### ALPINE FUND SICAV p.l.c.

### **Annual Report**

For the year ended 31 December 2021

475, Triq il-Kbira San Guzepp Santa Venera, SVR 1011 Malta Company Registration No. SV 433

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### Management and Administration (continued)

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### **DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND**

Alpine Fund SICAV p.l.c. (the "Company") is a company organised as a multi-fund investment company with variable share capital pursuant to the Companies Act [Cap. 386 of the Laws of Malta] registered on the 12 December 2016. The Company consists of one fund, the Alpine Multiple Opportunities Fund (formerly Alpine Fund Euro Balance). The Company is licensed by the Malta Financial Services Authority as a Retails UCITS Collective Investment Scheme under the Investment Services Act 1994 [Cap. 370 of the Laws of Malta]. The Company has no employees.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

### **Performances**

The aggressive positioning of the Alpine Multiple Opportunities Fund led to an annual performance of +8.2% in 2021 - although the fund has only been allowed to invest fully in equities since May 2021.

### Status quo

Supposedly drastic interest rate increases by the FED and ECB, a potential outbreak of war in Ukraine, and the rampant Omicron variant of the corona virus have weighed on stock prices in the end of the year – slightly muting a very good year for equities.

We increased our stock allocation at its maximum of 70% in May, as we consider the corrections only to be short lived in a longer running positive environment for equities. Due to hedging strategies as well as our larger gold position, the portfolio is stabilized.

Gold quoted as a safe-haven successively firmer to US\$ 1,840/ounce weaker. We have left our gold quota unchanged at 15%, as the precious metal has been increasingly expanding a right pennant since summer 2020 - its peak will soon be reached and we expect an upward breakout. We also have kept our positions in water (5%) and hydrogen (2.5%) unchanged. The US-\$ quoted slightly weaker up to 1.13-1.14 US-\$/€.

### Outlook

If one looks at the three negative factors, it quickly becomes apparent that the correction of the stock markets will end quickly. All three stress factors are only of a short-term nature:

1. Interest rate hikes:

Central banks are alarmed by the sharp rise in inflation - viewed on an annual basis.

The two main drivers of current inflation are the sharp rise in oil prices and rising wages due to coronarelated work stoppages.

- a) The oil price will not rise in the coming months as it did last year we may even have reached the peak here. Future inflation will come back as a result.
- b) Corona: we expect that also this spring corona will decrease and following mutations will become weaker and weaker. The quarantine rules will be relaxed and therefore also the pressure on wages will decrease. This will also calm future inflation.

### 2. Potential outbreak of war in Ukraine:

We can imagine a peaceful solution as well as an occupation of Ukraine on the part of Russia. The Russian invasion of Crimea at the time did not weigh on the markets for long - we see the same today.

### 3. Corona:

As explained above: With spring, corona numbers will decline, further mutations will result in less severe outcomes, and not too long from now, the entire world population will be vaccinated or recovered. After this, the stock markets will very quickly continue their upward trend and exceed their all-time highs - certainly for the next 3-4 years. We therefore plan to remain fully invested.

This also applies to gold. Here, we should benefit from minimal yields and potentially rising inflation without interest rate hikes by the central banks, so that we can very well imagine the all-time high of \$2,060/ounce being reached and also exceeded in the next few months. This window can also be closed very quickly with an upward breakout from the right pennant.

Water stocks will continue to benefit from the natural scarcity of this raw material and from being part of the ESG investment sector. Hydrogen is already on the starting block, as we hear more about the technical disadvantages of electric cars and especially electric trucks — we hold this smaller position therefore with a view to the future. Similarly, we can very well imagine a continued firmer US-\$.

Reus Private Deutschland AG

### DIRECTORS' REPORT

### Year ended 31 December 2021

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the period ended 31 December 2021.

### **Principal Activities**

Alpine Fund SICAV p.l.c. is a collective investment scheme established as an investment company with variable share capital with limited liability registered under the laws of Malta and licensed by the MFSA under the Investment Services Act.

The Company qualifies as a 'Maltese UCITS' in terms of the UCITS Regulations. The Company consists of one compartment that is capitalized through the issue of two Classes of investor Shares. The capital raised is invested in line with its investment objectives, subject to its investment policies and restrictions.

### **Alpine Multiple Opportunities Fund**

- The investment objective of the Fund is to generate regular positive returns on a Euro base through investments in a wide range of transferable securities, interest bearing or dividend driven securities in order to achieve an optimum return from capital invested, while reducing investment risk through diversification. There can be no assurance that the Company's investment strategy will achieve profitable results. As a result of investment risks, an investor may lose all of the capital it has invested in the Company.
- As of 31 December, 2021, the Fund was invested in Equities (exposure of 4.17% of the NAV), Collective Investment Schemes (exposure of 20.82% of the NAV), Exchange Traded Funds (exposure of 55.08% of the NAV), Exchange Traded Commodities (exposure of 14.98% of the NAV), Derivatives (exposure of -0.65% of the NAV) and in Bank Accounts (exposure of 6.2% of the NAV).

### **Performance Review**

Alpine Multiple Opportunities Fund

■ The Class EUR - A registered an increase of 8.2% of the NAV/share during the year 2021.

During the period under review no mergers, de-merger or other corporate restructuring took place with respect to the SICAV.

### Changes in the Composition of the Investment Portfolio

During the year, there was a change in the composition of the investment portfolio from investing primarily in fixed income products to investing primarily in equities in line with the updated Investment Policy of the Fund.

### **Principal Risks and Uncertainties**

The successful management of risk is essential to enable the Company to achieve its objectives. The ultimate responsibility for risk management rests with the Company's directors, who evaluate the Company's risk appetite and formulate policies for identifying and managing such risks. The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Company are included below:

### (a) Market and competition

The Company operates in a highly competitive environment and faces competition from various other entities. Technological developments also have the ability to create new forms of quickly evolving competition. An effective, coherent and consistent strategy to respond to competitors and changing markets enables the company to sustain its market share and its profitability. The company continues to focus on service quality and performance in managing this risk.

