the laws of the United States of America or any person falling within the definition of “US Person” under such laws
<b>Valuation Day</b>	Any Business Day which is designated by the Board as being a day by reference to which the assets of the relevant Sub-Funds shall be valued in accordance with the Articles, as further disclosed in the relevant Supplement

## ADMINISTRATION

### Board of Directors

#### Board members

Chairman HARALD WANKE  
Chairman of the Board  
Sparkasse Schwaz AG, Schwaz

MARKUS LARCH-VALERUZ  
Head of Private Banking  
Sparkasse Kufstein, Kufstein

MARKUS LACKNER  
Head of Asset Liability Management  
Sparkasse Schwaz AG, Schwaz

ANDRÉ SCHMIT  
Independent  
28, Rue Lehberg  
L-9124 Schieren

Promoter: Sparkasse SCHWAZ AG, Schwaz

Registered office: 11, Rue Aldringen  
L-1118 Luxembourg

Investment manager: Sparkasse SCHWAZ AG, Schwaz

Depositary bank: KBL EUROPEAN PRIVATE BANKERS S.A.  
L-2955 Luxembourg, 43, Bd. Royal

Administrative agent,  
domiciliary, registrar and  
transfer agent: Kredietrust Luxembourg S.A.  
L-2960 Luxembourg, 11, Rue Aldringen

Auditor: Deloitte S.A.  
L - 2220 Luxembourg, 560, rue de Neudorf

## THE FUND

The Fund is an investment fund that was incorporated under Luxembourg law as a corporation in the form of an investment company with variable capital (*société d'investissement à capital variable, SICAV*). The Articles were published in the Mémorial on 31 July 1998.

The Fund was incorporated on 6 July 1998, for an unlimited duration.

The Fund's capital corresponds at all times to the aggregate net assets of all of the Fund's Sub-Funds. In accordance with the Fund's Articles, the Fund's Board may issue Shares in each Sub-Fund. Each Sub-Fund is comprised of separate collective assets that are invested in accordance with the relevant investment objectives for the underlying sub-fund.

The minimum capital of the Fund, which must be reached within 6 months of the approval of the Fund as an undertaking for collective investment under Luxembourg law is EUR 1,250,000.00.

The Fund is registered with the Luxembourg RCS under the number B 65 035. Copies of the Articles are available at the company's registered office in Luxembourg. The consolidated version of the Articles currently in force is on file with the RCS Luxembourg and published with the RESA.

### **AIFM status of the Fund**

The Board assessed that the Fund qualifies as an internally managed Alternative Investment Fund within the meaning of the AIFM Law and falls under the exemption provided by Article 3(2) (a) of the AIFM Law at the date of the present Prospectus.

As a consequence, the Board registered the Fund with the CSSF as an Alternative Investment Fund Manager pursuant to the AIFM Law, and is committed to comply with the on-going reporting requirements from the AIFM Law.

The Board is authorized to proceed with the mandatory amendments of its regulatory status in the event of any change of AIFM status after the date of the present Issuing Document. In that case, the Board will inform investors of modifications to the AIFM status of the Fund.

### **Umbrella Structure**

The Fund was established as an "umbrella fund", which allows investors to choose between one or more investment objectives by investing in one or more sub-funds within the same entity, as detailed in the relevant Supplement(s). Therefore it is recommended that potential applicants inform themselves about the publication of any subsequent Prospectus.

As at the date of this Prospectus, the following Sub-Funds are offered:

- GLOBAL FUND SELECTION SICAV - GROWTH SUB-FUND; and
- GLOBAL FUND SELECTION SICAV – ALPENBOND SUB-FUND.

All Sub-Funds may offer more than one Class of Shares. Each Class of Shares within a Sub-Fund may have different features or be offered to different types of investors to comply with various country legislation and will participate solely in the assets of that Sub-Fund.

Shares of the different Classes of Shares, if any, within the different Sub-Funds will be issued at prices computed on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share within the relevant Sub-Fund, as defined in the Articles.

The Fund is one single legal entity. However with regard to third parties, in particular towards the Fund's creditors, each Sub-Fund shall be exclusively responsible for all liabilities attributable to it. The debts, engagements and obligations which are not attributable to one Sub-Fund have to be considered for all Sub-Funds on a pro-rata basis. The Fund shall maintain for each Sub-Fund a separate portfolio of assets. As between Shareholders, each portfolio of assets shall be invested for the exclusive benefit of the relevant Sub-Fund.

Copies of the Prospectus and subsequent editions of the Prospectus can be obtained from the Domiciliary or the Registrar and Transfer Agent.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide Shareholders with capital appreciation, whilst applying the principles of distribution of risks (refer to section “**Investment Restrictions**”).

The Fund is an open ended investment company which may invest in part in derivative instruments (such as forward contracts or commodities, currencies, interest rates), investment funds or in other shares or other assets and financial instruments authorized by the UCI Law. Each portfolio may be temporarily held mostly in bank deposits, where this is necessary in the interests of Shareholders or for the protection of the Sub-Fund or in the interests of the specific investment policy of the relevant Sub-Fund.

The investment policies and the investment limits applicable to each Sub-Fund are described in the relevant Supplements.

## RISK FACTORS

### **General risks:**

**The investments within each Sub-Fund are subject to market fluctuations and to the risks inherent in all investments; accordingly, no assurance can be given that the investment objectives of the relevant Sub-Fund will be achieved.**

An investment in Shares in a Sub-Fund carries substantial risk and is suitable only for investors who accept the risks, can assume the risk of losing their entire investment and who understand that there is no recourse other than to the assets of the relevant Sub-Fund.

Investors should make their own independent evaluation of the financial, market, legal, regulatory, credit, tax and accounting risks and consequences involved in investment in a Sub-Fund and its suitability for their own purposes. In evaluating the merits and suitability of an investment in a Sub-Fund, careful consideration should be given to all of the risks attached to investing in a Sub-Fund.

The following is a brief description of certain factors which should be considered along with other matters discussed elsewhere in this Prospectus. The following however, does not purport to be a comprehensive summary of all the risks associated with investments in any Sub-Fund.

### **Risk Warning related to an investment in investment funds or shares:**

Investments in other investment funds may increase the costs of the Fund, as the Fund must bear its share of the running costs of such investment funds.

In addition, the purchase of units or shares in these funds may be subject to individual brokerage commissions and fees.

The liquidity of the investment in other investment funds may be diminished due to legal, administrative, statutory or contractual restrictions with regard to the redemption of units or shares of such investment funds.

Furthermore, the value of investments in other investment funds may be affected by measures such as exchange control, foreign jurisdictions (including the legislation on withholding taxes) or other, legal, economic or political conditions in countries where these other investment funds conduct the investment, or by changes in the legal, economic or political situation of such countries.

If investments in other investment funds include such investments funds that are not under permanent supervision by a supervisory authority, which is established by law to protect investors in their State of origin, the investments in the Fund are subject to the risks involved. Investments in investment funds that trade in financial derivatives are, like direct investments in such products, subject to various risks that may affect the performance of the shares of the Fund indirectly.

The selected funds operate with high leverage by buying contracts whose gross values are often exceeded by the fund assets many times over. Through the leverage, the volatility of the performance of the selected funds is increased.



**Investing in equity securities**

Investing in equity securities may offer a higher rate of return than those in short term and longer term debt securities. However, the risks associated with investments in equity securities may also be higher, because the investment performance of equity securities depends upon factors which are difficult to predict. Such factors include the possibility of sudden or prolonged market declines and risks associated with individual companies. The fundamental risk associated with any equity portfolio is the risk that the value of the investments it holds might decrease in value. Equity security values may fluctuate in response to the activities of an individual company or in response to general market and/or economic conditions. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that a Shareholder will recover the full amount invested in equity securities. Historically, equity securities have provided greater long-term returns and have entailed greater short-term risks than other investment choices.

**General market risk**

The assets in which the Fund invests on behalf of the Sub-Fund(s) carry not only opportunities for appreciation but also risks. When a Sub-Fund invests directly or indirectly in transferable securities and other assets, it is exposed to general trends and tendencies on the financial markets and by the economic development of the issuers, who are themselves affected both by the overall situation of the global economy and by the economic and political conditions prevailing in each country. This means that losses may be incurred if the market value of the assets over the purchase price falls. If the Shareholder sells the Shares of the Sub-Fund at a time when the prices of the assets in the Sub-Fund have fallen compared to the date of the Share purchase, they shall not recover all of the money invested by them in the Sub-Fund. Although each Sub-Fund targets steady growth, such growth cannot be guaranteed. The investor's risk is limited to the amount invested. There is no reserve liability further than the money invested by the investor.

**Interest rate**

Shareholders must be aware that an investment in the Shares may be exposed to interest rate risks. These risks occur when there are fluctuations in the interest rates of the main currencies of each transferable security or of the Fund.

**Credit risk**

Shareholders must be fully aware that such an investment may involve credit risks.

The creditworthiness (solvency and willingness to pay) of the issuer of securities or money market instruments held directly or indirectly by a Sub-Fund may subsequently fall. This usually leads to a decline of the respective security, which exceeds the general market fluctuations.

Bonds or debt instruments issued by entities that have a low rating are, as a general rule, considered to be at a higher credit risk, with a higher probability of the issuer defaulting, than those of issuers with a higher rating.

### **Country risk**

Insofar as a Sub-Fund has focused its investments on certain countries or regions, this also reduces risk diversification. Consequently, the Fund is particularly dependent on the development of individual or related countries and regions or of companies based and/or operating in these countries or regions.

The value of the assets of a Sub-Fund may be affected by uncertainties such as changes in government policies, taxation, fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, the imposition of currency repatriation restrictions, social and religious instability, political, economic or other developments in the law or regulations of the countries in which a Sub-Fund may invest and, in particular, by changes in legislation relating to the level of foreign ownership in the countries in which a Sub-Fund may invest.

Accounting auditing and financial standards, practices and disclosure requirements applicable to some countries in which a Sub-Fund may invest may differ from those applicable in Luxembourg in that less information is available to investors and such information may be out of date.

### **Inflation risk**

Inflation risk is understood to be the risk of suffering financial losses as a result of devaluation. Inflation can lead to a reduction in the income of a Sub-Fund and the value of the fund as such in terms of purchasing power. Different currencies are subject to the inflation risk to varying degrees.