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

Year ended 31 December 2021

### Principal Risks and Uncertainties (continued)

### (b) Legislative risks

The Company is subject to numerous laws and regulations covering a wide range of matters. Failure to comply could have financial or reputational implications and could materially affect the Company's ability to operate. The Company has embedded operating policies and procedures to ensure compliance with existing legislation.

### (c) Economic and market environment

Economic conditions have been challenging in recent years across the markets in which the Company operates. A significant economic decline in any of these markets could impact the Company's ability to continue to attract and retain customers. Demand for the Company's products can be adversely affected by weakness in the wider economy which are beyond the company's control. This risk is evaluated as part of the Company's annual strategy process covering the key areas of investment and development and updated regularly throughout the year. The Company continues to make significant investment in innovation. The Company regularly reviews its pricing structures to ensure that its products are appropriately placed within the markets in which it operates.

### **Sustainability Risks**

The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### **Results**

The results for the period ended 31st December 2021 are shown in the Financial Statements section beginning from page 10.

### **Statement of Regulatory Breaches**

As required by the Investment Services Rules, we report that there were no advertent breaches of the Standard License Conditions or other regulatory requirements during the reporting period. No administrative penalties or other regulatory sanctions were imposed during the reporting period.

### Subsequent events

The events subsequent to the reporting date, namely the conflict between Russia and Ukraine has prompted the Company to assess the relevant risk factors effecting its business. The Company has no direct or indirect holdings in Russia, Belarus and/ or Ukraine entities. Moreover, the Company does not have any immediate impact on operational capacity, including most importantly scheme's ability to instruct and settle trades, no increase in the cyber threat level has been observed, no impact observed from wider contagion in financial markets, including relationships with service providers and there have been no provisions for, or incurred losses as a result of the current situation. On this basis, the Company is not deemed to be negatively affected as of the date of approval of these financial statements.

There were no other subsequent events that could have a significant effect on the financial statements as at 31 December 2021.

Mr Alessandro Bartoli

Director

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

Year ended 31 December 2021

### **Directors**

The directors who served during the period were:

Dr. Oliver Stolte Mr Alessandro Bartoli Dr. Michael E. Sullivan

Approved by the board of directors and signed on its behalf on 27 April 2022 by:

Dr. Mickael Ellul Sullivan

Directór

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### **Custodian's Report**

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### Custodian's Report

As Custodian to Alpine Multiple Opportunities Fund ("the Sub-fund", formerly known as Alpine Fund Euro Balance), sub-fund of Alpine Fund SICAV plc ("the Scheme"), we hereby confirm having enquired into the conduct of the Scheme in relation to the above mentioned Sub-fund for the period 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021 and confirm that during this period:

- the Sub-fund was managed in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers of the respective sub-fund by its constitutional documents and by the Malta Financial Services Authority;
- II. And in accordance with the provision of the constitutional documents and the License Conditions.

Paul Mifsud

Managing Director

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Sparkasse Bank Malta p.l.c.

Anna Mironova

Head of Securities & Custody and Depositary Services

### REMUNERATION POLICY

Period ended 31 December 2021

Abalone Asset Management Ltd (the "Company"), paid in 2021 a total fixed amount of EUR 546,192 to senior employees and staff of the Company.

The remuneration is further broken down as follows:

Senior management: EUR 343,674

Other members of staff: EUR 202,518

Total number of beneficiaries: 13

The remuneration and the benefits have been calculated on the base of the gross remuneration as shown by the FS3 statement.

No variable remuneration was paid during the year 2021.

Yours Faithfully,

Andrea Venturini

## Financial Statements

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 31 December 2021

Alpine Fund SICAV p.l.c.

As at	5(i)       17,637,976       15,248,913         6       12,368       198,685         7       1,157,700       3,615,782         18,808,044       19,063,380	5(i) 120,279 20,044 19,251 20,044 8 111,406 69,457 250,936 89,501	18,557,108	Shares 152,495.823 162,495.823 168,705.587 192,936.708
Assets	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Other receivables Cash and cash equivalents Total assets	Liabilities Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss Investment management fee payable Other payables Total liabilities excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares	Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares	Redeemable shares in issue Class A – EUR 31-Dec-2021 31-Dec-2019

Net asset value per redeemable share

31-Dec-2021 31-Dec-2020 31-Dec-2019

**EUR** 121.68 112.46 101.37

**18,557,108** 18,973,879 19,558,913

EUR

Net asset value 31-Dec-2021

31-Dec-2020 31-Dec-2019

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 10 to 29 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 27 April 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Michael Ellul Sullivan



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Alessandro Bartoli

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# **STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME** for the year ended 31 December 2021

Alpine Fund SICAV p.l.c.

	Notes	1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 EUR	1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 EUR
Investment Income Interest income using the effective interest method Dividend income Net gain from financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss Other exchange losses	5(ii)	137,681 56,192 1,901,367 (10,869)	454,699 29,309 2,055,405 (59,573)
Net Investment Income		2,084,371	2,479,840
Expenses Performance fees	10	102,128	,
Investment management fees	10	88,721	711
Administration fees	10	25,840	25,573
Custodian fees	10	23,643	15,725
Directors' fees		17,000	11,415
Professional fees		13,799	14,766
Transaction costs		9,119	2,924
Interest expense		9,260	36,630
Other operating expenses		308,376	369,621
Total operating expenses		597,886	567,431
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares before tax		1,486,485	1,912,409
Taxation Income for the first feel of the		(11,233)	(10,524)
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE SHARES for the year ended 31 December 2021

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	1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 EUR	1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 EUR
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares at beginning of the year	18,973,879	19,558,913
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares	1,475,252	1,901,885
Subscription of redeemable shares during the year Redemption of redeemable shares during the year	71,226 (1,963,249)	477,876 (2,964,795)
Total subscriptions and redemptions by holders of redeemable shares	(1,892,023)	(2,486,919)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares at end of the year	18,557,108	18,973,879

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

### Alpine Fund SICAV p.l.c.

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the year ended 31 December 2021 Alpine Fund SICAV p.l.c.

Cash flows from operating activities
Interest received
Dividend received
Operating expenses paid
Purchase of investments
Proceeds from sale of investments
Tax paid

Net cash flows (used in)/generated from operating activities

Cash flows from financing activities Amounts received on creation of shares Amounts paid on redemption of shares Net cash flows used in financing activities

Movements in cash and cash equivalents

Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of year

Cash & cash equivalents at end of year

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 EUR	1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 EUR
323,648 56,192	458,059
(547,261) (17,823,452)	(569,718)
17,436,047 (11,233)	8,022,151 (10,524)
(566,059)	437,345
71,226 (1,963,249)	477,876 (2,964,795)
(1,892,023)	(2,486,919)
(2,458,082)	(2,049,574)
3,615,782	5,665,356
1,157,700	3,615,782

### 1. REPORTING ENTITY

Alpine Fund SICAV p.I.c. ("the Company") was initially incorporated under the name of Alpine Fund 1 Limited as an exempted limited liability company under the provisions of the Company law of the Cayman Islands on 28 September 2007. The Company was registered on the 12 December 2016 and subsequently licenced on the 15 December 2016 following its re-domiciliation to Malta. In order to do so, the Articles of Association of the Company were amended and restated following the extraordinary general meeting held by the shareholders of the Company held in Malta on the above mentioned date. Pursuant to the decisions of such general meeting, the Company took the form of a "societe d'investissement à capital variable" (SICAV).

The Company's Memorandum and articles of Association have been registered with the Malta Registry of Companies and the Company is registered under registration number SV 433. On the same day, it was granted a licence as a UCITS Fund by the MFSA, with licence number CIS 433/A, in turn with its licenced sub-fund the Alpine Multiple Opportunities Fund (formerly Alpine Euro Balanced Fund) (the "sub-fund").

The Company is the reporting entity and comprises all the activities of Alpine Fund SICAV p.l.c. as the entity with the separate legal personality. The statutory financial statements are those presented for the Company. The sub-fund is an integral part of that entity, as this does not have separate legal personality.

The financial statements of the Company include the sub-fund. During the current and comparative year, there were no other transactions of the Company that are attributable to founder shares.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

### 2.1 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS') as adopted by the European Union ('EU') and comply with the Companies Act, Chapter 386 of the laws of Malta. All references in these financial statements to IAS, IFRS or SIC/IFRIC interpretations refer to those adopted by the EU.

Details of the Company's accounting policies are included in Note 4.

### 2.2 BASIS OF MEASURMENT

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, except for financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss, which are measured at fair value.

### 2.3 FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

The financial statements for the Company is presented in Euro (EUR), which is the Company's functional currency.

'Functional currency' is the currency of the primary environment in which the Company operates. If indicators of the primary of the primary economic environment are mixed, then management uses its judgement to determine the functional currency that most faithfully represents the economic effect of underlying transactions, events and conditions.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency at the reporting date are retranslated into the functional currency at spot exchange rates at that date. The Company's investments and transactions are denominated in Euro. Subscriptions and redemptions of redeemable shares are denominated in Euro.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION – (CONTINUED)

### 2.3 FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY (CONTINUED)

The expenses (including management fees, administration fees, and custodian fees) are primarily denominated in Euro.

### 3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs requires the use of certain accounting estimates. It also requires Directors to exercise judgements in the process of applying accounting policies.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and based on experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In the opinion of the Directors, the accounting estimates and judgements made in the course of preparing these financial statements are not difficult, subjective or complex to a degree which would warrant their description as critical in terms of the requirements of IAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements.

### 4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 4.1 FOREIGN CURRENCY

Exchange rate differences arising on the translation of the Shareholders' Funds at the beginning of the year not denominated in Euro are taken to the Statement of Changes in Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares and are shown within unrealised exchange rate differences.

Foreign currency exchange rate differences arising on translation and realised gains and losses on disposals or settlements of monetary assets and liabilities are recognised in profit or loss. Foreign currency exchange differences relating to investments at fair value through profit and loss and derivative financial instruments, including exchange differences relating to monetary items, are included in realised and unrealised gains and losses on financial assets and financial liabilities.

### 4.2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

### 4.2.1 Classification of financial assets

On initial recognition, the Company classifies its financial assets as measured at amortised cost or fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are SPPI.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Financial assets measured at amortised cost include cash and cash equivalents and other receivables.

### 4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### 4.2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 4.2.1 Classification of financial assets (continued)

A financial asset is measured at FVTPL if:

- it is not held within a business model whose objective is to collect contractual cash flows; or
- its contractual terms do not give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

At initial recognition, the Company may irrevocably designate a financial asset as measured at FVTPL when doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases.

The Company includes in this category, derivative contracts in an asset position and equity and debt instruments classified as held for trading. Financial assets managed, evaluated and reported on a fair value basis in accordance with the Company's documented investment strategy are mandatorily measured at FVTPL.

### 4.2.1.1 Reclassifications

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Company was to change its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets would be reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

### 4.2.2 Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost or FVTPL.

A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if it is classified as held-for-trading. The Company includes in this category, derivative contracts in a liability position.

A financial liability that is not classified at FVTPL are classified at amortised cost. Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost include other payables (representing amounts payable for transactions contracted for but not yet delivered by the end of the period).