### **Foreign exchange/Currency risk**

The Board may invest in assets denominated in a wide range of currencies. As a consequence thereof, the value of investments may be affected by a variation in exchange rates in the Sub-Funds where investments are possible in a currency other than the Sub-Fund's reference currency. The Net Asset Value expressed in its respective Share currency will fluctuate in accordance with the changes in foreign exchange rate between the Reference Currency of the relevant Sub-Fund and the currencies in which the relevant Sub-Fund's investments are denominated.

### **Settlement risk**

Especially when investing in unlisted securities, there is a risk that the settlement is not executed as expected by a transfer system due to delayed or non-compliant payment or delivery.



### **Risks Connected with the Use of Derivatives**

The prudent use of derivatives can yield advantages. However, derivatives can also entail risks that are different, and in some cases higher, than those associated with more conventional investments. These risks include:

- (i) **market risk**, which applies to all forms of investment;
- (ii) **management risk**, as the use of derivatives not only requires an understanding of the underlying instrument but also of the derivative itself, without it being possible at the same time to monitor derivative performance under all possible market conditions;
- (iii) **risk of default**, if the other party to a derivative transaction fails to respect the terms and conditions of the relevant contract. The risk of default in the case of derivatives traded on an exchange is generally lower than the risk associated with derivatives that are traded over-the-counter on the open market because the clearing agents who assume the function of issuer or counterparty in relation to each derivative traded on an exchange assume a performance guarantee. To reduce the overall risk of default, such guarantee is supported by a daily payment system (i.e. cover requirements) maintained by the clearing agent. In the case of derivatives traded over-the-counter on the open market, there is no comparable clearing agent guarantee and in assessing the potential risk of default, the Fund must take into account the creditworthiness of each counterparty;
- (iv) **liquidity risks** as it is difficult to buy or sell certain instruments. When derivative transactions are particularly large, or the corresponding market is illiquid (as is the case with many derivatives traded over-the-counter on the open market), it might not be possible to execute a transaction or liquidate a position at an attractive price;
- (v) **volatility risk**, the prices of derivative instruments are highly volatile. Price movements of forward contracts and other derivative contracts are influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programs and policies of governments, and national and international political and economic events and policies;
- (vi) **risk of valuation**, in particular of incorrectly valuing or determining the price of derivatives and that the derivatives fail to correlate perfectly with the underlying assets, interest rates and indices. Many derivatives are complex and frequently valued subjectively. Inappropriate valuations can result in higher cash payment requirements in relation to counterparties or in a loss of value for the Fund. There is not always a direct or parallel relationship between a derivative and the value of the assets, interest rates or indices from which it is derived. For these reasons, the use of derivatives by the Fund is not always an effective means of attaining the Fund's investment objective and can at times even have the opposite effect; and
- (vii) **legal risk**, the use of OTC derivatives, such as forward contracts, swap agreements and contracts for difference, will expose the Sub-Funds to the risk that the legal documentation of the contract may not accurately reflect the intention of the parties.

### **Risks on Investment in Fixed Income Securities**

Even though interest-bearing securities are investments which promise a defined stream of income, the prices of such securities generally are inversely correlated to changes in interest rates and, therefore, are subject to the risk of market price fluctuations. The values of fixed-income securities also may be affected by changes in the credit rating, liquidity or financial condition of the issuer. Certain securities that may be purchased by the Fund may be subject to such risk with respect to the issuing entity and to greater market fluctuations than certain lower yielding, higher rated fixed-income securities.

The volume of transactions effected in certain international bond markets may be appreciably below that of the world's largest markets, such as the United States. Accordingly, a Class of Share's' investments in such markets may be less liquid and their prices may be more volatile than comparable investments in securities traded in markets with larger trading volumes. Moreover, the settlement periods in certain markets may be longer than in others which may affect portfolio liquidity.

### **Risk of suspension of redemption**

Shareholders may in principle request the redemption of their Shares from the Fund on each Valuation Date. However, the Fund can temporarily suspend the redemption of Shares in exceptional circumstances and then redeem the Shares at a later date at the applicable price. This price may be lower than the price before suspension of redemption.

The Fund may be forced to suspend a redemption when one or more funds whose Shares were acquired for a Sub-Fund, in turn suspend(s) redemptions and when they represent a significant share of the relevant Sub-Fund's net assets.

### **Gold and precious metals investments risk.**

Investments in gold and other precious metals are subject to adverse economic, business, regulatory or other occurrences affecting these types of investments. Prices of gold or other precious metals and minerals-related stocks may move up and down rapidly in response to changes in market conditions and may not track prices of gold and other precious metals and minerals, and have historically offered lower long-term performance than the stock market as a whole. Gold and other precious metals prices can be influenced by a variety of economic, financial and political factors, especially inflation: when inflation is low or expected to fall, prices tend to be weak. When holding gold coins or bullion, the fund may encounter higher custody and other costs (including shipping and insurance) than those normally associated with ownership of securities.

### **Effects of Redemptions**

Large redemptions of Shares within a limited period of time could require the Fund to liquidate positions more rapidly than would otherwise be desirable, adversely affecting the value of both the Shares being redeemed and the outstanding Shares. In addition, regardless of the period of time over which redemptions occur, the resulting reduction in a Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value could make it more difficult for the Investment Manager to generate profits or recover losses.

**Early termination**

In the event of the early termination of a Sub-Fund, the Board would have to distribute to the Shareholders their pro-rata interest in the assets of such Sub-Fund. The Fund's investments would have to be sold by the Board or distributed to the Shareholders. It is possible that at the time of such sale certain investments held by the relevant Sub-Fund may be worth less than the initial cost of the investment, resulting in a loss to the Sub-Fund and to its Shareholders. Moreover, in the event a Sub-Fund terminates prior to the complete amortization of organizational expenses, any unamortized portion of such expenses will be accelerated and will be debited from (and thereby reduce) amounts otherwise available for distribution to Shareholders. The Board may also decide to liquidate the Fund thus triggering the early termination of the Sub-Funds.

**Changes in applicable law**

The Board must comply with various regulatory and legal requirements, including securities laws and tax laws as imposed by the jurisdictions under which it operates. Should any of those laws change over the life of the Fund, the regulatory and legal requirements to which the Fund and its Shareholders may be subject, to could differ materially from current requirements.

**Tax Considerations**

Tax charges and withholding taxes in various jurisdictions in which the Fund will invest will affect the level of distributions made to it and accordingly to Shareholders. No assurance can be given as to (i) the level of taxation suffered by the Fund or its investments, (ii) the Fund's ability to recover any taxes or withheld amounts, (iii) the time required to recover such amounts.

**Risk related to FATCA**

Although the Fund will attempt to satisfy any obligations imposed on it to avoid the imposition of the FATCA withholding tax, no assurance can be given that the Fund will be able to satisfy these obligations. If the Fund becomes subject to a withholding tax as a result of the FATCA regime, the value of the Shares held by the Shareholders concerned may be adversely impacted to a significant extent.

**Risk related to Common Reporting Standard**

For exchange of information purpose, Shareholders are informed that their personal and account information (the Information as described in the Common Reporting Section) may be reported to the relevant tax authorities.

Any Shareholders that fails to comply with the Fund's information or documentation requests may be held liable for penalties imposed on the Shareholders and attributable to such Shareholders' failure to provide the Information or subject to disclosure of the Information by the Shareholders to the Luxembourg tax authorities. In addition, as the case may be, the Shareholders may redeem Shares held such Shareholders.

**Commission and fee(s) amounts**

The payment of a fee calculated on the basis of performance (if any) could encourage the Investment Manager (if any) to select more risky and volatile placements than if such fees were not applicable.

**Reliance on Management**

The Fund depends significantly on the efforts and abilities of the Board and the Investment Manager (if any). The loss of these persons' services could have a materially adverse effect on the Fund, and on the relevant Sub-Fund.

**AIFM Authorization:**

As at the date of this Issuing Document, the Fund is an internally managed AIF, falling under the exemptions provided by article 3 (2) (a) of the AIFM Law. In case the assets under management of the Fund exceed in total the thresholds specified by article 3 (3) of the AIFM Law, the Fund would have to apply for the authorization regime under the AIFM Law or to appoint an external authorized Alternative Investment Fund Manager. In such a case, the role, responsibilities and the related fees of the AIFM and of the service providers may differ materially from the current requirements. It may therefore impact the Fund and its Shareholders.

**Conflicts of Interest**

The Investment Manager may, from time to time, act as manager, corporate directors, investment manager or adviser to other funds or sub-funds that follow similar investment objectives to those of the Classes of Shares. It is therefore possible that the Investment Manager may in the course of their business have potential conflicts of interest with the Fund or a particular Class of Shares. The Investment Manager will, however, have regard in such event to its obligations under the Investment Management Agreement and, in particular, to its obligation to act in the best interests of the Fund so far as obligations to other clients are concerned when undertaking investment where potential conflicts of interest may arise.

**Investments in emerging markets**

Potential investors are advised that investing in equities issued by emerging markets companies involve risks which are not generally encountered on the majority of western European or North American or other mature markets. These risks are of the following type:

Political: including political instability and volatility.

Economic: including high rates of inflation, risks linked to investments in recently privatised companies and currency depreciation, immature financial markets.

Monetary: there is a risk of local currency devaluation due to certain unstable political and economic factors in the countries concerned;

Legal: legal insecurity and general problems in having rights recognised or enforced.

Fiscal: in certain countries fiscal charges can be very high and there is no guarantee of uniform and coherent interpretation of legal texts. Local authorities often have discretionary power to create new taxes, sometimes with retroactive effect.

This results in increased volatility and lack of liquidity in investments while the stock capitalisation of these countries is weaker than on mature markets.

### **Custody Risk**

Investors may enjoy a degree of protection when investing money with custodians in their home territory. This level of protection may be higher than that enjoyed by the Fund. The Fund may invest in markets where custodial and/or settlement systems are not fully developed. The assets of the Fund that are traded in such markets and which have been entrusted to such sub-custodians may be exposed to risk in circumstances where the Depositary will have no liability. A Fund's cash account will be maintained on the Depositary's records, but the balances may be held by a sub-custodian and therefore exposed to the risk of default of both the Depositary and the sub-custodian.

### **Risk related to a Eurozone breakup event**

Certain Sub-Funds may invest substantially in Europe. Potential scenarios could include, among other things, the downgrading of the credit rating of European countries, the default or bankruptcy of one or more sovereigns within the Eurozone, the departure of some, or all, relevant EU Member States from the Eurozone, or any combination of the above alongside other economic or political events. This could lead the Euro to no longer being a recognised trading currency. This in turn could cause uncertainty as to the operation of certain terms of agreements that are governed by the law of an existing EU Member States, potentially requiring the redenomination of some or all Euro-denominated sovereign debt, corporate debt and securities leading to increased legal and operational risks. In addition, there could also be an increase in volatility, liquidity and currency risks associated with investments in Europe and the Sub-Funds could be adversely affected by any or all of the above factors, with other additional unintended consequences.