### 4.2.3 Recognition

The Company recognises financial assets at FVTPL held by the sub-fund on the date that it commits to purchase the assets, using trade date accounting. Financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is presented in the Statement of Financial Position when the Company has a current legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and intends to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

### 4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### 4.2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 4.2.4 Measurement

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value (transaction price). Transaction costs on financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL are expensed immediately.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all instruments at FVTPL are measured at fair value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from movements in the fair value of the financial assets and financial liabilities at the FVTPL category are included in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. Interest and dividends earned or paid on these instruments are recorded separately in 'Interest income using the effective interest method' and 'Dividend income' in the profit or loss.

Debt instruments, other than those classified as at FVTPL are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less allowance for impairment.

### 4.2.5 Amortised cost measurement

The 'amortised cost' of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured on initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount and, for financial assets, adjusted for any loss allowance.

### 4.2.6 Fair value measurement

'Fair value' is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Company has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

The fair value of financial instruments traded in an active market is based on their quoted market prices at the reporting date without any deduction for estimated future selling costs and adjusted for any tax effect on the maturity of such instruments. These instruments are priced at current mid-market prices. Management concluded that mid-market prices for such instruments are representative of fair value and generally, to use mid-markets prices for such instruments.

The fair value of derivatives that are not exchange-traded is estimated at the amount that the Company would receive, or pay, to terminate the contract at the reporting date, taking into account current market conditions, volatility, appropriate yield curve and the current creditworthiness of the counterparties.

The fair value of a forward contract is determined as the net present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at appropriate market rates on the valuation date. The Company did not hold any forward contracts at year end.

### 4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### 4.2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 4.2.7 Impairment

The Company recognises loss allowances for ECLs on financial assets measured at amortised cost.

Under IFRS 9, loss allowances are measured on either of the following bases:

- 12-month ECLs: these are ECLs that result from possible default events within the 12 months after the reporting date; and
- Lifetime ECLs: these are ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

The Company measures loss allowances at an amount equal to 12-month ECLs for debt securities and bank balances for which credit risk (i.e. the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Company's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

The Company has elected the rebuttable presumption from IFRS 9 by assuming that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if the financial asset is more than 30 days past due.

Moreover, the Company considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- The borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Company in full, without recourse by the Company to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- The financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

The Company considers a financial asset to have low credit risk when the credit rating of the counterparty is equivalent to the globally understood definition of 'investment grade' and when the credit risk has not increased significantly.

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Company is exposed to credit risk.

ECLs are eventually measured by considering a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses, which are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Company expects to receive).

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets.

### 4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### 4.2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 4.2.7 Impairment (continued)

### 4.2.7.1 Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer:
- a breach of contract such as a default or being more than 90 days past due; or
- it is probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.

### 4.2.7.2 Write-off

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off when the Company has no reasonable expectations of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof.

### 4.2.8 Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Company has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

The fair value of financial instruments listed or dealt on a regulated market, is based on the latest available price. In the case of financial instruments which are quoted, listed or normally dealt in or under the rules of a regulated market but in respect of which, for any reason, prices on that regulated market may not be available at any relevant time, the value thereof shall be determined by reference to prices sought from dealers, brokers or pricing service providers.

### 4.3 REDEEMABLE SHARES

The redeemable shares are classified as financial liabilities and are measured at the present value of the redemption amounts, this being the value of the share should the shareholder exercise the right to redeem such share.

In accordance with the prospectus of the Company, the redemption amounts of the redeemable shares are calculated using the latest available closing price of the Company's underlying investments/short positions.

### 4.4 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise deposits held at call with banks, net of outstanding bank overdraft, if applicable.

### 4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### 4.5 INTEREST INCOME

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments and receipts through the expected life of the financial asset (or, where appropriate, a shorter period) to the carrying amount of the financial asset. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Company estimated future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument, but not future credit losses.

The calculation of the effective interest rate includes all fees and points paid or received that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of a financial instrument classified as at FVTPL are not included in calculating an effective interest rate for the instrument.

Interest is presented in the "interest income using the effective interest method" line in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

### 4.6 DIVIDEND INCOME

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive income is established. Usually this is the ex-dividend date for equity securities. Dividend income from equity securities designated at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the "dividend income" line in profit or loss.

### 4.7 NET GAINS OR LOSSES FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

Net gains or losses from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss includes all realised and unrealised fair value changes and foreign exchange differences, but excludes interest and dividend income, and dividend expenses on short positions.

### 4.8 EXPENSES

All expenses are recognised in profit or loss.

### 4.9 ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

A number of new standards and amendments to standards are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2021 and earlier application is permitted; however, the Company has not early adopted the new or amended standards in preparing these financial statements. The following new and amended standards and interpretations are not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements:

- Amendments to IAS 1 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current. This amendment has not yet been endorsed by the European Union
- Amendments to IAS 37 Onerous contracts cost of fulfilling a contract
- Amendments to IFRS 3 Reference to the Conceptual Framework
- Amendments to IAS 16 Property, plant and equipment proceeds before intended use
- Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 Disclosure of Accounting Policies. This amendment has not yet been endorsed by the European Union
- Amendments to IAS 8 Definition of Accounting Estimates. This amendment has not yet been endorsed by the European Union

### 4.9 ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (CONTINUED)

- Amendments to IAS 12 Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction. This amendment has not yet been endorsed by the European Union
- IFRS 16 Amendment Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021
- Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018-2020

New or amended standards and interpretations that came into effect on 1 January 2021 and do not have any significant impact on the Company's financial statements:

 Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16 Interest Rate Benchmark Reform - Phase 2

### 5. (i) FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	Fair	% of Net	Fair	% of Net
	Value	Assets	Value	Assets
	31.12.2021	31.12.2021	31.12.2020	31.12.2020
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
Assets:				
Equities	773,182	4.17	3,208,216	16.91
Foreign bonds	-	-	11,778,890	62.08
Collective investment			, ,	
schemes	3,864,260	20.82	-	_
Exchange Traded Funds	10,220,818	55.08	-	_
Exchange Traded				
Commodities	2,779,716	14.98	-	-
Derivative Future contracts	-	-	261,807	1.38
	17,637,976	95.05	15,248,913	80.37
	Fair	% of Net	Fair	% of Net
	Value	Assets	Value	Assets
	31.12.2021	31.12.2021	31.12.2020	31.12.2020
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
Liabilities:				
Derivative Future				
contracts	(120,279)	(0.65)	-	-
	(120,279)	(0.65)	<u> </u>	
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### 5. (ii) NET GAIN FROM FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

Net realised gain on sale of investments	31.12.2021 EUR	31.12.2020 EUR
Net unrealised gain on investments	663,210 1,238,157	1,256,600 798,805
<u></u>	1,901,367	2,055,405

### 6. OTHER RECEIVABLES

	31.12.2021 EUR	31.12.2020 EUR
Interest receivable Other receivables	12,368	185,967 12,718
	12,368	198,685

### 7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the year-end cash and cash equivalents comprise bank balances held as follows:

	31.12.2021 EUR	31.12.2020 EUR
Bank balances	1,157,700	3,615,782

### 8. OTHER PAYABLES

<b>31.12.2021</b> 31.12.2020 EUR EUR	ER PAYABLES
39,932 -	Performance fees
<b>2,123</b> 6,301	Administration fees
<b>3,607</b> 70	Custodian fees
<b>8,925</b> 7,350	Audit fees
<b>56,819</b> 55,736	Other accrued expenses
<b>111,406</b> 69,457	
<b>111,406</b> 6	

### 9. NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE SHARES

### Authorised redeemable share capital

The share capital of the Company shall be equal at any time to the value of the issued share capital of the Company. The Company may issue up to a maximum of 5,000,000,000 (five billion) shares without any nominal value assigned to them. The actual value of the paid up share capital of any Sub-Fund shall be at all times equal to the value of the assets of any kind of the particular Sub-Fund after the deduction of such Sub-Fund's liabilities. Shares will be issued as fully paid. No Shares have preferences, pre-emptive, conversion or exchange rights. Other than as stated herein, there are no outstanding options or any special rights relating to Shares.

The Company issued 1,000 Founder Shares with no nominal value, which Founder Shares constitute a separate Class of Shares of the Company but do not constitute a Sub-Fund. The Founder Shares are held in majority by Alpine Trust Management AG with 999 shares, and Mr. Oliver Stolte with 1 share. The Founder Shares are ordinary shares with voting rights and participate in the net assets of the Company on dissolution and liquidation after all the Investor Shares in the Company have been repurchased. Subject to the Founder Shareholders' exclusive right to appoint one Director, the Directors are to be appointed by the holders of the Founder Shares and the voting Investor Shares.

### Issued and fully paid

	31.12.2021 Class A Shares	31.12.2020 Class A Shares
Balance at beginning of year	168,705.587	192,936.708
Subscription of redeemable shares during the period Redemption of redeemable	594.990	4,935.453
shares during the period	(16,804.754)	(29,166.574)
Balance at end of year	152,495.823	168,705.587

The sub-fund has also the Class I investor shares. As at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020, no shares were issued in this Class.

### 10. FEES

Alpine Multiple Opportunities Fund

### (a) Management fee

The Investment management fee is of 9 basis points per annum, subject to a minimum of EUR 18,000 per annum. The fee paid by the sub-fund to the Sub-Investment Manager is between 0.38% per annum based on the Net Asset Value of the sub-fund up to a maximum of 1.65%.

### (b) Performance fee

The Performance Fee will be an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the increase, if any, between the latest High Water Mark and the current Net Asset Value (i.e. the Net Asset Value which shall become the new High-Water-Mark in respect of the Class A Shares). The calculation of the Performance Fee is based on the outstanding Class A Shares at the relevant time (until 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020).

A Performance Fee will be calculated and apply in respect of Investor Shares of each Class. The Performance fee in respect of each Class is calculated and crystallised daily, as of each Valuation Day (computation and crystallization frequency) based on the daily Net Asset Value of the relevant Class as of the Valuation Day immediately preceding the relevant Valuation Day on which the calculation is made. The Performance Fee is payable quarterly (as per calendar quarter) (payment frequency) in arrears to the Sub-Investment Manager, within 10 business days from the end of the relevant quarter. Such quarterly payment shall comprise the aggregate of any Performance Fees crystallized as of any one or more Valuation Days included in the relevant quarter. The Performance Fee on the Relevant Valuation Day will be an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the increase between the High Water Mark and the Net Asset Value as of such Basis Valuation Day (i.e. the Net Asset Value which shall become the new High-Water-Mark in respect of the relevant Class). The calculation of the Performance Fee is based on the outstanding Investor Shares of the relevant Class at the relevant time (As from 20th November 2020).

### (c) Administration fee

Alpine Fund SICAV p.l.c. appointed BOV Fund Services Limited as Administrator to the Company to provide administration services. The Administrator, BOV Fund Services Limited, receives for its services, a fee calculated as 0.10% per annum for the first EUR20 million of the net asset value of the Alpine Multiple Opportunities Fund; 0.08% per annum for the next EUR30 million and any excess over EUR50 million at the rate of 0.06%. This fee is subject to a minimum fee of EUR 25,000 per annum.

### (d) Custodian fee

A fee of 5 basis points per annum, based on the NAV of the sub-fund, and subject to a minimum annual fee of EUR15,000 will be charged (until 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020).

A fee of 4 basis points per annum, given that the Gross Asset Value (GAV) is less than EUR 50 million and subject to a minimum annual fee of EUR 10,000. If the GAV is more than EUR 50 million but less than EUR250 million, the charge shall be 3 basis points with a minimum fee of EUR 20,000 per annum. A GAV larger than EUR 250 million would lead to an applicable fee of 2 basis points, subject a minimum fee of EUR 75,000 per annum. A depository fee of 3 basis is charged for safekeeping/custody services (As from 20th November 2020).