### **Efficient Portfolio Management Techniques and Instruments**

There are certain investment risks which apply in relation to techniques and instruments which the Investment Manager may employ for efficient portfolio management purposes including, but not limited to, those described below. However, should the Investment Manager's expectations in employing such techniques and instruments be incorrect, a Sub-Fund may suffer a substantial loss, having an adverse effect on the Net Asset Value of the Shares.

### **Sustainability Disclosures**

Pursuant to EU Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector, which is also known as the "Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation" (SFDR), the Fund is required



to disclose the manner in which sustainability risks (as defined below) are integrated into the investment decision-making process and the results of the assessment of the likely impacts of sustainability risks on the returns of its Sub-Funds.

“Sustainability risks” means an environmental, social or governance (“ESG”) event or condition that, if it occurs, could have an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of the investments made by the Fund. Sustainability risks can either represent a risk of their own or have an impact on other risks and may contribute significantly to risks, such as market risks, operational risks, liquidity risks or counterparty risks.

“Sustainability factors” address environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters. Environmental factors may include, but are not limited to, the impact of emissions, energy efficiency, the exploitation of natural resources or waste treatment. Social factors may include human rights, treatment of workers and workers’ rights or diversity issues. Governance factors may include shareholder rights, remuneration of senior management, conflicts of interest or board independence.

The Fund does not promote, among other characteristics, environmental or social characteristics, or a combination of these characteristics according to Article 8 of SFDR and does not have sustainable investment as its objective according to Article 9 of SFDR.

The Investment Manager integrates in his investment process the identification, measurement, and management of sustainability risks.

For the purposes of Article 6 of SFDR, sustainability risks are not currently relevant to the investment decisions being made in respect of the Sub-Fund, because based on its investment strategy there are no investment limits with regards to sustainability.

The Investment Manager considers environmental, social and governance characteristics in his analysis and investment process. Also, direct investments need to comply with minimum ethical standards.

Representing minimum standards for direct investments, the following sectors and investment classes are generally excluded from the Fund’s possible investment universe:

- Controversial weapons
- Food commodity speculation
- Coal mining (>30% of turnover)

The related criteria are being updated and reviewed regularly.

By considering minimum standards for direct investments, companies with a high sustainability risk will be reduced which could lead to an increase of the risk adjusted return.

The Investment Manager’s integration of sustainability risks in the investment decision-making process is reflected in its Sustainable Investment Policy available on the Investment Manager’s website [www.globalfundselection.com](http://www.globalfundselection.com).

Therefore, the Fund’s underlying investments do not actively take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities, as provided by Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment.

**In addition to the above mentioned general risks which are inherent in all investments, the investment in the Fund entails risks specific to the investment objectives and strategy of each Sub-Fund. The specific risks related to the particular investments are described in the Supplement.**

## MANAGEMENT AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Board is responsible for the management and control of the Fund, including the determination of the investment policy.

### **Investment manager**

The Board may, under its supervision and responsibility, delegate investment management services in relation to one or several Sub-Fund(s) to one or several investment manager(s) ("**Investment Manager**"), in order to pursue the investment policy of the Sub-Funds in accordance with the respective Sub-Funds' investment objectives and policy, to manage the day-to-day business of the portfolio and to provide other related services. Investment Managers are at all times subject to the investment objectives and policy set out in the Prospectus for each Sub-Fund, the investment restrictions, the Articles and any other applicable legal restrictions.

An Investment Manager has full investment discretion over the assets of a Sub-Fund. An Investment Manager may use and select brokers of its own choosing to settle transactions and may, at its own expense and responsibility, consult or delegate duties to third parties. In principle, an Investment Manager bears all expenses it incurs in connection with the services it provides for a Sub-Fund.

For the time being, for existing Sub-Funds, the Board has appointed the SPARKASSE SCHWAZ AG as Investment Manager and entrusted it with the task of supporting the Board in the supervision of the Fund's commercial activities and of ensuring compliance with the investment policy and strategy in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus and the decisions of the Board.

The SPARKASSE SCHWAZ AG was established under Austrian law as a legal entity under private law. The SPARKASSE SCHWAZ AG is a universal bank whose capital as at 31.12.2016 amounted to EUR 116,994,852.69. It is a member of the Austrian Savings Banks Association.

### **Depositary and Administration**

#### **Depositary**

The Fund has by an agreement (the "Depositary Agreement") appointed KBL European Private Bankers S.A. as Depositary of the assets of the Fund.

The Depositary is a bank organised as a *société anonyme* under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for an unlimited duration. Its registered office is at 43, Boulevard Royal, L-2955 Luxembourg. At 31st December 2016, its capital and reserves amounted at EUR 1.330.318.462,10.

As Depositary, KBL European Private Bankers S.A. will carry out its functions and responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of the UCITS Directive and with the UCI Law. The Depositary will further, in accordance with the UCITS Directive:

- a) ensure that the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of Shares of the Fund are carried out in accordance with the applicable Luxembourg law and the Articles;
- b) ensure that the value of the Shares of the Fund is calculated in accordance with the applicable Luxembourg law and the Articles;
- c) carry out the instructions of the AIFM or the Fund, unless they conflict with the applicable Luxembourg law, or with the Articles;
- d) ensure that in transactions involving the assets of the Fund any consideration is remitted to the Fund within the usual time limits;
- e) ensure that the income of the Fund is applied in accordance with the applicable Luxembourg law and the Articles.

The Depositary shall ensure that the cash flows of the Fund are properly monitored, and, in particular, that all payments made by, or on behalf of, investors upon the subscription of Shares of the Fund have been received, and that all cash of the Fund has been booked in cash accounts that are:

- a) opened in the name of the Fund or of the Depositary acting on behalf of the Fund;
- b) opened at an entity referred to in points (a), (b) and (c) of Article 18(1) of Commission Directive 2006/73/EC; and
- c) maintained in accordance with the principles set out in Article 16 of Directive 2006/73/EC.

The assets of the Fund shall be entrusted to the Depositary for safekeeping as follows:

- a) for financial instruments that may be held in custody, the Depositary shall:
  - (i) hold in custody all financial instruments that may be registered in a financial instruments account opened in the Depositary's books and all financial instruments that can be physically delivered to the Depositary;
  - (ii) ensure that all financial instruments that can be registered in a financial instruments account opened in the Depositary's books are registered in the Depositary's books within segregated accounts in accordance with the principles set out in Article 16 of Directive 2006/73/EC, opened in the name of the Fund, so that they can be clearly identified as belonging to the Fund in accordance with the applicable law at all times;
- b) for other assets, the Depositary shall:
  - (i) verify the ownership by the Fund of such assets by assessing whether the Fund holds the ownership based on information or documents provided by the Fund and, where available, on external evidence;
  - (ii) maintain a record of those assets for which it is satisfied that the Fund holds the ownership and keep that record up to date.

The assets of the Fund held in custody by the Depositary shall not be reused by the Depositary, or by any third party to which the custody function has been delegated, for their own account. Reuse comprises any transaction of assets held in custody including, but not limited to, transferring, pledging, selling and lending.

The assets held in custody by the Depositary are allowed to be reused only where:

- a) the reuse of the assets is executed for the account of the Fund;
- b) the Depositary is carrying out the instructions of the Fund;
- c) the reuse is for the benefit of the Fund and in the interest of the Share holders; and
- d) the transaction is covered by high-quality and liquid collateral received by the Fund under a title transfer arrangement.

The market value of the collateral shall, at all times, amount to at least the market value of the reused assets plus a premium. In order to effectively conduct its duties, the Depositary may delegate to third parties the functions referred to in the above paragraph, provided that the conditions set out in the UCI Law are fulfilled. When selecting and appointing a delegate, the Depositary shall exercise all due skill, care and diligence as required by the UCITS Directive and with the relevant CSSF regulations, to ensure that it entrusts the Fund's assets only to a delegate who may provide an adequate standard of protection.

The list of such delegates is available on <https://www.kbl.lu/en/legal-information/regulatory-affairs/> and is made available to investors free of charge upon request.

#### **Conflicts of interests:**

In carrying out its duties and obligations as depositary of the Fund, the Depositary shall act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and solely in the interest of the Fund and the investors of the Fund.

As a multi-service bank, the Depositary may provide the Fund, directly or indirectly, through parties related or unrelated to the Depositary, with a wide range of banking services in addition to the depositary services.

The provision of additional banking services and/or the links between the Depositary and key service providers to the Fund, may lead to potential conflicts of interests with the Depositary's duties and obligations to the Fund.

In order to identify different types of conflict of interest and the main sources of potential conflicts of interests, the Depositary shall take into account, at the very least, situations in which the Depositary, one of its employees or an individual associated with it is involved and any entity and employee over which it has direct or indirect control.

The Depositary is responsible to take all reasonable steps to avoid those conflicts of interest, or if not possible, to mitigate them. Where, despite the aforementioned circumstances, a conflict of interest arises at the level of the Depositary, the Depositary will at all times have regard to its duties and obligations under the depositary agreement with the Fund and act accordingly. If, despite all measures taken, a conflict of interest that bears the risk to significantly and adversely affect the Fund or the investors of the Fund, may not be solved by

the Depositary having regard to its duties and obligations under the depositary agreement with the Fund, the Depositary will notify the conflicts of interests and/or its source to the Fund which shall take appropriate action. Furthermore the Depositary shall maintain and operate effective organizational and administrative arrangements with a view to take all reasonable steps designed to properly (i) avoid them prejudicing the interests of its clients, (ii) manage and resolve such conflicts according to the Fund decision and (iii) monitor them.

As the financial landscape and the organizational scheme of the Fund may evolve over time, the nature and scope of possible conflicts of interests as well as the circumstances under which conflicts of interests may arise at the level of the Depositary may also evolve.

In case the organizational scheme of the Fund or the scope of Depositary's services to the Fund is subject to a material change, such change will be submitted to the Depositary's internal acceptance committee for assessment and approval. The Depositary's internal acceptance committee will assess, among others, the impact of such change on the nature and scope of possible conflicts of interests with the Depositary's duties and obligations to the Fund and assess appropriate mitigation actions.