### 11. TAX EXPENSE

The Maltese tax system for collective investment schemes is based on the classification of funds into prescribed or non-prescribed funds in terms of the conditions set out in the Collective Investment Schemes (Investment Income) Regulations, 2001 (as amended). In general, a prescribed fund is defined as a resident fund, which has declared that the value of its assets situated in Malta amount to at least 85% of the value of the total assets of the fund. On this basis, the Company qualifies as a non-prescribed fund for Maltese income tax purposes.

Any sub-fund of the Company which is classified as a prescribed fund is subject to Maltese tax on its investment income as defined in the Income Tax Act at a rate of 10% or 15% depending on the nature of the income. It is exempt from Maltese income tax on other income and gains except in respect of gains from immovable property held in Malta.

On the other hand, any sub-fund which is classified as a non-prescribed fund is not subject to withholding tax on investment income and is exempt from Maltese income tax except in respect of income and gains from immovable property situated in Malta. In the case of the Company's foreign investments, any capital gains, dividends, interest and other gains or profits may be subject to tax imposed by the country of origin concerned and such taxes may not be recoverable by the Company or by its shareholders.

### 12. RELATED PARTIES

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions.

- (i) Abalone Asset Management Limited and Reuss Private Deutschland AG are the investment manager and sub-investment manager of the sub-fund, respectively. They provide management services for fees specified in note 10. Total investment management fees during the year ended 31 December 2021 amounted to €88,721 (2020: €90,777). Performance fees during the year ended 31 December 2021 amounted to €102,128 (2020: €Nil).
- (ii) The total directors' fees incurred during the year 31 December 2021 were €17,000 (2020: €11,415). The directors did not hold any shares in the sub-fund during the reporting period or at the reporting date.

### 13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS

### **Risk Management**

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including price risk, fair value interest rate risk, cash flow interest rate risk and currency risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

### 13.1 Market Risk

The Company trades in financial instruments, taking positions in traded instruments including derivatives and over-the-counter instruments. All securities present a risk of loss of capital. The investment manager moderates this risk through a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within specified limits. The Company's overall market positions are monitored on a regular basis by its Investment Manager.

### 13.2 Interest Rate Risk

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk through directly holding interest-bearing financial assets. Assets earning interest at variable rates expose the Company to cash flow interest rate risk, whereas assets earning interest at fixed rates expose the Company to fair value interest rate risk.

	31.12.2021 Assets held at fixed rates (as a % of NAV)	31.12.2021 Assets held at variable rates (as a % of NAV)	31.12.2020 Assets held at fixed rates (as a % of NAV)	31.12.2020 Assets held at variable rates (as a % of NAV)
Alpine Multiple Opportunities Fund (formerly Alpine Euro Balance Fund)	-	6.24	44.40	36.74

### 13.3 Currency Risk

Currency fluctuations between the functional currency of the Company and the currency of its underlying investments and bank balances, may adversely affect the value of investments and the income derived there from.

The Company has limited exposure of its investments and bank balances in different foreign currencies as at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020. Other than one derivative financial instrument and two securities, which are denominated in United States Dollars, all other assets and liabilities are held in Euro.

### 13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS (CONTINUED)

### 13.4 Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty will be unable or unwilling to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company. Financial assets, which potentially subject the Company to credit risk, consist principally of debt securities and derivative instruments classified at fair value through profit or loss and financial assets classified as measured at amortised cost. Financial assets at amortised cost comprise other receivables and cash and cash equivalents as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position.

### 13.4.1 Cash and cash equivalents

The Company held cash at bank of €1,157,700 at 31 December 2021 (2020: €3,615,782), which represents its maximum credit exposure on these assets. The cash and cash equivalents are held with two reputable banking institutions, both of which are unrated.

Credit risk is considered insignificant due to the short maturities of the exposures and the high credit quality of the institutions used. Accordingly, as at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020, the ECL on the cash and cash equivalents for the Company is considered insignificant.

### 13.4.2 Investment in debt securities

The following table provides information regarding the Company's aggregated credit risk exposure with external credit ratings. The credit rating analysis below takes into account the rating of debt securities which are categorized by Standard & Poor's Rating or their equivalent. No debt securities were held by the Fund as at 31 December 2021.

Credit Rating	31.12.2021 % of Total Net Assets	31.12.2020 % of Total Net Assets
B+	-	4.48
B-	-	3.16
BB+	•	18.29
BB	-	4.50
BB-	-	6.55
BBB	-	1.94
BBB-	•	7.68
CCC+		2.68
N/R	_	12.80
		62.08

### 13.5 Liquidity Risk

The Company is exposed to regular cash redemptions of redeemable shares.

The Investment Manager monitors the Company's liquidity position on a regular basis. Redeemable shares are redeemed on demand at the holder's option. All other liabilities are due within less than one year.

The Company's quoted securities are considered to be readily realisable as the majority are quoted on active markets.

### 13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS (CONTINUED)

### 13.6 Fair value information

The determination of fair value for financial assets and liabilities for which there is no observable market price requires the use of valuation techniques as described in accounting policy note 4. For financial instruments that trade infrequently and have little price transparency, fair value is less objective, and requires varying degrees of judgment depending on liquidity, concentration, uncertainty of market factors, pricing assumptions and other risks affecting the specific instrument.

### Fair value hierarchy

The Company measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Valuation techniques based on observable inputs, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.