Situations which could cause a conflict of interest have been identified as at the date of this Prospectus as follows (in case new conflicts of interests are identified, the list will be updated accordingly):

- Conflicts of interests between the Depositary and the Sub-Custodian:
  - The selection and monitoring process of Sub-Custodians is handled in accordance with the UCI Law and is functionally and hierarchically separated from possible other business relationships that exceed the sub-custody of the Fund's financial instruments and that might bias the performance of the Depositary's selection and monitoring process. The risk of occurrence and the impact of conflicts of interests is further mitigated by the fact that none of the Sub-Custodians used by the Depositary for the custody of the Fund's financial instruments is part of the KBL Group.
- The Depositary has a significant shareholder stake in European Fund Administration S.A. ("EFA") and some members of the staff of the Depositary are members of EFA's board of directors.
  - The staff members of the Depositary in EFA's board of directors do not interfere in the day-to-day management of EFA which rests with EFA's management board and staff. EFA, when performing its duties and tasks, operates with its own staff, according to its own procedures and rules of conduct and under its own control framework.
- The Depositary may act as depositary to other funds and may provide additional banking services beyond the depositary services and/or act as counterparty of the Fund for over-the-counter derivative transactions (maybe over services within KBL).
  - The Depositary will do its utmost to perform its services with objectivity and to

treat all its clients fairly, in accordance with its best execution policy.

The Depositary shall be liable to the Fund and its investors for the loss by the Depositary or a third party to whom the custody of financial instruments held in custody in accordance with the UCITS Directive. The Depositary shall not be liable if it can prove that the loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond its reasonable control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary.

For other assets, the Depositary shall be liable only in case of negligence, intentional failure to properly fulfil its obligations.

The Depositary shall not be liable for the contents of this Prospectus and will not be liable for any insufficient, misleading or unfair information contained herein.

The Depositary Agreement has been entered into for an unlimited duration and may be terminated by either party on giving to the other party a notice in writing specifying the date of termination which will not be less than ninety (90) days after giving such notice. The Fund will use its best efforts to appoint a new depositary and obtain the approval of the CSSF within a reasonable time upon notice of termination, being understood that such appointment shall happen within two months. The Depositary will continue to fulfil its obligations until completion of the transfer of the relevant assets to another depositary appointed by the Fund and approved by the CSSF.

Pursuant to a paying agency agreement, KBL European Private Bankers S.A. also acts as Paying Agent. As principal paying agent KBL European Private Bankers S.A. will be responsible for distributing, *inter alia*, income and dividends, if applicable, to the Shareholders.

### **Administrative agent**

Kredietrust Luxembourg S.A., a public limited liability company (*société anonyme*) governed by Luxembourg law, registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register under number B 65896 and with registered office at 11, rue Aldringen, L-2960 Luxembourg, has been appointed as administrative agent to the Fund (the “Administrative Agent”) pursuant to an administrative agency agreement entered into between the Fund and the Administrative Agent (the “**Administrative Agency Agreement**”).

The Administrative Agency Agreement is made for an unlimited period, which may be terminated by either party giving a minimum of ninety (90) calendar day’s prior written notice.

The Administrative Agent is responsible for the processing of the calculation of the Net Asset Value, the maintenance of records and other general administrative functions.

The Administrative Agent is also responsible for providing the Annual Report and semi-annual reports.

The fees and charges of the Administrative Agent are borne by the Fund in accordance with common practice in Luxembourg.

Kredietrust Luxembourg S.A. in its position of Administrative Agent has appointed, under its responsibility, EFA, established in Luxembourg, 2, rue d'Alsace, P.O. Box 1725, L-1017 Luxembourg, in order to fulfil all or part of its duties.

### **Domiciliary agent**

Kredietrust Luxembourg S.A., has been appointed as domiciliary agent to the Fund (the Domiciliary Agent) pursuant to a domiciliary agency agreement entered into between the Fund and the Domiciliary Agent (the "Domiciliary Agreement").

The Domiciliary Agreement is made for an unlimited period and may be terminated by either party giving a minimum of ninety (90) calendar day's prior written notice.

### **Registrar and Transfer agent**

Kredietrust Luxembourg S.A., has been appointed as registrar and transfer agent to the Fund (the "Registrar and Transfer Agent") pursuant to a registrar and transfer agency agreement entered into between the Fund and the Registrar and Transfer Agent (the "Registrar and Transfer Agency Agreement").

The Registrar and Transfer Agent is responsible for the processing of the issue (registration) and redemption of the Shares and settlement arrangements thereof. The Registrar and Transfer Agent will, with the assistance of the Fund, controls that Shareholders are eligible investors.

The fees and charges of the Registrar and Transfer Agent are borne by the Fund in accordance with common practice in Luxembourg.

The Registrar and Transfer Agency Agreement may be terminated by either the Fund or the Registrar and Transfer Agent upon ninety (90) calendar days' prior written notice.

Kredietrust Luxembourg S.A. in its position of Registrar and Transfer Agent has appointed, under its responsibility, EFA, established in Luxembourg, 2, rue d'Alsace, P.O. Box 1725, L-1017 Luxembourg, in order to fulfil all or part of its duties.



## **SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS, CONVERSION AND TRANSFER OF SHARES**

### **Form of the Shares**

Details in relation to the different Classes of Shares as well as the rights in relation thereto and issue conditions are set out for each Sub-Fund in the relevant section of the Supplement. Upon creation of new Sub-Funds or Classes of Shares, the Prospectus shall be updated accordingly.

The Shares do not carry any preferential or pre-emptive rights and each whole Share is entitled to one vote at all general meetings of Shareholders. The Shares are issued without par value and must be fully paid up.

Shares in the Fund are not offered, nor is the Fund managed or intended to serve as a vehicle for market timing or late trading or other excessive trading practices as such practices could result in actual or potential harm to the Shareholders. Accordingly, the Fund may reject any subscription, redemption or conversion of Shares in full or in part from Shareholders suspected of such practices.

Market timing is to be understood as an arbitrage method through which an investor systematically subscribes and redeems or converts units or share of the same UCI within a short time period, by taking advantage of time differences and/or imperfections or deficiencies in the method of determination of the NAV of the Fund.

Late trading is to be understood as the acceptance of a subscription, conversion or redemption order after the time limit fixed for accepting orders (cut-off time) on the relevant day and the execution of such order at the price based on the NAV applicable to such same day.

Shares will be issued as registered Shares. No certificates will be issued. A confirmation in writing will be sent to the Shareholder.

A Shareholder register is kept at the Fund's registered office for all Shares issued.

Regardless of the Sub-Fund to which it belongs, each Share entitles the holder to one vote.

Fractional Shares will be issued up to three decimal places. Fractions of Shares do not confer the right to vote at general meeting, but will grant entitlement to a distribution or a proportionate distribution of the liquidation proceeds in the case that the Sub-Fund concerned is liquidated.

It is up to the Board to provide for the issue of distribution and/or accumulation Shares in a Sub-Fund.

If both Share Classes are provided in a Sub-Fund, the Shares may be issued, as requested by the Shareholders, either as:

- Distribution Shares with the right to a distribution in the form of a dividend in proportion to the annual result of the Sub-Fund (Class A)

or as

- Accumulation Shares, whose Shares are reinvested in the operating result of the Sub-Fund (Class B).

The holders of dividend Shares have the right to convert them into accumulation Shares and vice versa.

### **Dividend policy**

The Annual General Meeting shall decide on a proposal of the Board on the use of proceeds within the framework laid down by law.

For distribution Shares, a dividend can be paid out without taking into account the realised or unrealised capital gains or losses. The Board intends to propose to the Annual General Meeting, the reinvestment of realised or unrealised capital gains.

The annual net investment income of each Sub-Fund will be distributed between the distribution Shares on the one hand and the Accumulation Shares, on the other hand, in proportion to the net assets that coincide with the Class of Shares representing these Shares respectively.

The proportion of the year's net income that is granted to the distribution Shares of a Sub-Fund shall be distributed to the owners of these Shares in the form of cash dividends.

The proportion of the year's net income that is granted to the Accumulation Shares of a Sub-Fund will be capitalised in favour of the Accumulation Shares.

Dividends may be paid in the currency of the relevant Sub-Fund or in any other chosen by the Board. The Board also determines the practicalities of payment.

Any declared dividend that has not been withdrawn by their beneficiaries within five years after they are granted shall lapse and return to the relevant Sub-Fund. No interest shall be paid on a dividend declared and available to the beneficiary by the Fund.

### **Restriction of ownership**

The Fund may restrict or prevent the ownership of shares in the Fund by any person, firm or corporate body if the holding of shares by such person results in a breach of Luxembourg or foreign laws or regulations or if such holding may be detrimental to the Fund or the majority of its shareholders. More specifically, the Fund may restrict or prevent the ownership of shares by any "U.S. person". For such purposes the Fund may:

- a) decline to issue any Shares and decline to register any transfer of Shares when it appears that such issue or transfer might or may have as a result the allocation of ownership of the Shares to a person who is not authorised to hold Shares in the Company;
- c) where it appears that a holder of shares of a class restricted to institutional investors (within the meaning of the Luxembourg applicable laws) is not an institutional investor, the Fund will either redeem the relevant shares or convert such shares into shares of a class which is not restricted to institutional investors (provided there exists such a class with similar characteristics) and notify the relevant shareholder of such conversion;

- b) proceed with the compulsory redemption of all the relevant Shares if it appears that a person who is not authorised to hold such Shares in the Company, either alone or together with other persons, is the owner of Shares in the Company, or proceed with the compulsory redemption of any or a part of the Shares, if it appears to the Company that one or several persons is or are owner or owners of a proportion of the Shares in the Company in such a manner that this may be detrimental to the Company. The following procedure shall be applied:
1. the Board of Directors shall send a notice (hereinafter called the “**Redemption Notice**”) to the relevant investor possessing the Shares to be redeemed; the Redemption Notice shall specify the Shares to be redeemed, the price to be paid, and the place where this price shall be payable. The Redemption Notice may be sent to the investor by recorded delivery letter to his last known address. The investor in question shall be obliged without delay to deliver to the Company the certificate or certificates, if there are any, representing the Shares to be redeemed specified in the redemption notice. From the closing of the offices on the day specified in the Redemption Notice, the investor shall cease to be the owner of the Shares specified in the Redemption Notice and the certificates representing these Shares shall be rendered null and void in the books of the Company;
  2. the price at which the Shares specified in the Redemption Notice shall be redeemed (the “**Redemption Price**”) shall be determined in accordance with the rules fixed by the Board of Directors and reflected in the Issuing Document. Payment of the Redemption price will be made to the owner of such Shares in the reference currency of the Company, except during periods of exchange restrictions, and will be deposited by the Company with a bank in Luxembourg or elsewhere (as specified in the Redemption Notice) for payment to such owner upon surrender of the Share certificate or certificates, if issued, representing the Shares specified in such notice. Upon deposit of such Redemption Price as aforesaid, no person interested in the Shares specified in such Redemption Notice shall have any further interest in such Shares or any of them, or any claim against the Company or its assets in respect thereof, except the right of the Shareholders appearing as the owner thereof to receive the price so deposited (without interest) from such bank upon effective surrender of the Share certificate or certificates, if issued, as aforesaid. The exercise by the Company of this power shall not be questioned or invalidated in any case, on the grounds that there was insufficient evidence of ownership of Shares by any person or that the true ownership of any Shares was otherwise than appeared to the Company at the date of any Redemption Notice, provided that in such case the said powers were exercised by the Company in good faith.
- c) refuse, during any general meeting of Shareholders of the Company (the “**General Meeting**”), the right to vote of any person who is not authorised to hold Shares in the Company. In particular, the Board of Directors may restrict or block the ownership of Shares in the Company by any “US Person” unless such ownership is in compliance with the relevant US laws and regulations.

### **Subscription, redemption and conversion of Shares**

Investors may subscribe for Shares in each Sub-Fund for each Valuation Day at the relevant Subscription Price.

The minimum initial and subsequent investment amounts, as well as the minimum holding requirements, if any, are set out for each Sub-Fund in the relevant section of the Supplement.

No Shares of any Sub-Fund or Class of Shares will be issued by the Fund during any period when the determination of the NAV of Shares of that Sub-Fund or Class of Shares is suspended as described under Section “**Temporary suspension of the Net Asset Value**”.

### **Anti-money laundering and terrorist financing**

Measures to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing require a thorough examination of the identity of an investor in accordance with the applicable Luxembourg laws and regulations relating to these measures. The Fund (and the Administrative Agent / Registrar and Transfer Agent acting on behalf of the Fund) reserves the right to request information that is necessary to verify the identity of an investor in accordance with the laws and regulations mentioned above. In case of delay or failure by the investor to submit the information required for verification purposes, the Fund (and the Administrative Agent / Registrar and Transfer Agent acting on behalf of the Fund) may refuse to accept the application and all subscription monies or refuse redemption of subscribed Shares.

### **Subscription of Shares**

Completed Application Forms or subscription forms must be received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent by no later than the time specified in the relevant Supplement. If the Application Form is not received by these times, the application will be treated as received for the next Valuation Day. Subscriptions can be accepted by fax, but the original subscription application must be sent immediately to the aforementioned address in this case.

A Subscription Fee may be applied for each subscription of Shares, as disclosed in the relevant Supplement. The administrative costs and expenses incurred in connection with the subscription of Shares will be charged to the relevant Shareholder.

### **Conversion of Shares**

Unless otherwise provided for in the relevant Supplement, Shareholders may request the conversion of their Shares from one Sub-Fund / Class to another Sub-Fund / Class on each Valuation Day, by sending to the Registrar and Transfer Agent an irrevocable written order.

The Net Asset Value taken into consideration is, for each Share of a Sub-Fund, the Net Asset Value that is determined on the first Valuation Day following receipt of the request.

The price at which the Shares are converted is calculated using the following formula:

$$\frac{A = B \times C \times E}{D}$$

Where:

A is the number of Shares to be allocated to the new Sub-Fund/Class;

B is the number of Shares to be converted from the original Sub-Fund/Class;

C is the valid Net Asset Value of the original Sub-Fund/Class on the respective date;

D is the valid Net Asset Value of the new Sub-Fund/Class on the respective date;

E is the authoritative exchange rate of the respective currencies on the respective day;

If an outstanding balance remains after a conversion, this must be withdrawn and the proceeds will be paid to the Shareholder.

The conversion of Shares is treated as a redemption in this context.

### **Redemption**

According to the method described in detail below, the Fund may at any time redeem its Shares within the legal limits.

Unless otherwise indicated in the relevant Supplement, a Shareholder may at any time require the Fund to redeem all or part the Shares it holds in the Fund, except in case of any suspension of the determination of the NAV of the Class of Shares to be redeemed.

All redemption requests are to be received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent no later than the time specified in the relevant Supplement failing which the redemption request will be treated as received for the next following Valuation Day and Shares will be redeemed based on the Redemption Price applicable for that Valuation Day.

In case of redemption requests exceeding 10% of the NAV of the relevant Sub-Fund on any Valuation Day, the Fund may decide to defer on a pro rata basis redemptions to the next Valuation Day. In case of a deferral of redemptions, the relevant Shares shall be redeemed at the NAV per Share prevailing on the Valuation Day on which the redemption is performed. On such Valuation Day such requests shall be complied with by giving priority to the earliest request.

The redemption price will be paid on the basis of the NAV, which is determined according to the provisions in the chapter "determination of the Net Asset Value". Unless otherwise indicated in the relevant Supplement, the redemption price will be paid out within five Business Days after the applicable Valuation Day or on the date on which the Share certificates (if issued) are received by the Fund, if this is a later date.

If, in exceptional circumstances, the relevant Sub-Fund for which the Shares are offered for redemption does not have sufficient liquidity to pay the redemption price by that deadline, the payment shall be executed without interest, as soon as it can be done reasonably.

Shares redeemed will be cancelled.

The Directors have the right to require the compulsory redemption of all Shares held by or for the benefit of a Shareholder if the Directors determine that the Shares are held by or for the benefit of any Shareholder who is or becomes a Prohibited Person. The Fund also reserves the right to require compulsory redemption of all Shares held by a Shareholder in a Sub-Fund if the Net Asset Value of the Shares held in such Sub-Fund by the Shareholder is less than the applicable minimum holding requirement.

### **Determination of the Net Asset Value**

The NAV of a Class of Shares shall be expressed in the Reference Currency of the relevant Class of Shares and be determined on each Valuation Day and on any such day that the Board may decide from time to time.

The Administrative Agent shall be in charge of determining the Net Asset Value, under the supervision of the Fund.

To determine the total net assets of the Fund, the assets of the various Sub-Funds are converted into EURO, unless they are already denominated in EURO.

The NAV is calculated by dividing the net assets of a Sub-Fund (i.e. the difference between the asset and liabilities attributable to such a Sub-Fund), by the number of Shares of this Sub-Fund in circulation, whereby the result is rounded up to the nearest hundredth in the currency in which the relevant Sub-Fund is denominated. When distributing the net assets, the outstanding Distribution Shares and Accumulation Shares will be taken into account.

The NAV and the issue and redemption prices are available at the registered office of the Fund.

The valuation of the fund assets is carried out as follows:

A. The assets of a Sub-Fund of the Fund include:

- a) all cash in hand or on deposit including outstanding accrued interests;
- b) all bills and promissory notes and accounts receivable, including outstanding proceeds of any sale of securities;
- c) all securities, shares, bonds, debentures, options, stock or shares of investment funds, subscription rights, warrants, and the market value of all open positions and other investments and securities belonging to the Fund;
- d) all dividends and distribution payable to the Fund either in cash or in the form of stocks and shares (though the Fund can make adjustments to account for any fluctuations in the market value of transferable securities resulting from practices such as ex-dividend or ex-claim negotiations);
- e) all outstanding interests accrued on any interest-bearing securities belonging to the Fund are included, except in the case where such interests are included in the principal amount of such security;
- f) unamortised preliminary expenses of the Fund, provided that such preliminary expenses may be written off directly on the Fund's capital; as well as
- g) other fixed assets, including prepaid expenses.

The value of these assets is determined as follows:

1. cash on hand or on deposit, bills and demand notes and accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, cash dividends and interest declared or accrued as aforesaid and not yet received shall be deemed to be the full amount thereof, unless in any case the same is unlikely to be paid or received in full, in which case the value thereof shall be arrived at after making such a discount as the Board may consider appropriate in such a case to reflect the true value thereof.
2. securities which are quoted or dealt in on any stock exchange shall be based on the last available closing price quoted or the best available price on such Stock Exchange on the relevant Valuation Day.

3. securities dealt in on another regulated market which operates regularly and is recognised and open to the public (the “**Regulated Market**”) shall be based on the last available price applicable to the relevant Valuation Day..
4. In the event that any of the securities held in the portfolio of the Fund on the relevant Valuation Day are not quoted or dealt in on any stock exchange or dealt in on another regulated market, or if the price as determined pursuant to sub-paragraphs (2) or (3) is not representative of the fair market value of the relevant securities, the value of such securities will be determined based on the reasonably foreseeable sales price determined prudently and in good faith.
5. Assets or liabilities in currencies other than that in which the Net Asset Value of the underlying sub-fund are denominated, are valued at market prices or exchange rates which apply at the time of determination of the NAV.
6. The valuation of units or shares of other open-ended investment funds corresponds to the price that was last determined by the guidelines of this investment fund.

B. The liabilities of a Sub-Fund of the Fund include:

- a) Bills and other amounts due;
- b) the fees of the Depositary, the Investment Advisor (if any), the Investment Manager, the Registrar and Transfer Agent, the Domiciliary and Administrative Agent; other operational costs including, but not limited to, the costs of buying and selling securities, public charges, expenses for legal and auditing services, interests, costs for reporting, cost of publishing the issue and redemption prices, costs of issuing annual and semi-annual reports as well as postal, telephone and telex costs; reasonable advertising costs;
- c) all liabilities known, due or not yet due;
- d) adequate provisions for the taxes owed at the time of valuation and other provisions or reserves, as determined and approved by the Board; and
- e) other liabilities of the Fund towards third parties.

For the valuation of its liabilities, the Fund may take into account all administrative costs and other expenses of a regular or periodic nature in such a way that it values them for the full year or for another period of time and defines them for the relevant periods of time.

C. For the purpose of valuation under this chapter, the following rules apply:

- a) Shares that are due for redemption will be treated as shares in circulation and taken into account up to the date immediately following the Valuation Day set by the Board; from that date until the settlement of the transaction, they shall be considered as a liability of the Fund;
- b) Investments, account balances and other assets denominated in currencies other than the currency in which the value of the relevant Sub-Fund is denominated shall be valued taking into account the market or foreign exchange rate valid at the Valuation Day; and
- c) Purchases or sales of securities are carried out wherever possible on the Valuation Day on which the Fund makes the acquisition.