Level 3 — Valuation techniques using significant unobservable inputs. This category includes all instruments where the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments where significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

The tables below analyse the financial instruments measured at fair value at the end of the reporting period by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorised:

measurement is categorised	l•			
Alpine Multiple	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Opportunities Fund	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
(formerly Alpine Euro				
Balance Fund)				
31.12.21				
Financial assets at fair value				
through profit or loss				
Equity securities – long	764,050	9,132	-	773,182
Corporate bonds	· -	, <u> </u>		-
Collective investment	3,864,260	-	_	3,864,260
schemes	-,,			5,50 .,_50
Exchange Traded Funds	10,220,818		-	10,220,818
Exchange Traded	2,779,716	_	-	2,779,716
Commodities	_,,,,,,,			_,,
Derivative future contracts	-	_	_	_
	17,628,844	9,132		17,637,976
	11,020,011	0,102		17,007,070
Alpine Multiple Opportunities	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Fund (formerly Alpine Euro	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
Balance Fund)				
31.12.20				
Financial assets at fair value				
through profit or loss				
Equity securities - long	3,197,295	10,921	_	3,208,216
Corporate bonds	11,778,890	-	-	11,778,890
Derivative future contracts	261,807	_	-	261,807
	15,237,992	10.921		15,248,913
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### 13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS (CONTINUED)

### 13.6 Fair value information (continued)

Alpine Multiple Opportunities Fun (formerly Alpine Euro Balance Fund)	d			
31.12.21	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss				
Derivative future contracts	120,279	-	-	120,279
	120,279	-	-	120,279
Alpine Multiple Opportunities Fund (formerly Alpine Euro Balance Fund) 31.12.20  Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss Derivative future contracts	Level 1 EUR	Level 2 EUR -	Level 3 EUR	Total EUR -

### 14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The events subsequent to the reporting date, namely the conflict between Russia and Ukraine has prompted the Company to assess the relevant risk factors effecting its business. The Company has no direct or indirect holdings in Russia, Belarus and/ or Ukraine entities. Moreover, the Company does not have any immediate impact on operational capacity, including most importantly scheme's ability to instruct and settle trades, no increase in the cyber threat level has been observed, no impact observed from wider contagion in financial markets, including relationships with service providers and there have been no provisions for, or incurred losses as a result of the current situation. On this basis, the Company is not deemed to be negatively affected as of the date of approval of these financial statements.

There were no other subsequent events that could have a significant effect on the financial statements as at 31 December 2021.



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### Independent Auditors' Report

To the Shareholders of Alpine Fund SICAV p.l.c.

### 1 Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Alpine Fund SICAV p.l.c. (the "Company"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, the statements of comprehensive income, changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements:

- (a) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2021, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the EU; and
- (b) have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1995 (Chapter 386, Laws of Malta) (the "Act").

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("ISAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code), together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in accordance with the *Accountancy Profession (Code of Ethics for Warrant Holders) Directive* issued in terms of the Accountancy Profession Act (Chapter 281, Laws of Malta), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



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### **Independent Auditors' Report (continued)**

To the Shareholders of Alpine Fund SICAV p.l.c.

### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management and Administration, Description of the Fund, Manager's Report, Directors' Report, Custodian's Report, Remuneration Policy, Appendix I – Information about the Scheme and Appendix II – Portfolio Statement, but does not include the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, other than in the case of the directors' report on which we report separately below in our 'Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements', we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information, and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



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### **Independent Auditors' Report (continued)**

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### Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that (a) give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU, and (b) are properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are also responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process.

### Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. 'Reasonable assurance' is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit.

### We also:

 Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.



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### **Independent Auditors' Report (continued)**

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### Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



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### **Independent Auditors' Report (continued)**

To the Shareholders of Alpine Fund SICAV p.l.c.

### 2 Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

### Opinion on the directors' report

The directors are responsible for preparing a directors' report in accordance with the provisions of article 177 of the Act.

We are required to consider whether the information given in the directors' report for the accounting period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with those financial statements; and, if we are of the opinion that it is not, we shall state that fact in our report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Pursuant to article 179(3) of the Act, we are also required to:

- express an opinion on whether the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable legal requirements; and
- state whether, in the light of the knowledge and understanding of the entity and its
  environment obtained in the course of our audit of the financial statements, we have
  identified material misstatements in the directors' report, giving an indication of the
  nature of any such misstatements.

### In such regards:

- in our opinion, the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable legal requirements; and
- we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.



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### **Independent Auditors' Report (continued)**

To the Shareholders of Alpine Fund SICAV p.l.c.

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception by the Act

Pursuant to articles 179(10) and 179(11) of the Act, we have nothing to report to you with respect to the following matters:

- · proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, we require for the purpose of our audit.

The Principal authorised to sign on behalf of KPMG on the audit resulting in this independent auditors' report is Noel Mizzi.

**KPMG** 

Registered Auditors

27 April 2022

### **Unaudited - Appendix I**

### INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME

### 1. AUTHORISATION

The Company is licensed by the Malta Financial Services Authority as a Retail UCITS Collective Investment Scheme pursuant to Section 6 of the Investment Services Act [Cap. 370 of the Laws of Malta].

### 2. FEES

Alpine Multiple Opportunities Fund (formerly known as Alpine Euro Balance Fund).

### Management fee

The sub-fund pays a fee to the Investment Manager amounting to 0.09% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, and 0.38% to the Sub-Investment Manager. On an ongoing basis, a maximum fee of 1.65% per annum of the NAV is to be charged.

### Performance fee

The Performance Fee will be an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the increase, if any, between the latest High Water Mark and the current Net Asset Value (i.e. the Net Asset Value which shall become the new High-Water-Mark in respect of the Class A Shares). The calculation of the Performance Fee is based on the outstanding Class A Shares at the relevant time; (Highest Net Asset Value as at 31 December 2021 was EUR 126.46)

### Administration fee

Alpine Fund SICAV p.l.c. appointed BOV Fund Services Limited as Administrator to the Company to provide administration services. The Administrator, BOV Fund Services Limited, receives for its services, a fee calculated as 0.10% per annum for the first EUR20 million of the net asset value of the Alpine Multiple Opportunities Fund; 0.08% per annum for the next EUR30 million and any excess over EUR50 million at the rate of 0.06%. This fee is subject to a minimum fee of EUR 25,000 per annum.

### Custodian fee

A fee of 4 basis points per annum, given that the Gross Asset Value (GAV) is less than EUR 50 million and subject to a minimum annual fee of EUR 10,000. If the GAV is more than EUR 50 million but less than EUR250 million, the charge shall be 3 basis points with a minimum fee of EUR 20,000 per annum. A GAV larger than EUR 250 million would lead to an applicable fee of 2 basis points, subject a minimum fee of EUR 75,000 per annum. A depository fee of 3 basis is charged for safekeeping/custody services.

### **INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME (CONTINUED)**

### 3. TAX EXPENSE

The Maltese tax system for collective investment schemes is based on the classification of funds into prescribed or non-prescribed funds in terms of the conditions set out in the Collective Investment Schemes (Investment Income) Regulations, 2001 (as amended). In general, a prescribed fund is defined as a resident fund, which has declared that the value of its assets situated in Malta amount to at least 85% of the value of the total assets of the fund. On this basis, the Company qualifies as a non-prescribed fund for Maltese income tax purposes.

Any sub-fund of the Company which is classified as a prescribed fund is subject to Maltese tax on its investment income as defined in the Income Tax Act at a rate of 10% or 15% depending on the nature of the income. It is exempt from Maltese income tax on other income and gains except in respect of gains from immovable property held in Malta.

On the other hand, any sub-fund which is classified as a non-prescribed fund is not subject to withholding tax on investment income and is exempt from Maltese income tax except in respect of income and gains from immovable property situated in Malta. In the case of the Company's foreign investments, any capital gains, dividends, interest and other gains or profits may be subject to tax imposed by the country of origin concerned and such taxes may not be recoverable by the Company or by its shareholders.

Resident investors may be subject to a 15% final withholding tax on capital gains realised on any redemption of units. However the investor may request the Company not to effect the deduction of the said 15% withholding tax in which case the investor would be required to declare the gains in his income tax return and will be subject to tax at the normal rates of tax.

Capital gains accruing to members not resident in Malta upon a redemption or transfer of shares or upon a distribution on a winding-up of the Company are not subject to tax in Malta. The redemption transfer of shares and any distribution on a winding-up of the Company may result in a tax liability for the members according to the tax regime applicable in their respective countries of incorporation establishment, residence, citizenship, nationality, domicile or other relevant jurisdiction.

### 5. RISK WARNINGS

### **Market Fluctuations**

Investment in the Fund should be regarded as a long-term investment. The Fund's investments are subject to normal market fluctuations and the risks inherent in all investments and there are no assurances that capital appreciation will occur.

The price of shares and the income derived from them (if any) can, from time to time, go down as well as up and investors may not realise the amount of their initial investment.

Past performance is no guarantee of future performance. The value of the Fund, including the currency in which it is determined, may fall as well as rise.

### **Erosion of Capital**

When redeeming a holding in the Fund, or part thereof, an investor should be aware that these redemptions will be made from the sale of shares in the Fund and may result in an erosion of capital.

### **INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME (CONTINUED)**

### 5. RISK WARNINGS (Continued)

### **Erosion of Capital (Continued)**

In addition, deduction of the initial charge (where applicable) means that if an investor withdraws from the investment in the short-term he may not get back the amount he invested. Hence, investment in the Fund should be regarded as a long-term investment.

### **Currency Fluctuations**

Currency fluctuations between the base currency of the Fund, and

- (i) the investor's currency of reference, and,
- the currency of the underlying investments of the Fund may adversely affect the value of investments and the income (if any) derived therefrom.

### 6. SCHEME PARTICULARS

The above details are extracted from the Alpine Fund SICAV p.l.c. offering supplement, dated 15 September 2021. This document is available upon request from the Investment Manager, and were current at the date of publishing of this Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements. Persons wishing to invest in the Alpine Multiple Opportunities Fund should do so on the basis of the full information contained in the relative Supplement.

### 7. MANAGER'S STATEMENT

In the opinion of the Manager, this Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements contain all the information necessary to enable the investors to make an informed judgement of the results and activities of the Company for the period ended 31 December 2021 and does not omit any matter or development of significance.

### **Unaudited - Appendix II**

### **Portfolio Statement**

Market Value		
31.12.2021	% of NAV	% of Total Assets
63,192	0.34	0.34
65,048	0.35	0.34
69,009	0.37	0.37
16,468	0.09	0.09
71,254	0.38	0.38
73,805	0.40	0.39
62,474	0.34	0.33
1,833	0.01	0.01
7,299	0.04	0.04
49,179	0.27	0.26
81,796	0.44	0.43
89,648	0.48	0.48
32,156	0.17	0.17
90,021	0.49	0.48
773,182	4.17	4.11
2,045,845	11.02	10.88
1,818,415	9.80	9.67
3,864,260	20.82	20.55
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Exchange Traded Funds		-	
ISHARES NQ1.UCITS ETF	2,897,618	15.61	15.40
ISHARES NASDAQ 100 (MIL)	3,005,148	16.19	15.98
L&G HYDG.EC.UCITS ETF	445,406	2.40	2.37
XTRACKERS GERM. MSTD.	1,884,127	10.15	10.02
XTRACKERS DAX UCITS ETF	936,217	5.06	4.98
LYXOR MSCI WT.ESG	1,052,302	5.67	5.59
Tota1	10,220,818	55.08	54.34
<b>Exchange Traded Commodities</b>			·
DT.BOERSE COMD. (FRA)	1,140,756	6.15	6.07
XTRACKERS PHYSICAL (FRA)	1,638,960	8.83	8.71
Tota1	2,779,716	14.98	14.78
<b>Derivatives - Futures Contracts</b>			
CBOE VIX FUTURES MAR22	- 120,279	- 0.65	- 0.64
Total	- 120,279	- 0.65	- 0.64