D. To determine the value of a Sub-Fund, the Articles provides, among other things, that:

For each Sub-Fund, a separate portfolio of assets is maintained, to which the assets, liabilities, income and expenses of this Sub-Fund are to be assigned and in this context the following provisions apply:

- a) The proceeds from the issue or allotment of Shares of a Sub-Fund are entered in the portfolio of assets set up for this Sub-Fund, and the underlying assets and liabilities, income and expenses are allocated to this portfolio in accordance with the provisions of this Article;

- b) Assets that are derived from other assets are allocated in the books of the Fund to the portfolio that includes the assets from which the underlying assets are derived and each time an asset is valued the increase or decrease in value is also assigned to the underlying portfolio;
- c) if the Fund incurs a liability that relates to an asset in a particular portfolio or to a transaction made in connection with an asset of a particular portfolio, such liability shall be allocated to the underlying portfolio;
- d) if an asset or liability of the Fund cannot be allocated to a particular portfolio, this asset or liability is allocated to all the portfolios in proportion to the share of the respective Net Asset Value of the underlying portfolios in the total net assets of the Fund. The liabilities of a Sub-Fund shall be binding on the Fund as a whole, unless a contrary agreement has been reached with the creditors;
- e) with the granting of dividends to the distribution Shares of a Sub-Fund, the part of the fund assets that can be granted to the totality of the distribution Shares of this Sub-Fund is reduced by the total amount of the distributed dividends, while the part of the fund assets that can be granted to the totality of the accumulation Shares of this Sub-Fund will increase.

### **Suspension of NAV calculation and of the issue of Shares**

The Fund may suspend the NAV calculation, the issue, redemption and conversion of Shares in each Sub-Fund under the following conditions:

- a) During a time in which a market or stock exchange on which a substantial portion of the investments of the Sub-Fund are listed or traded, is closed for reasons other than because of regular holidays, or during which trading on such exchanges or markets is restricted or suspended;
- b) in emergencies, in which the Fund does not hold the assets of a Sub-Fund properly or such assets cannot be reasonably valued without serious prejudice to the interests of Shareholders;
- c) during the period of collapse of the communication channels that are normally used to determine prices or to value the investments of a Sub-Fund or the daily price position on a market or stock exchange;
- d) during a time in which the transfer of monies in connection with the realisation of investments or in connection with the payment for capital invested in a Sub-Fund is not possible or cannot be carried out at normal costs or currency exchange rates;
- e) during a time in which, in the opinion of the Board, it would be impracticable or unfair towards the Shareholders due to unusual circumstances, to continue trading with the Shares of a Sub-Fund;
- f) after the decision to liquidate the Fund from the date on which the first notice of the meeting of Shareholders is published for the resolution in relation to the liquidation;

Shareholders who have applied for a redemption or conversion of their Shares will be notified of any such suspension within seven days of receipt of the redemption request and will be immediately informed of the termination of such suspension.

The Fund will also announce the suspension by publishing a notice in daily newspapers in accordance with the decision of the Board.

The suspension in respect of a Sub-Fund has no effect on the calculation of the NAV or the issue, redemption and conversion with respect to other Sub-Funds.

### **Costs**



### **Investment manager**

For its services, the Investment Manager, if any, may receive a fixed fee as described in the relevant Supplement.

In addition, the Investment Manager (if any) may receive a performance fee, the amount of which will be calculated as described in the relevant Supplement. Such performance fee will represent an annual profit share of a certain percentage of the increase in Net Asset Value of the Shares of the Sub-Funds. The Board will decide each time prior to the determination of the first Net Asset Value, whether and in what amount an eventual profit share will be paid out. The exact amount of the profit share will be mentioned in the annual reports and can always be obtained at the registered office of the Fund. The calculation is made for each calendar year based on the last Net Asset Value of the previous year or the Net Asset Value valid at the end of a previous financial year on which the last profit share was paid out, whichever is greater. If a profit share was paid out at the end of a financial year, the calculation for the following financial year is made on the basis of this higher Net Asset Value. As part of the calculation, the average number of Shares in circulation during the relevant financial year is taken into consideration.

### **Other costs**

The Fund pays to the Depositary and to Kredietrust in total an annual fee of:

up to 0.25% on the portion of the net assets of each Sub-Fund under EURO 25 million

up to 0.15% on the portion of the net assets of each Sub-Fund between EURO 25 million and EURO 40 million

up to 0.10% on the portion of the net assets of each Sub-Fund between EURO 40 million and EURO 60 million

up to 0.075% on the portion of the net assets of each Sub-Fund between EURO 60 million and EURO 100 million

up to 0.04% on the portion of the net assets of each Sub-Fund in excess of EURO 100 million with an annual minimum of up to EURO 35,000 per Sub-Fund

The exact amount of the fees shall be published in the annual financial report and are covered by a an agreement.

In addition, the Fund will bear all other costs of day-to-day management, fees that are paid to permanent representatives in countries where the Shares of the Fund are authorised for public distribution, fees to any other agent of the Fund, fees for legal and auditing services, further fees for advertising, printing, reporting and publication, including the cost of advertisement or preparing and printing prospectuses, explanatory promotional material or register data, taxes, public expenses, costs for the listing of its shares on stock exchanges or other regulated markets and all the other operating costs, including the cost of buying and selling assets, interests, bank charges, brokerage charges, postage, telephone and telex costs.

When the members of the Board receive compensation, this compensation is decided by the annual general meeting of Shareholders.

The Directors also receive compensation for expenses they incur in connection with the business of the Fund.

The cost of incorporating the Fund and the initial issue of Shares were estimated to be EURO 24,789.35. They were borne by the Fund and amortised over the first five years of the life of the Fund.

If new Sub-Funds are created, the related preliminary expenses will be borne by the concerned Sub-Fund alone.

## **Taxes**

### *The Fund*

Under current legislation and current administrative practice, the Fund is not subject to income tax in Luxembourg. Nor are the dividends that are paid out by the Fund subject to any Luxembourg withholding tax. However, the Fund pays an annual tax in Luxembourg of 0.05% of its net assets (Sub-Funds with a special investment policy may benefit from a reduced tax of 0.01%). This tax is payable quarterly and is calculated on the net assets of the Fund at the end of the corresponding quarter.

The reduced annual tax of 0.01% can be applied to the Sub-Funds, provided that:

- (i) at the time of purchase, the residual maturity of securities does not exceed twelve months, taking account of any relating financial instruments, or
- (ii) the terms of issue of securities with a residual maturity exceeding twelve months, state that the interest rate is adjusted to market conditions at least once per year.

Subscription tax exemption applies to (i) investments in a Luxembourg UCI subject itself to the subscription tax, (ii) UCI, compartments thereof or dedicated Classes reserved to retirement pension schemes, (iii) money market UCIs, and, (iv) UCITs and UCIs subject to the part II of the UCI Law qualifying as exchange traded funds.

Stamp duties or other taxes on the issuance of Shares of the Fund do not exist in Luxembourg, except for a one-off tax of EUR 1,250, which was paid upon incorporation. and a fixed registration duty of EUR 75 at any subsequent modification of the Articles.

Under current legislation and current administrative practice, no tax is payable on the realised or unrealised capital gains of the assets of the Fund in Luxembourg.

Capital gains, dividends and interests on securities issued in other countries, may be subject to withholding taxes or taxes on the capital gain levied by these countries. The Fund may furthermore be subject to specific local taxation in countries where their assets are traded.

### *Shareholders*

Under current law, the Shareholders are subject to no taxes on capital gains, income, inheritance or on other taxes in Luxembourg (except for Shareholders who maintain their domicile or permanent residence or a permanent establishment in Luxembourg. It also does not apply to certain former residents of Luxembourg who hold more than 10% of the Fund's capital).

It is recommended that investors consult their professional advisers with respect to taxes or the other legal consequences of purchasing, holding, transferring or selling Shares in the Fund under the laws of the countries of their citizenship, place of residence or domicile.

#### **FATCA:**

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (**FATCA**), a portion of the 2010 Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act, became law in the United States in 2010. It requires financial institutions outside the US (**Foreign Financial Institutions** or **FFIs**) to pass information about “Financial Accounts” held by “Specified US Persons”, directly or indirectly, to the US tax authorities, the Internal Revenue Service (**IRS**) on an annual basis. A 30% withholding tax is imposed on certain US source income of any FFI that fails to comply with this requirement. On 28 March 2014, the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg entered into a Model 1 Intergovernmental Agreement (**IGA**) with the United States of America and a memorandum of understanding in respect thereof. The Fund would hence have to comply with such Luxembourg IGA, once the IGA has been implemented into Luxembourg law in order to comply with the provisions of FATCA rather than directly complying with the US Treasury Regulations implementing FATCA. Under the IGA, the Fund may be required to collect information aiming to identify its direct and indirect Shareholders that are Specified US Persons for FATCA purposes (**reportable accounts**). Any such information on reportable accounts provided to the Fund will be shared with the Luxembourg tax authorities which will exchange that information on an automatic basis with the Government of the United States of America pursuant to Article 28 of the convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes in Income and Capital, entered into in Luxembourg on 3 April 1996. The Fund intends to comply with the provisions of the Luxembourg IGA to be deemed compliant with FATCA and will thus not be subject to the 30% withholding tax with respect to its share of any such payments attributable to actual and deemed U.S. investments of the Fund. The Fund will continually assess the extent of the requirements that FATCA and notably the Luxembourg IGA places upon it. As from the date of signature of the Luxembourg IGA and until the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has implemented the national procedure necessary for the entry into force of the IGA, the United States Department of the Treasury will treat the Fund as complying with and not subject to the FATCA Withholding.

To ensure the Fund’s compliance with FATCA and the Luxembourg IGA in accordance with the foregoing, the Fund may:

- request information or documentation, including W-8 tax forms, a Global Intermediary Identification Number, if applicable, or any other valid evidence of a Shareholder’s FATCA registration with the IRS or a corresponding exemption, in order to ascertain such Shareholder’s FATCA status;
- report information concerning a Shareholder and his account holding in the Fund to the Luxembourg tax authorities if such account is deemed a US reportable account under the Luxembourg IGA; and
- deduct applicable US withholding taxes from certain payments made to a Shareholder by or on behalf of the Fund in accordance with FATCA and the Luxembourg IGA.

## **Automatic Exchange of Information:**

Following the development by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD") of a common reporting standard ("CRS") to achieve a comprehensive and multilateral automatic exchange of information (AEOI) in the future on a global basis, Council Directive 2014/107/EU amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation (the "Euro-CRS Directive") was adopted on 9 December 2014 in order to implement the CRS among the Member States. Under the Euro-CRS Directive, the first AEOI applied on 30 September 2017 to the local tax authorities of the Member States for the data relating to the calendar year 2016.

The Euro-CRS Directive was implemented into Luxembourg law by the law of 18 December 2015 on the automatic exchange of financial account information in the field of taxation ("CRS Law").

The CRS Law requires Luxembourg financial institutions to identify financial assets holders and establish if they are fiscally resident in countries with which Luxembourg has a tax information sharing agreement.

Luxembourg financial institutions will then report financial account information of the asset holder to the Luxembourg tax authorities, which will thereafter automatically transfer this information to the competent foreign tax authorities on a yearly basis.

Accordingly, the Fund will require its investors to provide information in relation to the identity and fiscal residence of financial account holders (including certain entities and their controlling persons), account details,

reporting entity, account balance/value and income/sale or redemption proceeds to the local tax authorities of the country of fiscal residency of the foreign investors to the extent that they are fiscally resident in a jurisdiction participating in the AEOI.

In addition, Luxembourg signed the OECD's multilateral competent authority agreement ("**Multilateral Agreement**") to automatically exchange information under the CRS. The Multilateral Agreement aims to implement the CRS among non-Member States; it requires agreements on a country-by-country basis.

Investors in the Fund may therefore be reported to the Luxembourg and other relevant tax authorities in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

**Investors should consult their professional advisors on the possible tax and other consequences with respect to the implementation of the CRS.**

## **General Meeting**

The annual general meeting of Shareholders of the Fund is held at the registered office of the Fund in Luxembourg on the first Tuesday of April of each year at 11 a.m. or if such day is not a Business Day in Luxembourg, on the next Business Day. In addition, separate meetings of Shareholders of a Sub-Fund may be held, unless amendments concern the rights of the Shareholders of this Sub-Fund with regards to Shareholders of another Sub-Fund.

Convening notices to all general meetings shall be given in accordance with Luxembourg law at least 8 days prior to the meetings. These notices shall include the agenda, specific time and place of the meeting and the conditions for admission to the meeting and refer to the provisions of Luxembourg law with regard to the majority required for attendance and voting at the relevant meeting. The requirements regarding the majorities correspond to those set out in articles 67 and 67-1 of the Company Law including subsequent amendments and additions of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and in the Articles.

### **Reporting and accounting**

Audited annual reports and unaudited semi-annual reports are available at the registered office of the Fund.

The Fund's financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December.

The Annual Report contains the audited closing accounts of all Sub-Funds of the Fund and the consolidated financial statements of the Fund.

### **Dissolution and liquidation of the Fund and the Sub-Funds**

After the dissolution of the company, its liquidation is carried out by one or more liquidators, who can be natural or legal persons and are appointed by the general meeting of Shareholders which decides on the dissolution. The general meeting of Shareholders will also determine the powers and the remuneration of the liquidators.

The net liquidation proceeds of each Sub-Fund will be distributed by the liquidators to Shareholders of this Sub-Fund in proportion to their shareholdings.

All amounts not claimed by the Shareholders upon liquidation of the Sub-Fund will be deposited with the Depositary for a period of up to 6 months after termination of the liquidation. Amounts that are not claimed by Shareholders on completion of the liquidation will be deposited in an escrow account at the "*Caisse de Consignations*". Amounts that are not claimed from this account within the specified period lapse in accordance with applicable provisions of Luxembourg law.

If the capital falls below  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the minimum capital of EUR 1,250,000, the Board is required by law to submit to the general meeting of Shareholders a decision on the dissolution of the Fund. This general meeting is not subject to any quorum and the decision to wind up the Fund can be taken by a simple majority of the Shares present or represented.

If the capital falls below  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the minimum capital, the Board is required by law to submit to the general meeting of Shareholders a decision on the dissolution of the Fund. This general meeting is not subject to any quorum and the decision to wind up the Fund may be adopted by  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Shares present and represented.

The closure of a Sub-Fund with the compulsory redemption of all relevant Shares or its merger with another Sub-Fund of the Fund or with another Luxembourg UCI, which are decided for reasons other than those based on the minimum size of the fund assets or changes in the

economic or political situation relating to the underlying Sub-Fund, may take place only after prior approval by the general meeting of Shareholders of this Sub-Fund during which this general meeting decides that the sub-fund will be dissolved or merged, provided that such general meeting is properly convened and held, without this General Meeting being subject to a quorum. This General Meeting may decide with a simple majority of the Shares present or represented.

Convening notices to general meetings of Shareholders may provide that the quorum of presence at such general meeting be determined according to the Shares issued and outstanding at midnight (Luxembourg time) on the fifth day prior to the general meeting (the “**Record Date**”). The rights of Shareholders to attend to such general meeting and to exercise the voting rights attached to their Shares shall then be determined in accordance with the Shares held by the Shareholders at the Record Date.

A merger that was decided by the Board in the form described previously or approved by the Shareholders of the underlying Sub-Fund will be binding on the Shareholders of the underlying Sub-Fund for a period of 30 days after prior notification, during which period Shareholders may redeem their Shares without redemption charges.

#### **Documents available for inspection**

- a) The following documents are available for inspection at the registered office of the Fund during normal business hours: an agreement appointing Sparkasse Schwaz AG as Investment Manager;
- b) an agreement on the appointment of KBL EUROPEAN PRIVATE BANKERS S.A. by the Fund to act as Depositary of the Fund;
- c) an agreement on the appointment of Kredietrust Luxembourg S.A. by the Fund as Domiciliary, Central Administrative Agent, Registrar and Transfer Agent;
- d) copy of the Articles;
- e) Copy of the Prospectus; and
- f) the most recent reports of the Fund.

The valid NAV and the issue and redemption prices are available at the registered office of the Fund and at the points of sale.

## **SUPPLEMENT 1 - GLOBAL FUND SELECTION SICAV - GROWTH SUB-FUND**

The information contained in this Supplement in relation to the Global Fund Selection SICAV - Growth Sub-Fund (the “**Sub-Fund**”) should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

### **1. Profile of the investor group**

The investor group includes both private and institutional investors who want to invest in equity, fixed income and market neutral funds.

### **2. Risk profile**

This Sub-Fund is suitable for risk-taking investors who can accept some variation of capital and aim at a minimum holding period of ten years.

### **3. Investment objective and policy**

The objective of the investment policy is to achieve the highest possible return taking into account the opportunities and risks of national and international capital markets.

The Sub-Fund is subject to active management and invests in a diversified portfolio of bond, equity and market neutral investments. Depending on the market assessment of the investment manager, the fund may also temporarily invest up to 100% in cash.

#### **Asset allocation**

Up to 80% of the net asset value may be invested in equity funds (incl. equity ETFs). Investments in bonds and money market funds (incl. bond and money market ETFs) are unrestricted. Up to 35% of the net sub-fund assets may be invested in shares or units of open-ended investment funds (incl. ETFs), trading in financial derivatives (incl. exchange traded commodities "commodity futures") and which were established under the law of a Member State of the European Union (EU), Canada, the United States of America, Switzerland, Japan or Hong Kong. These investment funds must meet the general requirements as they exist in the investment laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg with a view inter alia to the investment policy and risk diversification.

The investment policy of the Sub-Fund is kept flexible. The Sub-Fund may invest directly or through one or more entities (e.g. subsidiaries, special purpose vehicles, regulated or quoted entities, investment funds) in a diversified portfolio including but not limited to commodities, precious metals, equities and equity-linked instruments, futures, bonds, exchange traded funds ("ETF").

Investors are invited to consult the risks linked to such investments explained in the "Risk Factors" section.

All these investment funds must have a sufficient risk diversification.

#### **4. Investment restrictions**

- a) No more than 10% of net assets may be invested in securities that are not listed on a stock exchange or not traded on another regulated market which is recognised, open to the public and operates according to the rules.
- b) No more than 10% of securities of the same type and from the same issuer may be bought.
- c) No more than 20% of the net assets may be invested in securities of one issuer.
- d) Loans may only be included in the short-term and up to 10% of the net assets, however, any loans are subject to the approval of the Depositary.
- e) No transactions may be charged to the net assets that involve the sale of securities that do not belong to the fund assets.
- f) There must be no pledges and any other encumbrances of securities and loans belonging to the net assets.
- g) No investments may be made in investment funds with additional funding obligations.

The restrictions set out under a), b), c) above shall not apply to instruments that are issued or guaranteed by OECD member countries or their public authorities or by supranational institutions and undertakings at EU, regional and global level.

Nor do the restrictions set out under a), b), c) apply to investments in other open-ended investment funds, if these investment funds meet the general requirements as they exist in the investment laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg with a view inter alia to the investment policy and the risk diversification and if these investment funds were established under the laws of a Member State of the European Union (EU), Canada, the United States of America, Switzerland, Japan or Hong Kong, and are established there and subject to permanent supervision by a supervisory authority set up by law to protect investors. No more than 20% of the net assets may be invested in any one such investment fund.

As part of umbrella fund structures, each Sub-Fund of an umbrella fund is to be understood as a single issuer for the purpose of these investment restrictions if these Sub-Funds have different investment policies and were established in accordance with the law of a Member State of the European Union (EU), Canada, the United States of America, Switzerland, Japan or Hong Kong. When investing in umbrella funds, the investment restriction under c) shall not apply. However, on no account may more than 30% of the net assets be invested in any one such umbrella fund.

No units or shares of real estate funds or venture capital funds may be bought.

The Sub-Fund may invest up to 10% of the net assets in funds of funds that comply with Directive 85/611/EEC. Investments in closed-ended funds are subject to the investment restrictions that apply to normal securities (see points a to c).



## 5. Class of Shares

Name of the Class of Shares	Distribution policy	Minimum Initial Investment *	Minimum Holding Amount*	Minimum Subsequent Investment Amount*	Subscription Fee*	Redemption Fee*	Conversion Fee	ISIN code
B	Accumulation	EUR 1,000	N/A	EUR 50	Up to 1.5% of the NAV per Share**	N/A	Up to 0.5% of the NAV per Share**	LU0089442379

\* The Board has the discretion, from time to time, to waive any applicable Minimum Initial Investment, Minimum Holding Amount, Minimum Subsequent Investment Amount, Subscription Fee, Redemption Fee, and Management Fee, provided that the principle of equal treatment of Shareholders is complied with.

\*\* to be paid to the financial intermediaries

## 6. Valuation Day

The Net Asset Value of each Class of Shares shall be determined weekly, on Wednesday of each week (or if Wednesday is not a Business Day, the following Business Day) (a "Valuation Day") and calculated on the same Business Day.

The Net Asset Value is expressed in EUR.

## 7. Subscriptions

Shares are available for subscription on each Valuation Day. Applications must be received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent no later than 5 p.m. (Luxembourg time) 1 Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day in order to be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share as of that Valuation Day. The subscription price shall be paid no later than five Business Days following the relevant Valuation Day.

Subscription requests received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent after the relevant cut-off time will be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share as of the next Valuation Day.

## 8. Redemptions

Shareholders may request the redemption of all or part of their Shares on any Valuation Day. Completed redemption requests should be sent to the Registrar and Transfer Agent no later than 5 p.m. (Luxembourg time) 1 Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day in order to be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share as of that Valuation Day.

Payment of redemption proceeds will normally be made within 5 Business Days following the relevant Valuation Day.

Redemption requests received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent after the relevant cut-off time will be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share as of the next Valuation Day.

## **9. Conversions**

Shareholders have the right to convert all or part of their Shares into Shares of another existing Class of this Sub-Fund or, as applicable, of another Sub-Fund, by applying for conversion in the same manner as described in the main part of the prospectus.

Completed conversion requests should be sent to the Registrar and Transfer Agent no later than 5 p.m. (Luxembourg time) 1 Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day in order to be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share as of that Valuation Day. Conversion requests received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent after the relevant cut-off time will be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share as of the next Valuation Day.

## **10. Costs**

### **a) Investment management Fee**

For its services, the Investment Manager receives a monthly fee of up to 0.15% (1.8% p.a.) (plus any value added tax) of the net assets of the GLOBAL FUND SELECTION SICAV - GROWTH SUB-FUND, corresponding to the valuations of the average net assets during the preceding month. The fee is payable quarterly in arrears.

### **b) Performance Fee**

For each calendar year, the Sub-Fund shall pay to the Investment Manager an annual profit share of up to 5% of the increase in Net Asset Value. For the first financial year, no profit share was paid out. For the next financial year, the Board will decide each time prior to the determination of the first Net Asset Value, whether and in what amount an eventual profit share will be paid out. The exact amount of the profit share will be mentioned in the annual reports and can always be obtained at the registered office of the Fund.

The calculation is made for each calendar year based on the last Net Asset Value of the previous year or the Net Asset Value valid at the end of a previous financial year on which the last profit share was paid out, whichever is greater. If a profit share was paid out at the end of a financial year, the calculation for the following financial year is made on the basis of this higher Net Asset Value. As part of the calculation, the average number of Shares in circulation during the relevant financial year is taken into consideration.

## **11. Risk warnings**

Investors are advised to carefully consider the risks of the Sub-Fund and should refer in relation thereto to the Main Part, Section RISK FACTORS in the Prospectus.

## **SUPPLEMENT 2 - GLOBAL FUND SELECTION SICAV – ALPENBOND SUB-FUND**

The information contained in this Supplement in relation to the Global Fund Selection SICAV - Alpenbond Sub-Fund (the “**Sub-Fund**”) should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

### **1. Profile of the investor group**

The investor group includes both private and institutional investors who want to invest mainly in fixed income funds. For hedging purposes, the use of derivative financial instruments is possible.

### **2. Risk profile**

This Sub-Fund is suitable for risk-averse investors who can accept a small fluctuation of capital and aim at a minimum holding period of four years.

### **3. Investment objectives and policy**

The objective of the investment policy is to achieve the highest possible return taking into account the opportunities and risks of national and international capital markets.

The Sub-Fund is subject to active management and invests in a diversified portfolio of government, bank and corporate bonds. Depending on the market assessment of the investment manager, the fund may also temporarily invest up to 100% in cash. Furthermore, investments in money market instruments may also be made. For hedging purposes, the use of derivative financial instruments is possible.

The Fund's assets are invested according to the following demonstrative investment policy principles:

When selecting the fixed income funds, alongside government bonds, bonds of credit institutions and/or companies are also acquired with no sector restrictions for the fund's assets.

Furthermore, investments in money market instruments may also be made.

No investments are made in investment funds.

Derivative financial instruments are used only for risk mitigation (hedging);

When selecting the instruments, aspects such as safety and returns are the main considerations. It should be noted that the above-mentioned investment opportunities do not only come with possible price increases but are also subject to risks.

Past performance is not a guarantee that such returns can be achieved again in the future. The Sub-Fund seeks to minimise the risk inherent to investment opportunities and to increase the chances. However, no guarantee can be given of a projected success of the investment.

#### **4. Investment restrictions for this Sub-Fund**

- a) No more than 10% of the net assets are invested in securities and money market instruments that are not listed on a stock exchange or not traded on another regulated market which is recognised, open to the public and operates according to the rules.
- b) No more than 10% of securities of the same type and from the same issuer may be bought.
- c) No more than 20% of the net assets may be invested in securities of one issuer.
- d) Loans may only be included in the short-term and up to 10% of the net assets, however, any loans are subject to the approval of the Depositary.
- e) No transactions may be charged to the net assets that involve the sale of securities and money market instruments that do not belong to the fund assets.
- f) There must be no pledges and no other encumbrances of securities, money market instruments and receivables belonging to the net assets.
- g) Cash and cash equivalents may be held on an ancillary basis.

The restrictions set out under a), b), c) above shall not apply to instruments that are issued or guaranteed by OECD member countries or their public authorities or by supranational institutions and undertakings at EU, regional and global level.

#### Derivative financial instruments

##### I. Listed and unlisted derivative financial instruments

For this Sub-Fund, derivative financial instruments (derivatives), including equivalent cash instruments, which are admitted to an exchange or traded on a regulated markets, or derivative financial instruments that are not admitted to an exchange or traded on a regulated market (OTC derivatives) may be used, provided that

- A) the underlying assets are investments in which the Sub-Fund may invest according to the investment objectives specified in this Prospectus,
- B) the counterparties in the transactions with OTC derivatives are supervised institutions of a category that have been approved by the Supervisory Authority by decree,
- C) the OTC derivatives are subject to reliable and verifiable valuation on a daily basis and can, at any time at the initiative of the Sub-Fund, be sold at their fair value, liquidated or closed by an offsetting transaction.

##### II. Purpose

Derivative financial instruments may only be used for hedging purposes.

##### III. Securities loan

The Sub-Fund is authorised to temporarily transfer securities up to 30% of the net assets under a recognised securities loan to third parties on the condition that the third party is obliged to transfer back the transferred securities after a predetermined loan period. The premiums received for this are an additional source of income.

## 5. Class of Shares

Name of the Class of Shares	Distribution policy	Minimum Initial Investment *	Minimum Holding Amount*	Minimum Subsequent Investment Amount*	Subscription Fee*	Redemption Fee*	Conversion Fee	ISIN code
A	Distribution	N/A	N/A	N/A	Up to 1.5% of the NAV per Share**	N/A	Up to 0.5% of the NAV per Share	LU0213942112
B	Accumulation	N/A	N/A	N/A	Up to 1.5% of the NAV per Share**	N/A	Up to 0.5% of the NAV per Share**	LU0213942468

\* The Board has the discretion, from time to time, to waive any applicable Minimum Initial Investment, Minimum Holding Amount, Minimum Subsequent Investment Amount, Subscription Fee, Redemption Fee, and Management Fee, provided that the principle of equal treatment of Shareholders is complied with.

\*\* to be paid to the financial intermediaries

## 6. Valuation Day

The Net Asset Value of each Class of Shares shall be determined weekly, on Wednesday of each week (or if Wednesday is not a Business Day, the following Business Day) (a "**Valuation Day**") and calculated on the same Business Day.

The Net Asset Value is expressed in EUR.

## 7. Subscriptions

Shares are available for subscription on each Valuation Day. Applications must be received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent no later than 5 p.m. (Luxembourg time) 1 Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day in order to be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share as of that Valuation Day. The subscription price shall be paid no later than five Business Days following the relevant Valuation Day.

Subscription requests received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent after the relevant cut-off time will be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share as of the next Valuation Day.

## 8. Redemptions

Shareholders may request the redemption of all or part of their Shares on any Valuation Day. Completed redemption requests should be sent to the Registrar and Transfer Agent no later than 5 p.m. (Luxembourg time) 1 Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day in order to be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share as of that Valuation Day.

Payment of redemption proceeds will normally be made within 5 Business Days following the relevant Valuation Day.

Redemption requests received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent after the relevant cut-off time will be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share as of the next Valuation Day.

## **9. Conversions**

Shareholders have the right to convert all or part of their Shares into Shares of another existing Class of this Sub-Fund or, as applicable, of another Sub-Fund, by applying for conversion in the same manner as described in the main part of the prospectus.

Completed conversion requests should be sent to the Registrar and Transfer Agent no later than 5 p.m. (Luxembourg time) 1 Business Day before the relevant Valuation Day in order to be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share as of that Valuation Day. Conversion requests received by the Registrar and Transfer Agent after the relevant cut-off time will be dealt with on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Share as of the next Valuation Day.

## **10. Costs**

### **a) Investment management Fee**

For its services, the Investment Manager receives a monthly fee of up to 0.07% (0.84% p.a.) (plus any value added tax) of the net assets of the GLOBAL FUND SELECTION SICAV - ALPENBOND SUB-FUND corresponding to the valuations of the average net assets during the preceding month. The fee is payable quarterly in arrears.

### **b) Performance Fee**

For each calendar year, the Sub-Fund shall pay to the Investment Manager an annual profit share of up to 5% of the increase in Net Asset Value. For the first financial year, no profit share was paid out. For the next financial year, the Board will decide each time prior to the determination of the first Net Asset Value, whether and in what amount an eventual profit share will be paid out. The exact amount of the profit share will be mentioned in the annual reports and can always be obtained at the registered office of the Fund.

- 11.** The calculation is made for each calendar year based on the last Net Asset Value of the previous year or the Net Asset Value valid at the end of a previous financial year on which the last profit share was paid out, whichever is greater. If a profit share was paid out at the end of a financial year, the calculation for the following financial year is made on the basis of this higher Net Asset Value. As part of the calculation, the average

number of Shares in circulation during the relevant financial year is taken into consideration.**Risk warnings**

Investors are advised to carefully consider the risks of the Sub-Fund and should refer in relation thereto to the Main Part, Section RISK FACTORS in the Prospectus.

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